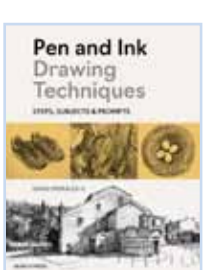




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Pen and Ink Drawing Techniques

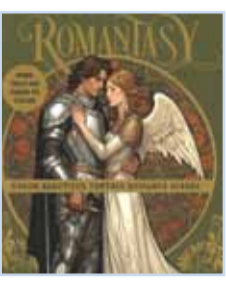
Steps, Subjects & Prompts *David Morales H.*
David Morales provides easy-to-follow advice and inspiring instruction in this indispensable guide to pen and ink. • Discover how to hold your pen to create different types of line • Add a range of key strokes, from hatching and stippling to scribbling • Understand value, tone and contrast like never before • Learn to critically observe and successfully compose your subjects, from still lifes and buildings to people • Learn through doing, with a variety of exercises ranging from 15 minutes to 2 hours long.



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Romantasy Coloring Book

Color Beautiful Fantasy Romance Scenes Filled with romantic images inspired by the romantasy genre of fiction, *Romantasy Coloring Book* is a perfect way for fans to engage creatively with magic of true love. Indulge your imagination as you add your own colourful touches to a romantasy world on the page. Slay the dragon, save the kingdom, fall in love. In romantasy stories, anything is possible. You can bring your favourite tropes to life with your own artistry. With more than 100 line drawings to inspire you, you can escape into a world of gargoyles, fairies and brave heroines, strong but soft enough to fall in love.



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Creative Coloring in Reverse

We Give You the Colors, You Draw the Lines!
Ready to take your colouring to the next level? Try colouring in reverse! Colouring in reverse is a new trend that reimagines everything you know about this fun, relaxing pastime. We provide the colour. You add the lines with the media of your choice. With more than 100 pages to get you started, *Creative Coloring in Reverse* challenges you to see beyond the blobs of colour and bring to life patterns, shapes and figures. When you colour in reverse, you impose a beautiful order on a swirling array of shades and hues. What an amazing creative challenge!



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General Crafts

The Art of Pressed Leaves

New Ideas in Pressed Flowers and Leaves
Jennie Ashmore
Jennie Ashmore brings the art of pressing leaves and flowers to life in this glorious guide and showcase of her work. Through simple instructions, step-by-step demonstrations and beautiful illustrations, she shows how to collect, place, press and embellish a variety of natural materials to create unique works of art that convey a strong sense of time and place. Other groundbreaking techniques include how to design with different shapes like squares, circles and diamonds, capturing seasonal colour, painting interesting backgrounds and experimenting with rubbings, hand-made paper, collagraph printing and plant-extracted inks. Featuring stunning images from the author throughout, this gorgeous book is a creative and practical introduction to making art with natural materials.



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Modern Upholstery Discover the Joy of Transforming Your Furniture

Micaela Sharp
Micaela Sharp shows that with a few skills, some tools and the desire to learn, you can actually forge a new, more sustainable path when it comes to furnishing our homes. With information on how to source second-hand furniture and find fabric inspiration you'll be able to create more sustainable and personal pieces. Along with oodles of inspiration, the book features core techniques, from stripping back and handling webbing, through to decorative skills such as adding piping or frills, which you can use and adapt to whatever style of furniture you have in your home. There are also four projects that you can make along with Micaela to really bring a sense of style to your home: a headboard, footstool, window-seat cushion and armchair.



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The Complete Book of Origami

A Beginner's Guide to the Most Popular Origami Models
Shufunotomo
This book provides all the instructions you need to create the classic and most beautiful origami models with simple and inexpensive squares of paper! This jam-packed book shows you how to fold the models everyone loves to make. The 85 elegant models include: • Classic Traditional Models like the stately Crane and crested Samurai Helmet – every paper folder needs to know how to fold these 16 models! • Colourful Flowers & Plants – including the classic Rose, elegant Iris and pleated Hydrangea • Cute Birds, Animals, Fish & Insects – the ever-popular Flapping Bird and Fox Puppet, plus the Carp, Penguin, Parakeet, Peacock and 20 more! • Origami Toys – like the Transforming Face, the Spinner and the Sumo Wrestler • Decorative Paper Boxes – including the Star Box, the Chrysanthemum Dish and 5 other useful and attractive paper containers.

