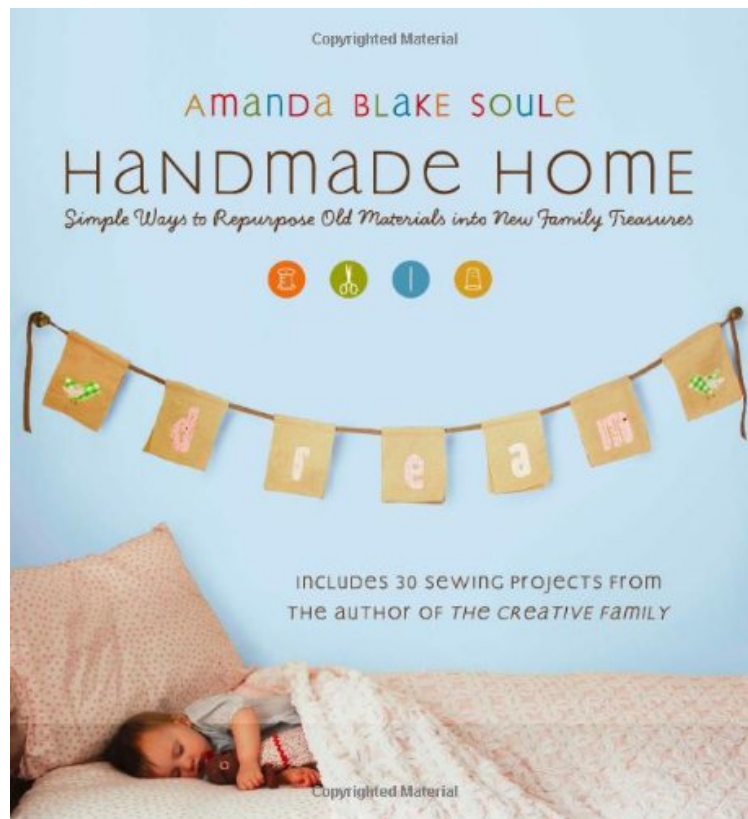


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I am happy with this book By Ms Malleycat All in all, I am happy with this book. There are several of the projects that revolve around her children, but I think if you aren't a parent, they could still be useful. I love that every project she has suggestions for materials from things you already have or could thrift. Clear and well written. I do wish there were step by step pictures, or at least some showing part of the processes. I am a novice sewer at best, and am not the least bit intimidated to make anything in this book. I can't wait to start my first project. I have such a stock pile of vintage fabrics and linens from when I was selling online. I am having a terrible time deciding what to do first! I am looking forward to making use of some of the fabrics, they are so soft and worn. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Not as good as I'd hoped By KR77 Amanda Blake Soule is great, love her blog, enjoy her magazine too; but this book was a little disappointing. I guess I was hoping for more... The pictures are very nice and the ideas are a less than thrilling; I definitely could've come up with these on my own, which isn't saying much. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Love it! By Jen-nay I love this book. It has

so many ideas for crafting for everyday needs and focuses a lot on using what you already have. There is a wide range of projects making it useful to the starter crafter or someone more experienced.

For many of us, our home is the center of our life. It is the place where our families meet and mingle, where we share our meals and share our dreams. So much more than just a space to live, our homes offer us a place of comfort, nourishment, and love for us and for our children. In *Handmade Home*, Amanda Blake Soule, author of *The Creative Family* and the blog SouleMama.com, offers simple sewing and craft projects for the home that reflect the needs, activities, and personalities of today's families. As Amanda writes in the introduction, As a crafter, I'm always looking for the next thing I want to make. As a mama, I'm always looking for the next thing we need to do, to have, to use as a family. The coming together of these parts is where the heart of *Handmade Home* lies. Filled with thirty-three projects made by reusing and repurposing materials, all of the items here offer a practical use in the home. From picnic blankets made out of repurposed bed sheets to curtains made out of vintage handkerchiefs, these projects express the sense of making something new out of something old as a way to live a more financially pared-down and simple life; lessen our impact on the earth; connect to the past and preserve a more traditional way of life; and place value on the work of the hands. Also included are projects that children can help with, allowing them to make their own special contribution to the family home. More than just a collection of projects for handmade items, this book offers the tools to create a life and home full of beauty, integrity, and joy. Projects include: *Papas Healing Cozy*: This hot water bottle cover becomes a simple way to offer comfort to a sick child *Baby Sling*: A simple pattern for an object that offers so much to a small child refuge from the world and a place to lay their head next to a parent's heart *Beach Blanket To-Go*: Repurpose old sheets to create the perfect picnic blanket for special outdoor meals *Cozy Wall Pockets*: A creative solution for storing a child's small treasures

Amanda Blake Soule makes me want to run to my sewing basket and pull out needle and thread. Barbara Mahany, *Chicago Tribune* About the Author Amanda Blake Soule is the creator of the popular blog www.SouleMama.com. Amanda spends her days with her four young children making things, thrifting, exploring and being inspired by their coastal Maine surroundings. Learn more about her and find her blog at www.amandasoule.com.