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NEW TITLES



Cross Stitch Wildflowers and Grasses

- With 32 stunningly beautiful designs to cross stitch
- Clear and simple charts to follow for each design
- Inspirational photographs with ideas of how to use the embroideries.

9781782218623 • Hisako Nishisu
Paperback • 260 x 210mm • 112 pages • Search Press

The Kew Book of Embroidered Flowers (Folder edition)

- The ultimate guide to embroidering flowers – with all the techniques needed and 11 stunning step-by-step projects
- The hardback folder keeps the book and reusable iron-on transfer papers safely together
- Contains all the templates needed at actual size.

9781782216421 • Trish Burr
Hardback • 280 x 216mm • 176 pages • Search Press



**RRP
£25.00**



Cross Stitch Christmas

- Includes 20 beautiful cross stitch designs
- Easy-to-follow charts in colour
- A comprehensive techniques section at the back of the book.

9781782218128 • Hélène Le Berre
Paperback • 280 x 216mm • 96 pages • Search Press

Quick and Easy Christmas

- 100 handmade and reusable makes for Christmas
- Handy techniques sections explain the basic skills needed for each craft
- Projects all selected from the best-selling *20 to Make* series, which has sold over 2 million copies.

9781782217930 • Search Press Studio
Paperback flexi • 235 x 190mm • 240 pages • Search Press



**RRP
£9.99**



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- Make 6 animal families including raccoons, deer and foxes, as well as clothes and accessories!
- Easy-to-make felt animals using small amounts of felt
- Includes clear step-by-step instructions and same-size templates suitable for beginners.

9781782216223 • Corinne Lapierre

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Thread Doodling

- Over 20 different contemporary embroideries inside, for you to follow initially and encourage your creative juices
- Only 15 stitches needed to make all the embroideries
- Each design has a matching transfer at the back of the book
- 11 extra transfer designs, offering variations and ideas for designing your own embroidery.

9781782218012 • Carina Envoldsen-Harris

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**RRP
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**RRP
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Kawaii: How to Draw Really Cute Fantasy Creatures

- Fourth book in the best-selling Kawaii series
- Clear and easy-to-follow step-by-step diagrams - great for visual learners, making the instructions simple to follow.
- Over 50 different creatures to draw, organized by the terrain in which they are found: air, water and land.

9781782219088 • Angela Nguyen

Paperback • 230 x 180mm • 128 pages • Search Press



FOCUS ON: KAWAII

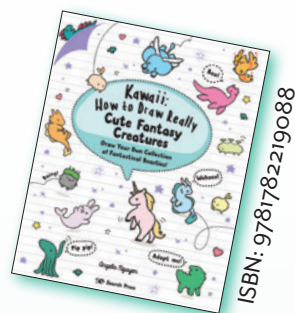
Summer holidays are here and with the release of the newest title in the *Kawaii: How to Draw Really Cute* series, now is the perfect time to get your pens and pencils out and discover a new way of drawing! It's great to do with the kids!



Kawaii is a Japanese word meaning super-cute and in these books you learn all about it and how to draw in this adorable style!

Kawaii: How to Draw Really Cute Fantasy Creatures is the brand new, fourth book in this best-selling series, and features a host of fantastical beasts – some mythological, others from the imagination of author-artist Angela Nguyen.

Perfect for young artists, the clear step-by-step diagrams are ideal for visual learners, and are a great introduction to the world of kawaii; you don't need any special tools – just grab a pencil and you are ready to go!

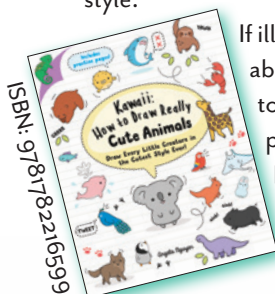


Discover the cute aesthetic at the heart of the kawaii style, as you learn how to draw more than 40 incredible creatures, organized by the terrain that they inhabit – water, air and land. First, you will learn how to draw a suitable background for your bonny beasties, who include the world-famous Nessie, the flighty Pegasus, and the not-so-fearsome Kraken! Be inspired by Angela's whimsical creature creations, such as the Goop Monster and Fire Pupper to concoct your own crazy critters, by taking the skills you have learnt and adding a kawaii twist to your drawings!



Feeling motivated by Angela's creativity? You'll want to take a look at the existing books in the best-selling *Kawaii: How to Draw Really Cute* series.

Enter Planet Cute, with *Cute Stuff* – where Angela teaches you how to ‘put the awww in drawwww’ and illustrate a whole range of fun items – from people, animals, food and everyday objects – in her unique kawaii style.



If illustrating animals is your passion, then you won't be able to resist *Cute Animals*. With nearly 100 creatures to draw, this book is bound to be your next pet project. Great for those new to the kawaii style, you'll be adding cute-appeal to your furry and feathered companions in no time at all!

