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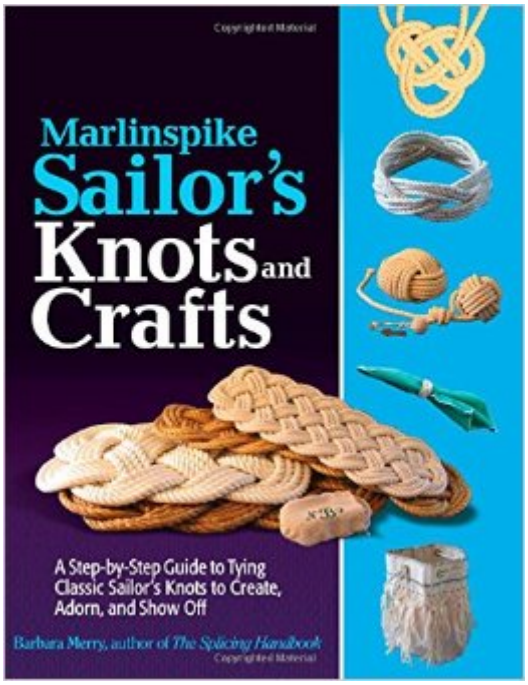

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Synopsis

Discover the dozens of nautically flavored craft projects you can make with rope! You will be surprised by the fancy projects you can make with a square knot, a double-French hitching, or four-strand braids (a dog collar, a tool grip, and a decorated picture frame, respectively)! You can also tie the sailor's Turk's Head knot into a bracelet and morph a monkey's fist knot into a doorstop or a fun toy for your dog. Marine artisan Barbara Merry, an expert in artistic marlinspike seamanship skills, shows you how with Marlinspike Sailor's Knots and Crafts. With the help of her expert guidance, you can create more than 30 ropework projects that will add a nautical touch to your boat, RV, camp, or home. Here are just a few projects you can create with Marlinspike Sailor's Knots and Crafts: Companionway treads * Gear hammock for your bunk * Decorated carafe * Canvas ditty bag * Water bottle carrier * Manila doormat * Zipper pull * Swing hammock for your backyard * Key fob * Checkerboard * Reusable net shopping bag * Eyeglass case * Ring toss * and more Donâ ™t worry if you have never worked with rope in this way before--Barbara will take you step-by-step through the process, from choosing and measuring materials to putting the final touches on your nautical project. Projects are suitable for scout troops or afterschool activities as well!

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Customer Reviews

My wife and I have been working on the rehabilitation of a series of old sailboats for several years. As part of that, we have tried to pick up some of the craft and skill that was traditionally possessed by seafaring folk.Marlinspike craftsmanship is one of those skills. We have purchased several books

on this craft over the years, but most have one of two shortcomings: either they show pictures of interesting crafts but provide no directions or they provide directions but only include the most basic and utilitarian of knots.This book includes some very interesting knots and we have used it as a guide to crafting several projects, including monkeys fists to weight the end of throwing (man overboard) line, smaller monkeys fists to create loops for stowing line, woven treads for our companionway steps, and coasters that we use aboard our boat and have started making during rainy days at anchor to give away to friends. A picture of one such coaster is attached. I plan to start a larger door mat soon.I would love to see a sequel with more project ideas and instructions.

Poorly written. Poorly illustrated. Way overpriced. Appears to have been sectioned from other books and thrown together without thought just to make a book to sell. Not worth the problem to send back. Very disappointed.

.And have LOTS coordination and dexterity in your hands.I miss the mark in ALL of the above.Still, I recently bought a nice old sailboat, and I'm pretty sure it's mandatory to make little nautical knots if you drop anchor for a few days. Why not take it a step further and make something creative while practicing the obligatory sailing knots?All I can say is, I might have to stay close enough to shore to get WIFI.Even so, I can not give this book a bad review. I let a friend borrow it, and she was churning out all kinds of fun knots.Just not a good fit in MY clumsy hands.

I was excited about this book, however, I was incredibly disappointed. The necessary details required for the various projects are not always included, and they are not laid out clearly. I found this to be one of the poorest instructional books I've read, it includes details that are not necessary, and omits essential details when they would have been easy to include. I've found much more helpful and detailed information for most of the projects online for free. In fact without turning to the internet, I would not have been able to complete many of the projects described in this book.

A wonderful selection of sailor projects for your next rope yarn Sunday.Barbara writes and shows every step very clearly.A fun read and a satisfying outcome with your selected project.PS: Rope yarn Sunday was normally on a Wednesday afternoon when cruising on a calm and sunny ocean on a U.S. Navy ship..

This book covers a lot of display and function knots. I'm not that happy with the examples and text

instructions in the book. The text is not very clear to me, and the diagrams or not that helpful.

A good starting point but better resources are available online for free. I didn't find much more than I could find from a Boy Scout manual.

I won't say that I have made any of the neat things in this book although it might happen someday. I will say that it is written just as well as Barbara Merry's "Splicing Handbook" which I have considered my 'bible' to follow whenever I need to splice anything beyond ordinary three strand rope for many years. Once again she explains the steps needed to do intricate (at least to me) work and does it in an easy to follow, understandable manner.

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