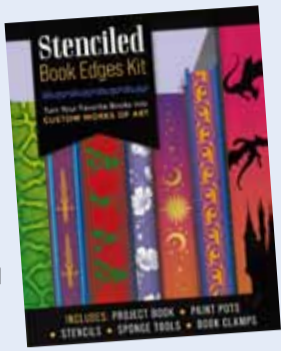


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Stenciled Book Edges Kit

Turn Your Favorite Books into Custom Works of Art
Now you, too, can create your very own collectors' editions of your favourite books with Stenciled Book Edges Kit. Inside, you will find: • 2 plastic clamps • 1 sponge dabber • 1 foam brush • 4 acrylic paints • 6 vinyl adhesive stencils with 10 designs including roses, dragons and castle, sword, mountains, crystals, feather, snake and letters • 32-page full-colour instruction book. So why add this touch of antiquarian finery to your bookshelf? There's something about reading a decorated-edge edition that just feels special – both elegant and clandestine at the same time. With the splash of colour and images along the outer edge of the book, you've made the book more aesthetically pleasing.



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2025 Guide to the Night Sky Southern Hemisphere

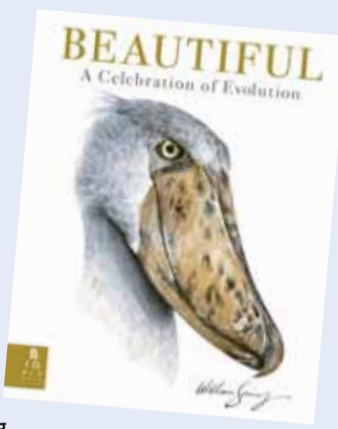
Radmila Topalovic, Storm Dunlop & Wil Tirion
The ideal gift for all amateur and seasoned astronomers, this book is a comprehensive handbook to the planets, stars and constellations visible from the southern hemisphere with six pages for each month covering January–December 2025. Written and illustrated by astronomical experts, it features: • Advice on where to start looking • Easy-to-use star maps for each month with descriptions of what to see • Special, detailed charts for positions of planets, minor planets and comets in 2025 • Seasonal charts • Details of dark sky sites • Details of objects and events you might see in 2025 • Diagrams of notable events visible from Australia, and some for New Zealand and South Africa.



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Beautiful A Celebration of Evolution *William Spring*

All of nature is beautiful. This stunning book shows how a variety of amazing creatures have evolved to look and behave the way they do. As humans, we like our animals to be cuddly and furry, or smooth and sleek. We shy away from those creatures that, to us, look odd. But we should drop those opinions – everything has evolved for a reason, and is perfect in its own way. Look at the vampire squid, or the duck-billed golden line barbel – both have evolved in interesting and amazing ways to find food, deter predators or attract a mate. Everything is perfect. Everything is beautiful. Illustrated with stunning watercolour images, this book will be treasured by families around the world.



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Practical Art

Metallic Watercolor Create Shimmering Artwork with Metallic Paints

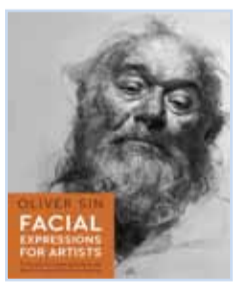
Elizabeth Gotz
Immerse yourself in the enchanting realm of metallic watercolour painting! This comprehensive guide unlocks the shimmering potential of this captivating medium. Whether you're new to painting with watercolours or want to expand your repertoire to metallic watercolours, you will grow as an artist through: • 20 mesmerizing projects featuring popular painting motifs, including flowers, animals, feathers, insects and more • Step-by-step instruction on techniques for both traditional and metallic watercolours, including blending, washes and linework • Stunning photography that inspires creativity and clearly demonstrates techniques • Downloadable trace-and-paint designs to give you a head start.



