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can find similar instructions by searching wikihow pages or Googling projects for book repurposing. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. the Repurposed Library gives us all a great opportunity to get more out of those old books ...By Sam Occhipinti Now that the world is engaged in the digital age, the Repurposed Library gives us all a great opportunity to get more out of those old books than the foundation for a land fill or the substance of use in a recycling process. They can be turned into works of art and decorations with some nostalgic value if made from one of our own books. We have taken on some of the projects outlined in the book with great success. Anyone with basic craft talents and patience can create a new item for their home/office that is unique and nostalgic. Highly recommend the book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Creative Suggestions for repurposing old books. By Erica42 I purchased this book for my daughter-in-law because she had it on her Christmas wish list. She is into recycling and repurposing objects of all kinds, so I am confident she will try some of the suggested ideas in this book. I looked through the book and thought some of the ideas were a little strange - for example the book pictured on the cover with the pages pulled out and loopy. I would not want something like on my walls - but I recognize that for someone else it might be a work of art.

We all love to read and learn from books, but The Repurposed Library takes our passion even further, presenting us with 33 projects to make--quite literally--out of books. For these projects, Lisa Occhipinti rescues and repurposes orphaned and outdated books from flea markets and library sales and turns them into new art objects and practical items for the home. Her creations range from artfully constructed mobiles, wreaths, and vases, to functional items like shelves, storage boxes, and even a Kindle "keeper" for those who want to replicate the sensation of holding a "real" book while reading from an e-reader. Projects utilize every imaginable part of a book--from hardback cover to individual pages--and are a DIY celebration of a new way to view a book's potential. Praise for The Repurposed Library: "In an age when the bound book is an endangered species, [Occhipinti's] artwork is nicely topical. She now has a book of her own, The Repurposed Library, out this week from Stewart, Tabori Chang. In it, she offers readers a how-to guide to making household objects from, well, books, like a mirror, a lamp and a fire screen, as well as the winsome mobile shown on the cover." - The New York Times

About the Author Lisa Occhipinti is a former faculty member at the New Hampshire Institute of Art and Currier Museum of Art Center. Her work has been featured in the Boston Globe and on multiple websites and blogs, including Apartment Therapy, Publishers Weekly, and the New Yorker. She lives in Venice Beach, California.