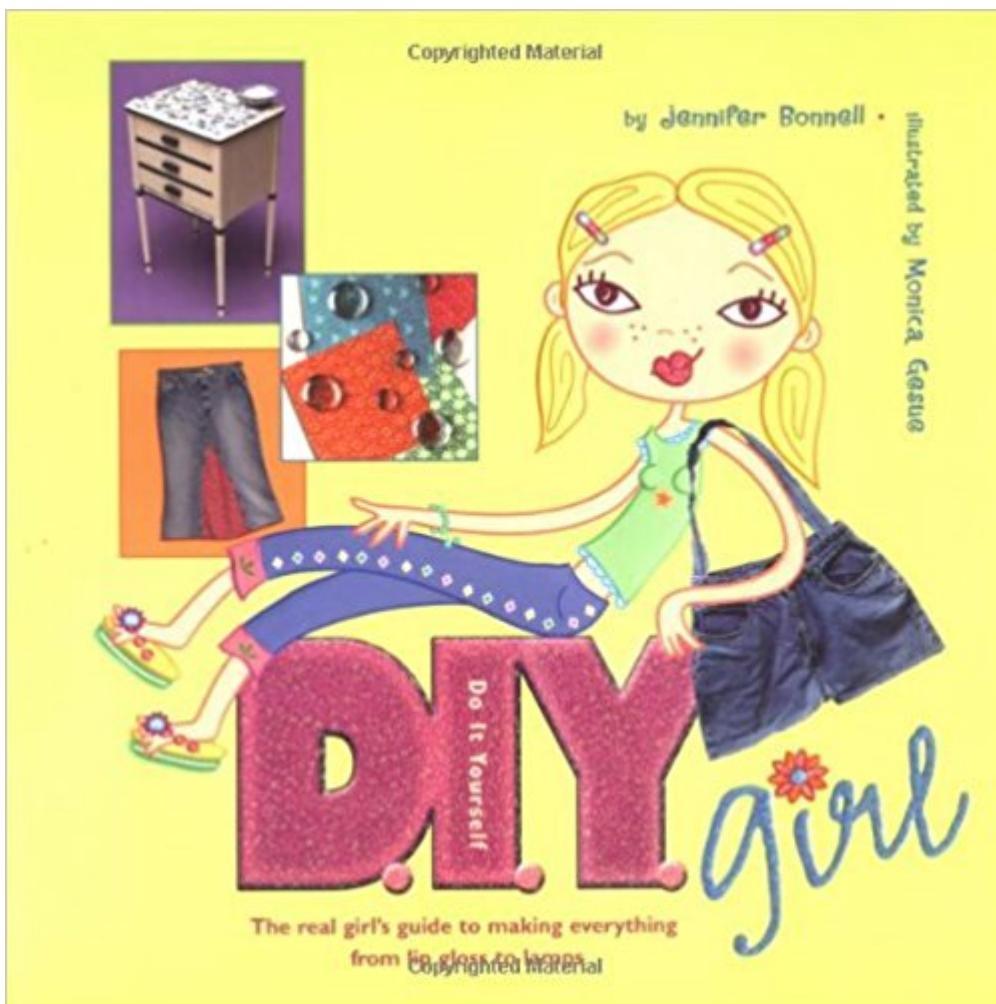


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## DIY Girl



## **Synopsis**

You don't have to be Martha Stewart to make your own cool stuff. All you need is the inspiration and this totally hip, oh-so collectible step-by-step guide, and VOILÃƒâ ! you've got- &#x80; all the jewelry you could ever wear &#x80; your very own brand of beauty products &#x80; a sassy new wardrobe &#x80; personalized birthday gifts for all your friends &#x80; a totally original bedroom and tons more! So, while shopping's fun and all, there's nothing quite like putting your original touch on things and saving some dough while you're at it. D.I.Y. Girl is the one place you'll find everything you need to do just that. Illustrated by Monica Gesue