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Facial Expressions for Artists

Techniques for Capturing Emotion and Mood in Portrait and Character Drawings
Oliver Sin
Breathe life into your portraiture with this guide to drawing the full range of human emotions, from fear to rage, grief to joy. An accurate depiction of a subject or character's facial expression is the key to conveying their individuality as well as authentic emotion or mood. *Facial Expressions for Artists*: • Shows how the skull and facial musculature translate into the planes of the face • Covers subtle emotions like anxiety and irritation as well as unrestrained ones like exuberance and despair • Features models of all ages and a variety of facial types and ethnic and racial backgrounds.



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Draw Amazing Faces Learn the Basics and Develop Your Own Style

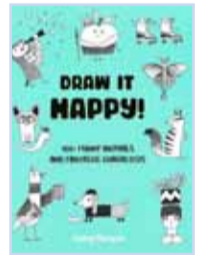
Pypah Santos
Draw Amazing Faces is a practical, inspiring and easy-to-follow guide to creating stunning portraits while developing your own remarkable artistic style. • Step-by-step guidance for constructing heads from diverse angles, mastering proportions, sketching facial features and eliciting a spectrum of expressions • Signature techniques for rendering hair, including different types, textures and styles • Shading and rendering techniques that infuse vitality into your portraits • Inspiration for developing your distinct style in portraying fantastic faces • QR codes linked to videos that further demonstrate important techniques.



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Draw It Happy! 100+ Funny Animals and Fantastic Characters *Terry Runyan*

Presented in a compact, easy-to-carry format, an amazing 100+ lessons teach you how to achieve mirth and merriment in all your drawings. Simple steps help you develop basic drawing skills as you learn to create and connect the geometric shapes that comprise each figure, add identifying features such as ears, arms, or feet, then fill in the facial attributes that bring each character to life. • Beginner-friendly presentation • Each lesson is presented on one page, some with fun variations showing different poses, outfits, accessories and expressions • Funny animals include an anteater, a dolphin, a guinea pig and a lion • Fantastic characters include a bookworm, a couch potato, a night owl and a sweet tooth.



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Line & Wash in the Urban Landscape Sketching with Watercolour & Ink *Neil Whitehead*

Packed with inspirational paintings, plein air demonstrations, practical exercises to help you loosen up and let go, plus lots of handy tips, *Line & Wash in the Urban Landscape* is a comprehensive, visually inspiring guide to this popular artform. The book outlines: • What you need to get started: all the necessary tools and equipment • Choosing a scene and working outdoors: how to choose a location and then select an area of interest • Capturing character: sketching fast, simplifying and working with freedom • Continuous line drawing and prioritising rhythm over perfection • Using watercolour for drama, depth and energy • Understanding composition and perspective • Working from reference pictures: for when you can't get outside.



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Magical Worlds An Enchanted Colouring Adventure *Johanna Basford*

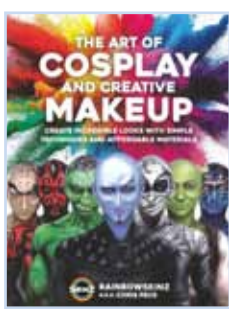
From the bestselling 'Queen of Colouring', here is a gorgeous new colouring book that explores fairytale worlds and intricate magical vistas. *Magical Worlds* is a colouring book of faraway lands, enchanted castles and inkly realms, all featuring Johanna Basford's trademark illustrations. Let your creativity take you on an incredible journey as you add colour to underwater cities, tiny, cosy cottages and marvellous tree houses. A beautiful lay-flat binding, thick cream paper and cover laced with delicate gold foiling make this book a treasure to bring to life with colour.



