

Quilted Bags in a Weekend

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Trendy Totes: From cute and clever shopping bags to elegant formal purses, readers can create twenty-five quality quilted bags in no time at all, with the information provided in this book.

Quilted Bags in a Weekend by Ellen Kharade (Creative Homeowner, 250 color photographs and illustrations, 128 pages, softcover, \$19.95, 1-58011-242-0) provides easy-to-follow instructions accompanied by color illustrations, photographs, and templates to help both beginners and experts. The brief completion time makes these projects perfect for those looking to fashion quick but beautiful hand-made gifts. The author, a fabric designer and interiors expert who contributes to *Crafts Beautiful* magazine and appears on BBC Television, presents designs for looks from classic to contemporary. She recommends, for example, combining solid-color fabrics with bold prints to help prevent the pattern from overpowering the style, and using curved shapes such as hearts and circles with square grids for an eye-pleasing contrast.

Fast fashion that will add personal pizzazz.

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