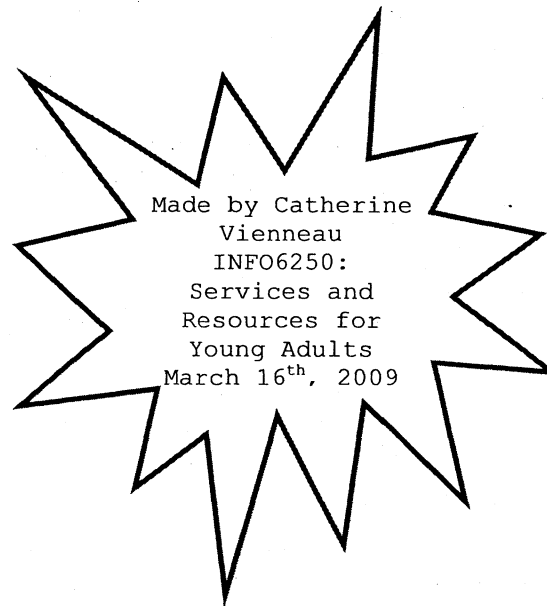


# What is D.I.Y.?

Do-it-yourself is a broad term that can enclose everything from home renovations to crafts. Here, DIY refers to a subculture encouraging the idea of personal projects and creations, particularly focusing on crafts, fashion and self-publishing. These three books will help you understand the meaning and history behind DIY:

- § **DIY: The Rise of Lo-Fi Culture by Amy Spencer (2008)** - This book traces the DIY subculture across the globe. While it tends to focus on the music scene and self-publishing, it is filled with interesting and historical facts.
- § **Handmade Nation by Faythe Levine (2008)** - A must-have for all crafters, this book takes us across the US, following the new wave of crafting and DIY.
- § **The Big Book of Pop Culture: A how-to Guide for Young Artists by Hal Niedzviecki (2007)** - This Canadian book provides a brief history and evolution of the entertainment industry, followed by inspiring personal projects and ideas for all young artists and DIYers.



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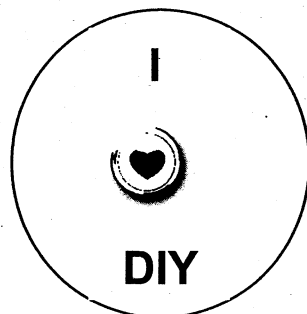
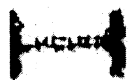
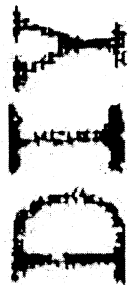
A Guide for  
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## Crafty Links and Movies!

- § <http://www.instructables.com/>- This popular DIY site offers a wide variety of projects, arranged by category. If you have a project in mind, try searching it up!
- § <http://www.gurl.com/topics/diy/>- A place where like-minded girls share their own DIY tips, ideas and design. This site also carries DIY resources.
- § <http://www.craftster.org/>- This website not only carries hundreds of DIY craft projects and articles, but also a forum community for all of your questions and ideas!
- § **Beautiful Losers (2008)**-This documentary follows the 90's DIY arts movement and its inspiring collective and community of artists.
- § **Be Kind Rewind (2008)**-After an incident in which all tapes have been erased, a movie store worker and his buddy decide to remake and film classic movies to their own styling. DIY and great laughs are a perfect match!

## do-whatever-you-want!

Use these images to print a sticker, a button, on a T-shirt or poster...whatever you like!



## Guide Books

- § **D.I.Y: Design it Yourself by Ellen Lupton (2005)** - This inspiring book has a great variety of design tips and ideas for a wide audience, encouraging all things DIY.
- § **Fashioning Technology: A DIY Intro to Smart Crafting by Syuzi Pakhchyan (2006)** - This tech-savvy book transforms traditional electronics into fun crafty projects.
- § **Sew Subversive: Down and Dirty DIY for the Fabulous Fashionista by Melissa Rannels (2006)** - This guide, written by owners of a drop-in sewing centre, provides many ideas and tutorials on DIY fashion for young women of all styles.
- § **Watcha mean, what's a zine? By Esther Watson (2006)** - An introduction to 'zines (hand made magazines or comics), topics include ideas for zine subjects, how to copy, bind and print a zine and much more!
- § **Knitty Gritty Knits by Vickie Howell (2007)**- Based on DIY network's popular TV show, this book contains fresh and fun projects for all knitting levels and styles.