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## **Customer Reviews**

Grade 7-10-Well-written craft books are always welcome, and this addition to the do-it-yourself shelves has attractive illustrations and interesting projects. The conversational introduction emphasizes creativity and individuality and encourages teens who don't think of themselves as "crafty" to go for it. The last page contains a fairly extensive list of craft-supply stores and sites. Three sections of projects—"Gifty Girl," "Dress It Up!" and "Decor Diva"—include such items as body-care products, ideas for recycling old jeans, and decorating lamps. Each activity includes a list of supplies and step-by-step instructions. Throughout, there is an emphasis on safety. Photographs of the finished projects are integrated with cartoons of girls making and enjoying the activities. Both the illustrations and sorbet-hued palette are retro-inspired. Genevieve Gallagher, Orange County Public Library, VA

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Gr. 7-12. "First of all, this isn't your mom's craft book," Bonnell begins, and she makes good on her promise with a do-it-yourself project guide that's bubbly, hip, and substantive. Divided into three sections--gifts, clothes, and decor--the projects range from craft book staples such as soap and candles to unusual items such as a pillow-case skirt. The accessible format lists ingredients and instructions in easy-to-follow columns, surrounded by ratings for difficulty, boxed tips, color photos, and stylized drawings of happy crafters showing off their wares. Teens will enjoy Bonnell's text--clear, goofy, and very enthusiastic--that encourages them to learn the rules and then break them. Best of all, if readers are stuck in a project, Bonnell offers an online d.i.y. help line via her e-mail address. A glossary of supplies and a list of suppliers are included. A great choice for reluctant readers. Gillian EngbergCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

Got this for my teen girls for Christmas. I love the way it is so easy to read and the instructions are so clear. The girls haven't seen it yet since I am saving it for Christmas, but I think they will love it.

Very simply, great for a tween-ager.

My 7 year old daughter seems to like this book, but she hasn't done any projects in here yet. She's addicted to DIY youtube videos.

Got this book at the library first.it's the first craftbook that i've read that i would actually make some of the projects.I kept checking the book out and then realized that I might as well buy it.It's a real cute book-an easy read-I decided i had to have it -

You made that? It's great! Get ready to hear these words often --- even if you've never made anything before --- with the help of D.I.Y. GIRL. And you don't have to be super-skilled to work on the projects in this book, either.Divided into three sections, ideas are provided for gifts, fashion accessories, and decorating. Though clever projects are found in all three sections, some of the easiest and most original can be found in the gift section. Standouts include the marble magnets and tacks, etched glass, poem flowerpots, and homemade lip balms and bath salts. In the other sections, decorated-flop shoes, hair jewelry, and a Christmas light lamp are easy enough for novices to create, yet look like something from a boutique.Lots of craft books are available now, but this one is unique. In the introduction, it invites crafters to ignore the directions and change designs as they see fit. Readers are introduced to most types of crafts, including decoupage, sewing,

beading, mosaic making, soap making, and more. Jennifer Bonnell provides her readers with many different skills and techniques, so that they can develop their own interests and ideas. A list of where to find supplies --- both online and in stores --- is a big help since a few of the projects have unusual ingredients. There is something for all tastes and levels of skill in D.I.Y. GIRL, making it a fun read for girls everywhere. --- Reviewed by Amy Alessio

This book has everything you need to be a do-it-yourself fashion maven. Between the illustrations and the clear and concise instructions, even the most uncrafty of people (me) can turn a pillowcase into a skirt, make my own jewerly box, or create a beautiful mosaic table, all with inexpensive materials. The low price of the materials does not compromise the beauty and the overall effect of the finished product. I plan to gift this book to all the DIY girls in my life. Thanks, Jennifer Bonnell! (Insert double thumbs up gesture here)

I am in LOVE with this book. I got it for christmas from a friend and I want to try just about every craft in this book. It has tips along with the projects and the directions are so simple to understand. Most if not all reuse items to fit in with the budget of the average preteen-teen or younger even older! I highly reccomend this book to anyone with the slightest crafting itch or a crafting friend

I know that all of the reviews have been saying for grades 7-10, etc. but I think it's great for all ages. I'm a college student, and most craft books have projects I think are boring, but this book is amazing. It has such a great variety of things, from lip gloss to tables, that I know I'll be using it for a while. It's a definite must buy!

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