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The Art of Cosplay and Creative Makeup

Create Incredible Looks with Simple Techniques and Affordable Materials



Learn the secrets of stunning transformations with cosplay superstar Chris Peck including:

- Accessible methods for elevating costumes using affordable makeup and other techniques
- Insights into product usage and savvy application techniques
- Practical tips for facial contouring, scar simulation, prosthetic application and more
- Advice for creating your own social media content
- QR code links to videos that further demonstrate techniques.

This book will show you everything you need to know to make your cosplay dreams come true.

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Kiln Construction

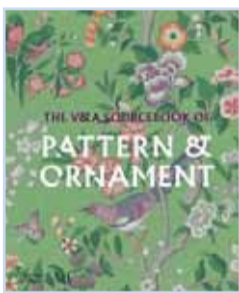
A Brick by Brick Approach



Kiln Construction serves as a guide to kiln-building in a user-friendly way. It offers a thorough grounding in the basics and then examines three kilns in depth – brick by brick. These designs, showing gas, oil and wood-fired kilns, have been thoroughly tried and tested and are in regular use by well-known potters. Each of the kilns has diagrams and photos showing every step along the way. This comprehensive guide to building kilns contains not only information on kiln building including methods, materials, fuels and kiln furniture, but it is also filled with step-by-step illustrations and instructions showing every facet of the building process. It takes you through every stage of kiln construction brick by brick, making kiln building not only possible, but easy for all.

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The V&A Sourcebook of Pattern and Ornament

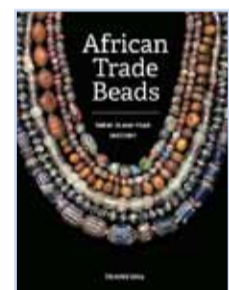


This richly illustrated, easy-to-navigate sourcebook presents more than 1,000 historic and contemporary examples of pattern and ornamentation from around the world, each one succinctly identified and explained. Arranged thematically, it is unique among pattern books, as it includes examples not only of surface pattern but also of three-dimensional ornamentation and embellishment. This expertly compiled selection will appeal to designers, artists, illustrators and other creatives from all disciplines as well as anyone interested in visual and material culture.

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African Trade Beads

Their 10,000 Year History



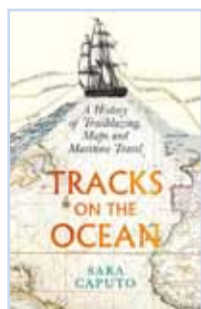
This beautiful book documents early-style beads made of cowrie shells, semi-precious stones and clay. The book then shows in splendid detail hundreds of beads made of glass and other human-made materials that have been made by Europeans and Africans and traded for the last 600 years in Central and East Africa. Each bead is identified as to its origin and manufacture and approximate date. Covering shells, Konon (glass beads) and some contemporary beads, *African Trade Beads'* heart is Konon or Venetian trade beads that used to be easily found in his home country but are now scarce. Each example was obtained from rural Mali — but they originated in many African countries and hundreds of years of trade brought them in wide ranges and mixtures, instead of their original uniformity.

\$49.99 Paperback 255 x 190mm 272pp 240411

History

Tracks on the Ocean

A History of Trailblazing, Maps and Maritime Travel



Tracks on the Ocean is a vivid history of how the marks left on maps by travellers tell the story of the modern world. From their first appearance on Renaissance maps, linear tracks representing maritime voyages have shaped the way we see the world. But why do we depict journeys as lines, and what is their deeper meaning? Sara Caputo charts a hidden history of the modern world through the tracks left on maps and the sea. Taking us from ancient Greek itineraries to twenty-first-century digital mapping, via the voyages of Drake and Cook, the decks of Napoleonic warships and the boiler rooms of ocean liners, she reveals how marks on maps have changed the course of modernity.