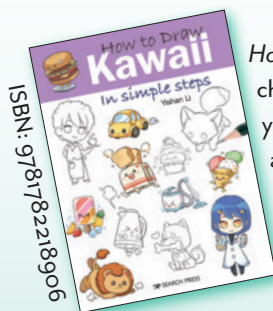


If you still have a hunger for more kawaii, feast your eyes on *Cute Food*. Follow the whimsical step-by-step diagrams and turn even the most mundane foods into a smorgasboard of adorable characters!



All of the books in the *Kawaii: How to Draw Really Cute* series are available now from Search Press, priced £8.99 each.

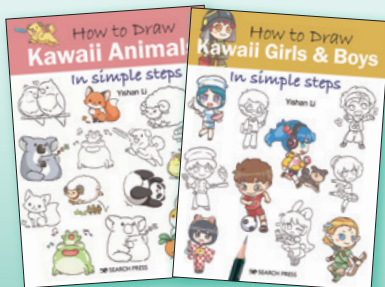
For more step-by-step kawaii drawing, you'll want to take a look at these entries in the ever-popular *How to Draw* range! These are perfect pocket-money books, priced at just **£4.99 each!**



How to Draw: Kawaii features 28 amazingly cute kawaii style characters from comic book and manga artist Yishan Yi, for you to draw in just eight simple steps. Draw cute animals and people – even inanimate objects like cars and toasters are brought to life in the kawaii style!



If you can't get enough kawaii, be among the first to receive your copies of *How to Draw Kawaii Animals* and *How to Draw Kawaii Girls and Boys* by pre-ordering on the Search Press website now!



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Sew your own MASK

With rules on wearing face coverings in shops now in place, you have probably seen plenty of colourful masks on your local high street or in the supermarkets, so what better time to get creative and sew your own personalized face covering, with the help of the lovely people at World Book Media!

Below is a fabulous extract from their new book *Easy Masks to Sew* showing how to make a medium-size contoured face covering.

Materials:

Fabric – 16 x 10 inches (41 x 25cm)

Elastic – 24 inches (60cm)

Finished size – 8 x 5 1/4 inches (20 x 13cm)

Cutting directions:

Use the template (download link at the bottom of the extract) to cut out two outsides and two linings. The templates include a seam allowance.

STEP 1: Align the two outside pieces with right sides together. Sew together along the curve using 1/4 in (6 mm) seam allowance. Repeat with the two lining pieces.



Left – Lining
(wrong side)
Right – Outside
(wrong side)

STEP 2: Press the seam allowances open.



Left – Lining
(wrong side)
Right – Outside
(wrong side)

STEP 3: Align the outside and lining with right sides together. Sew together along the top and bottom edges using 1/4 in (6 mm) seam allowance.



Outside
(wrong side)

STEP 4: Make clips into the seam allowance along the curved section of the top and bottom. Make sure not to cut through the stitching.



Clips cut into
seam allowance

STEP 5: Fold and press the top and bottom seam allowance toward the lining.



Lining
(wrong side)

STEP 6: Turn right side out.



Outside
(right side)

STEP 7: Topstitch the outside along the top and bottom, stitching as close to the edge as possible.



OPTIONAL NOSE WIRE

For a customized fit, try using a piece of flat aluminum wire or a pipe cleaner along the nose area. If using the nose wire, topstitch $\frac{1}{4}$ in (6 mm) from the top to create a channel. Insert a $3\frac{1}{2}$ in (9 cm) piece of wire into the channel.



Insert a flat aluminium wire

STEP 8: Fold and press the left and right edges over $\frac{1}{4}$ in (6 mm) toward the lining.



Lining (right side)

STEP 9: Next, fold and press these edges over $\frac{3}{4}$ in (2 cm) toward the lining.



STEP 10: Topstitch the left and right edges, stitching as close to the edge as possible. This will create channels for the elastic.



STEP 11: Cut the elastic in half. Thread pieces of elastic through the channels made in step 10.



TIP: Use a drawstring threader or tapestry needle to insert the elastic through the channel. You can attach a binding clip to the end of the elastic to keep the entire piece from being pulled through the channel.

STEP 12: Tie the elastic into loops. Check the fit and adjust the size of the loops if necessary.



STEP 13: Adjust the elastic to hide the knots inside the channels and complete the mask.



Personalize the design and incorporate your favourite fabrics or add special details, like appliqué or embroidery. You can even create a face mask to match your outfit! So what are you waiting for? Choose some colourful material and get stitching!



For more mask inspiration, and a selection of handy templates in various sizes including elastic for 3 masks, pick up your copy of *Easy Masks to Sew*, RRP £10.99 from the Search Press website.



Download the FREE template here:
www.searchpress.com/blog/2020/08/2063/sew-your-own-face-masks

AUTHOR TUTORIALS

Head to our **Facebook** pages and **YouTube** channel to check out some fantastic free author tutorials! Featuring a host of new demonstrations from Search Press authors, there is something for everyone to enjoy!

Among the selection of fantastic videos, why not learn how to draw a unicorn with Sharon Hurst? If you missed our recent Virtual Patchings event, you can rewatch the author demonstrations and discover how to needle felt a sheep with the Woolly Felters, how to paint an atmospheric seascape with Matthew Palmer, how to depict a tawny owl in mixed media with Alison C. Board, and much more!



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