

Wyckoff Living Book Corner
'Tis the Season to DIY
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Are you searching for something more personal to give this holiday season? A DIY (or Do-It-Yourself) gift might be your answer! Ranging from quick crafts to customizable projects, DIY gifts can offer an alternative to the more generic presents we often grab at the last minute. Whether you want something cute and easy, or something time-intensive with personalization, there are tons of ideas, mediums, and styles to choose from. The Wyckoff Public Library has the books to help you make that decision!

Found in the 700s section of our nonfiction books, the library's art collection boasts titles covering a wide variety of artistic mediums. For those wanting to begin in a more approachable way, you might take a look at books that introduce the reader to subjects such as drawing, painting, or even pottery. Titles like Claire Watson Garcia's *Drawing for the Absolute and Utter Beginner*, *How to Paint: a Complete Beginner's Guide to Watercolors, Acrylics, and Oils* by Angela Gair, or *Artisan Air-Dry Clay: the Beginner's Guide to Easy, Inexpensive & Stylish No-Kiln Pottery* by Radka Hostasova, can get you started.

If you're interested in a more advanced take on holiday gifts, you might find inspiration in books like *Handmade Heirlooms: Crafting with Intention, Making Things That Matter, and Connecting to Family & Tradition* by Jennifer Casa or *Crafting with Flowers: Pressed Flower Decorations, Herbariums, and Gifts for Every Season* by Katie Meadow; books that both offer a bit more personalization than those for the beginning crafter. Looking for a different style or medium to show your skills? You might find something in *Mini Crochet Creatures: 30 Amigurumi Animals to Make* by Lauren Bergstrom or *The Art & Craft of Making Jewelry: a Complete Guide to Essential Techniques* by Joanna Gollberg, that makes the perfect gift.

Perhaps you'd like something a bit more holiday inspired. The library has books like that as well! Sophie Pester's *Homemade Holiday: Craft Your Way Through More Than 40 Festive Projects* may be exactly what you're seeking, and if not, definitely take a look at the family friendly pages of *The Eco-Christmas Craft Book: 30 Stylish Festive Projects That Won't Hurt the Planet* by Marianne Miall or *Hanukkah Crafts* by Judith Hoffman Corwin.

No matter if you're a beginner or advanced crafter, your local library has something to inspire you on the path to the perfect, handmade present this holiday season.

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