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Say so long to summer with a plethora of pretty projects, smart tools, and autumn-saluting ideas.

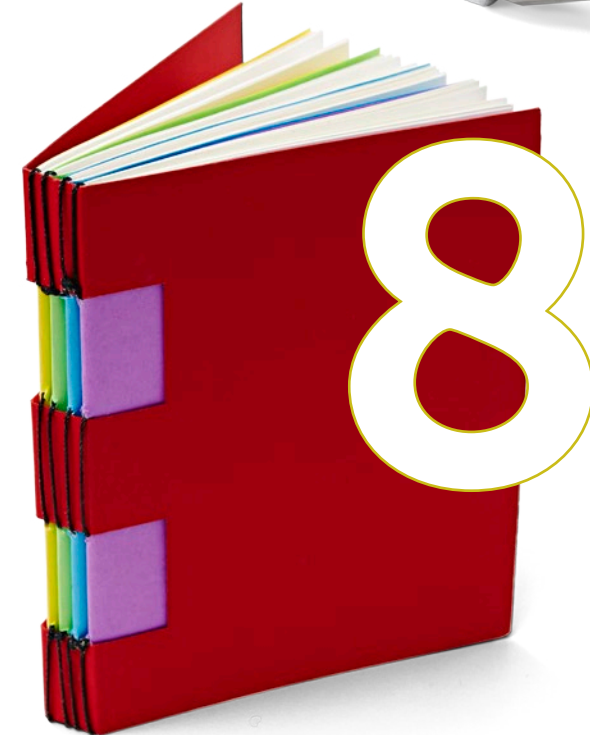
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Strung up

Craft pom-poms and string them into garlands. Kit includes plastic pom-pom maker, two balls of wool, and a plastic sewing needle. \$15; macaroonkids.etsy.com

Best buds

Show off your best blooms with a 3-inch flower-arranging frog that screws onto any standard-size canning jar. \$6 per frog; reproduction Mason jars start at \$13; piperclassics.com



1. Get in shape

Available in chevron, scallop, and wave versions, precut Shape Tape adheres easily and removes without sticky residue. PaintBlock adhesive technology ensures crisp lines when creating intricate painted designs. About \$15 per roll; frogtape.com

2. Rescue plan

Revamp weathered wood decks and concrete patios with this restorative acrylic coating. The waterproof, barefoot-friendly finish fills splits and cracks up to 1/4-inch deep. \$35 per gallon, \$100 per 3 gallons; olympic.com

3. Say cheese

The Konstruktör kit gives you everything you need to build a working 35 mm camera in about 90 minutes. Punch out the plastic pieces, assemble with a screwdriver, customize with stickers, load with film, and start snapping pics. \$35; lomography.com

4. Door decor

Herald autumnal charms with a custom wreath made from this kit. Wrap more than 3 yards of burlap around a wire frame, then embellish with handmade roses and an optional ribbon hanger and monogram. \$30 (18-inch wreath), \$45 (23-inch wreath); woulfscreeations.etsy.com

5. Double duty

Spend less time on projects with Dual Superbond, a two-in-one paint and primer. The high-adhesion formula makes paint stick to slick surfaces. Available in 24 colors, the paint works well on metal, wood, laminate, concrete, plastic, melamine, and more. \$5-\$6; krylon.com

6. Precise slice

Make detailed cuts on paper, cloth, and chipboard with this precision knife. An ergonomic finger-loop handle and textured grip ensure comfortable, controlled use. Replace dull blades with a simple twist of the handle. \$6; fiskars.com

7. Better leather

Make wearable items and home accents from Kraft-Tex, a fiber-based material that looks and feels like leather but cuts and washes like fabric. Available in white, black, and natural, the material can be sewn, folded, and even run through an ink-jet printer. \$13 for 1 1/2-yard roll; ctpub.com

8. In a bind

Stitch up a sweet storybook ending with this bind-it-yourself bookmaking kit. The 48-page finished product features an exposed spine and colorful dividers. Request paper and string combos for a truly custom creation. \$18; iglooletterpress.etsy.com

9. Swift cleanup

Keep those pesky leaves from sticking to rake tines with this clog-free version from True Temper. The patented head and extra-long cushioned handle mean you can spend less time manicuring your yard. \$16 for 30-inch-wide rake; amstruetemper.com

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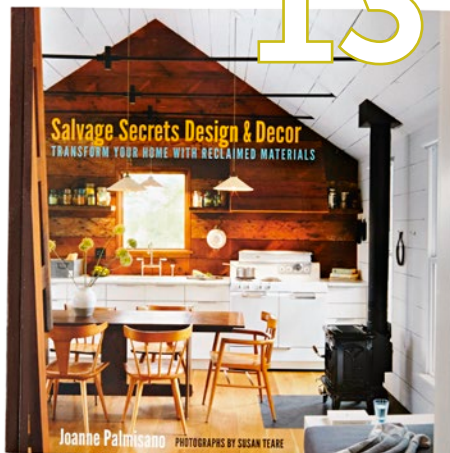


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10. Crochet way

Cottage and industrial styles combine in Yael Falk's crocheted wire lampshades. Finished lights start about \$230, but you can make your own with a kit, including video instructions, copper wire, a spool starter, a crochet hook, and a brass light socket. \$69; yoola.etsy.com

11. Pour & store

Quickly and cleanly fill regular and wide-mouth jars with salsa, applesauce, or jelly when you use this no-mess canning funnel. The dishwasher-safe tool features a headspace gauge to prevent overfilling. \$9; lehmans.com

12. Seal appeal

Painlessly repair driveways, sidewalks, and concrete walls with these quick fixes. Seal cracks up to 1/2-inch wide with sanded acrylic latex Concrete Repair, or mend larger cracks in horizontal surfaces with the latex emulsion Concrete Crack Seal. \$2 each; quikrete.com

13. Green chic

This salvage-savvy book will make you think twice about buying new. It's chock-full of creative projects like a backsplash made from bottle caps, candleholders from bedsprings, and even a shipping crate-turned-guest room. \$35; books.wwnorton.com

14. Your way

Stop struggling to find the perfect wallcovering and try manufacturing your own. This self-adhesive paper ships ready to take on ink, paint, stain, or crayon. Good news for renters—it's removable, too. \$56 for a 33-foot roll; cb2.com

15. Wise whimsy

This woodland-inspired embroidery kit includes four hoops, seven shades of floss, fabric, needles, and a stitching guide—everything you need to create a whole parliament of oh-so-cute owls. \$49; dioramatist.etsy.com

16. Stuck up

The quintessential sticky note gets a modern makeover with this smart strip variation. At 400 inches long, the fully adhesive Post-It Roll can instantly label files, office supplies, pantry shelves, and more. \$5–\$7; shop3m.com

17. Solid sprouts

House succulents or herbs in this hip hexagon planter. Just mix a small batch of concrete inside the paper mold and let it air-dry overnight. Spice up your life by planting the included chive seeds. \$15; uncommongoods.com

18. That's a wrap

Annoying extension cords be gone! The three-outlet Prop Power Cord eliminates the "just out of reach" problem while working with power tools and lights. Wrap the flexible gooseneck around a ladder, table leg, or sawhorse for easy power access. \$20; quirky.com