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The Botanists' Library

The Most Important Botanical Books in History



The Botanists' Library is a lavishly illustrated compendium of the most significant publications that have informed botanical knowledge throughout history. From the earliest manuscripts penned by visionary naturalists to the modern tomes that continue to shape our understanding of the plant kingdom, this book is a testament to the tireless dedication of the world's greatest botanists. Each chapter delves into a seminal work, unveiling the insights, controversies and stories behind the books that have shaped our understanding of the plant world. This book offers a comprehensive reference that will enrich your understanding of botany and its evolution.

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Look at Moi Ploise

Celebrating Aussie Life Through the Decades



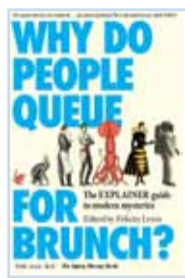
From the 1950s to the 2020s, *Look at Moi Ploise* is a journey through the most unforgettable bits of Australian pop culture with both humour and love. There's Bert Newton flashing his pearly whites, the royal wedding of the 1980s (Scott and Charlene's Neighbours nuptials, of course) and Julia Gillard's internet-breaking misogyny speech. Katie Cunningham's side-splitting reviews will spark both memories and conversations that will emphasise how we've evolved as a nation. You may be reminded of that swimming pool or duck cake at your childhood birthday party, admiring Merv Hughes' handlebar moustache flapping in the wind, posing for photos in front of the strangest of Big Things, cheering on the Matildas or finding yourself quoting lines from Kath & Kim.

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General Interest

Why Do People Queue for Brunch?

The Explainer Guide to Modern Mysteries



Does handwriting still matter? What are rogue waves? What do our teeth reveal about us? Here is a compelling compendium of astonishing facts and occasional weirdness for curious minds. Navigate life's quirks and curiosities with journalists from across health, science, culture and human behaviour as they ask some of the deeper questions in life.

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The Secret Lives of Colour



The Secret Lives of Colour tells the unusual stories of the 75 most fascinating shades, dyes and hues. From blonde to ginger, the brown that changed the way battles were fought to the white that protected against the plague, Picasso's blue period to the charcoal on the cave walls at Lascaux, acid yellow to kelly green, and from scarlet women to imperial purple, these surprising stories run like a bright thread throughout history. Kassia St Clair has turned her lifelong obsession with colours and where they come from into a unique study of human civilisation.

\$24.99 Paperback 195 x 130mm 336pp 190435

The Lost Recipes

Australia's Culinary Gems: Revived and Reimagined



The Lost Recipes presents a selection of bygone gems dating from the Victorian era through to the 1950s – all of them rescued, researched, tested and updated by the author. Threaded throughout are handy tips and insights into old-fashioned cooking techniques and ingredients deserving of revival. These once-forgotten recipes include • Mushroom ketchup (1886) • Hot slaugh (1876) • Olive & anchovy salad (1921) • Devilled whitebait (1938) • Brisket with macaroni (1915) • Golden billy bread (1925) • Pumpkin brownies (1939) • Green tomato & pineapple jam (1933).

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Cronin's Key Guide to Mammals



A wonderful introduction to Australian mammals, this guide is packed with information about the behaviour, development, food and habitat of Australia's remarkable mammals. Each entry fully describes the species and its way of life; it even includes clues for finding certain obscure, often nocturnal, creatures by the telltale traces they leave behind. Colourfully illustrated throughout with detailed artwork and with maps showing where each animal occurs, this is a handy family reference or a guide for the bushwalker or traveller.

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Favourite Australian Plants

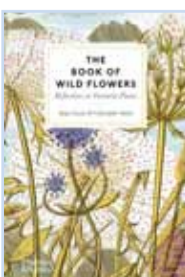
500 Popular Natives for Your Garden



Angus Stewart has selected the best native plants for every part of the country and soil type, from temperate coastal regions to areas with frost, and the tropical north. These are tried and tested plants easy to grow in home gardens. They include old favourites – such as grevilleas, orchids and bottle brushes – and popular cultivars, as well as less familiar species. These are plants with vibrant flowers and attractive leaves and shapes that will be a joy to grow, not only because of their beauty but also their reliability. Top 10 lists help you to find the plants best suited to your conditions, identifying plants for patios, parklands and everything in between. Each plant has a colour photo and details of growing requirements, and whether it attracts native birds and insects.

