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Amsterdam: Made By Hand



Synopsis

This is the second Made by Hand guide by stylist Pia Jane Bijkerk. The first, Paris: Made by Hand, received an ecstatic reception around the world from magazines such as British House & Garden, Vogue Living, and Martha Stewart Living, and on dozens and dozens of design blogs from design*sponge to decor8. Amsterdam: Made by Hand takes readers to dozens of boutiques, studios, and workshops offering not only newly created items fashioned by hand, but also vintage objects and found objects that may have been reworked by a talented artist. Also included are shops providing exclusive European supplies if you want to make your own objects: fabric, vintage silk tassels, yarn, handmade buttons, flowers in feathers and silk, and more. Pia describes her book the best: “As a stylist, I am always on the lookout for objects that are distinctive and alluring – which is why I adore all things handmade. Amsterdam: Made by Hand is an insider’s guide where you’ll discover Dutch ateliers tucked away on the cobblestoned backstreets of the old canal district, and boutiques that Dutch designers and stylists have kept well-hidden inside their black books. . . until now. Between its pages you can expect to find woodworkers, flower artists, jewelry designers, dressmakers, ceramicists, and more: with the backdrop of Amsterdam’s beautiful canals and wonky buildings, you can expect to see this quaint old city in a whole new light. This is a book for all professional designers and decorators and lovers of design and decorating, lovers of all things handmade, the chic and unique, and of course Amsterdam.

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Customer Reviews

"Amsterdam: Made by Hand is the second such book by the Australian stylist and photographer Pia Jane Bijkerk, who specializes in photographing still life. Amsterdam's village-like warren of old shops yielded hundreds of interesting objects that serve as the subjects for her work. The book is divided into ten 'Wanders' that take the reader through cobblestoned backstreets of the old canal district, where there are woodworkers, jewelry designers, dressmakers, ceramicists and more...The book should appeal to both traveler and interior decorator." --Pittsburgh Tribune Review

"Australian stylist Pia Jane Bijkerk proudly shows off the artisan ateliers, workshops and stores of her adopted city of Amsterdam in this latest book. It's the second in her Made By Hand series; the first covered Bijkerk's previous home town, Paris. What makes this new volume so appealing are the photos accompanying each of the lovingly written entries." --Inside Out (Australia)

"Bijkerk covers every nook and cranny of Amsterdam's maze-like streets. From more well-known destinations...to the tiny retail havens nestled between canals...Bijkerk leads readers through Amsterdam store by store...For astute tourists or locals looking for a fresh take on their hometown, both 'Amsterdam: Made By Hand' and its Paris counterpart make well-edited guides to some of each city's most distinct offerings." --Cool Hunting

"Page through Bijkerk's new book for a host of great sources, photographed to draw you into another world where you'll find jewelers, ceramicists, hat-makers, and more." --Traditional Home

"Amsterdam: Made By Hand is a compact guidebook.....it captures how Amsterdam looks and feels through her eyes along with some of her most cherished shop suggestions. This book is ideal for those looking for a bit of an 'off the beaten path' guide to where one can find shops catering more to the handmade, upcycled, vintage-loving crowd. "

--Decor8 : Fresh Finds for Hip Spaces

Pia Jane Bijkerk is an Australian stylist specializing in still life, food, interiors, and lifestyle imagery. She has a special interest in forecasting design trends. She lives in Amsterdam and Paris, and works internationally with renowned photographers for magazines and advertising agencies. Clients include Vogue Entertaining & Travel, GQ, Real Simple, Marie Claire, and Saatchi & Saatchi. Her work can be seen at piajanebijkerk.com. Her book Paris: Made by Hand was just published by The Little Bookroom.

I love this small handy book, plan to take it along when we visit Amsterdam, my parents were born there, my grandparents owned their own shops and my great grandfather was a builder and his buildings still remain standing. Can't wait to explore all the unique shops that are hidden down the narrow streets. I especially want to explore the button shop, as I too make things with buttons, so

looking forward to our travel back in time.

I bought this because I have her Paris book which I LOVE and which is a fabulous inspiration. Sadly, the Amsterdam book is less interesting for me. Right now it is packed up and not accessible so I can't give specific examples, however I really can recommend the Paris one which is a joy to read.

Sweet little book on hidden gems of my favourite European city. Well worth the buy.

Excellent, it reveals all the little boutique shops that you need to check. Specially if you are looking for unique creative things. It's a pocket size book.

I have a friend who designs and creates her own jewelry- and is generally a crafty tinkerer. She LOVES this book- ecstatically so. She said it even gave her creative ideas on some of her pieces- which turned out to be her MOST popular.

it's a nice "little" book. i think is too little, though. the images don't show enough. it is certainly poetic and interesting, but i was very excited and intrigued by the title, so when it arrived, i couldn't help but to be a little disappointed.

I got this as a present for a friend, but I am almost embarrassed to give it to him. I thought I was getting a beautiful picture book, but instead it's a pocket guide.

Searching for something special in a foreign place can be a nightmare. Enter Pia Jane Bijkerk and her wonderful little book. Small enough to carry around, you will not want to be without this guide. Glorious ceramics, clothes, jewellery and unusual objects and more. Clearer photos than the Paris book and intriguing objects should set your heart aflutter and make you want to discover more. Research online or go there in person. Pia opens an Aladdin's cave of desirable things, many of which you would be hard pushed to discover without this book. This review first appeared on Karen Platt's book review website.

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