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Simple Times: Crafts For Poor People



Synopsis

America's most delightfully unconventional hostess and the best-selling author of *I Like You* delivers a new book that will forever change the world of crafting. According to Amy Sedaris, it's often been said that ugly people craft and attractive people have sex. In her new book, *Simple Times*, she sets the record straight. Demonstrating that crafting is one of life's more pleasurable and constructive leisure activities, Sedaris shows that anyone with a couple of hours to kill and access to pipe cleaners can join the elite society of crafters.

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Customer Reviews

I'm almost never compelled to write online reviews, but I feel like I need to write one for *Simple Times* because it's an absolute gem! If you enjoyed Amy's first foray into the world of how-to, *I Like You: Hospitality Under the Influence*, you will love *Simple Times*. Everything that made *I Like You* such an immensely entertaining romp is back with a vengeance! It's comprised of the same kind of humor and the exact same kitschy, homemade style that makes *I Like You* such a blast. Take the brief crafts chapter at the end of *I Like You*, and imagine if it had continued. That is exactly what *Simple Times* is: A sequel to--a continuation of--Amy's first book. There are a couple differences, however. *I Like You* is a very real hospitality guide (in addition to being my go-to cookbook) and contains a lot of genuine information and useful tips in between the jokes. The informational/text portions of *Simple Times*, on the other hand, are mostly jokes. You will garner some real information from it (particularly the chapters on rabbit care and making sausage, if you're into those things), but by and large, the text is humor. I read it cover-to-cover and was constantly busting up laughing. As

far as the crafts go, think of crafts you made in scouts or Bible school as a kid. This is mostly what you'll find in Simple Times. Some are jokes (i.e. using a plastic sandwich bag as a condom), but many are very real, and if nothing else, will act as a springboard for inspiration and ideas... which leads me to the instructions. When flipping through the book, make sure you don't skip reading the craft instructions. Many of them are uproariously funny! Some of the instructions are vague, but that's kind of the point of Simple Times--not necessarily to teach the reader step-by-step, but rather to inspire ideas and imagination.

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