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The Book of Wild Flowers



Reflections on Favourite Plants
Angie Lewin & Christopher Stocks
Here is the perfect countryside and armchair companion to the wild flowers of the British Isles. Christopher Stocks explores their beguiling and sometimes peculiar history, and reveals some of the best places to see them, as well as the conditions in which they thrive. The book focuses on around 21 of Angie Lewin's favourite wild flowers, and includes reproductions of her paintings and illustrations, many of them created especially for the book.

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Children

Listen to the Music: The Instruments



Take a trip through the history of music, complete with sound clips of the world's best-loved orchestral instruments. Covering 10 different, orchestral instruments, from different pieces from around the world, readers hear music composed and can press them to hear clips of musical masterpieces! This is a beautiful first introduction to the history of music as told to the tune of the key instruments in the orchestra. Pitched to inspire and instil a love of music from a young age, this book will strike a chord with curious children who might be thinking about choosing a first instrument to learn. Recommended for ages 4+.

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A Beginner's Guide to Choosing the Perfect Pet



Do you need help finding the perfect pet for your family? Then this book is for you! All the advice is vetted by experts. What could possibly go wrong...? Crocodiles, for instance, make excellent pets. They are peaceful creatures, with cheerful, happy-go-lucky personalities. Puppies, on the other hand, are a terrible choice. This truly hilarious picture book will have readers in stitches. Recommended for ages 3+.

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Paper Stories

A Snip-and-Glue Activity Book



Paper Stories is a snip-and-glue adventure for young crafty kids who love to create and make! Discover a new story on every page – but wait, there's something missing! The butterflies are searching for a home, the zebra has lost its spots and where are all the shooting stars? Using the strips of illustrations, cut along the lines and glue new art to the scene, creating your own illustrated stories. Recommended for ages 5+.

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Inside Out Butterflies

Discover Nature's Most Amazing Transformation

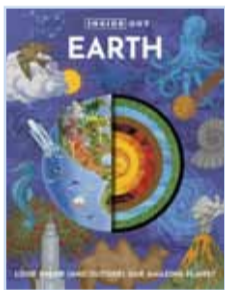


The book engages children with a 3-D tour of one of nature's most amazing transformations – the metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly! From a tiny egg that could balance on the head of pin, a caterpillar hatches, grows, and creates a chrysalis. When it cracks open, a butterfly emerges and stretches its wings. This amazing transformation takes place in just a few weeks. Recommended for ages 7+.

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Inside Out Earth

Look Inside (and Outside) Our Amazing Planet



A layered 3-D model of Earth's inner and outer layers centres the book, introducing children to what's both beneath and above the planet's surface. Through engaging illustrations, photos, and text, the book explores: • The layers inside our planet • Layers of the atmosphere • Earth's relationship to other planets • Natural phenomena such as aurora borealis and meteorites. Recommended for ages 7+.

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There's No Such Thing as a Silly Question

213 Weird Questions, Expertly Answered!



Fact-checked by experts from across the University of Cambridge, this book expertly answers 213 of the most unusual and interesting questions you never thought to ask about the world – one for at least every bone in your body! There really is no such thing as a silly question. Recommended for ages 8+.

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Fold 36 Paper Planes in 12 Different Designs!



Fold and fly amazing paper airplanes in minutes! The planes look great and fly incredibly well! Everything you need is in the box: • A full-colour step-by-step instruction book • Tips on how to get the best performance from each plane • 12 colourful airplane designs from the world's leading designer • 36 folding paper sheets with innovative designs and folding lines • Over 150 stickers to customise your planes! With 12 or fewer steps, these origami plane designs are ideal for ages 8 to 14.

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