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count. As a single mother my budget was severely limited but I could sew, paint, and I had power tools so I did it! This book is just like a group of episodes. Miss you Christopher!

Do you want a designer look for your homeright now, for no money? Christopher Lowell hears you. The king of lets dont and say we did is at it again with more than fifty super-simple decorating tricks from the designers little black book. One glance and youll be inspired to make your home feel like youmodern, fresh, and in sync with todays hypertasking lifestyle. But whos got time to make things from scratch? Christopher gets that, too. Hes done the work for you, scouring the mass-market stores in your neighborhood to find hidden gems you might have already passed by. With his ingenuity and award-winning designers eye, he shows youstep by stephow to use these conventional items in one-of-a-kind ways. The result is a home that looks totally custom designed for you. Are these projects easy? As Christopher says, If you can get up, get dressed, put on makeup, do your hair, and drive in busy traffic, you are already overqualified to do the tasks in this book. These chic cheats are universal concepts that can be adapted to any home anywhere. Buy the drapes, then add a border. Use freestanding bookcases to create a sleeping niche that looks like a bedroom at a five-star hotel. Turn a boring corner of the kitchen into a country bed-and-breakfast nook. Make a creative work center with a breezy, beachy feel out of an unused hallway. If Christopher can do it, so can you! No project will take you more than a weekend, and in most cases youll spend only a few hoursthat youll actually enjoy! Christopher tells you exactly what you need and where to get it, and provides cool variations to adapt any of the projects to your individual taste. Best of all, you can always depend on Christophers voice to keep you motivated in a way no other designer can. So what are you waiting for? Its never been easier to make the place you call home reflect your taste, style, and personality.

From Publishers Weekly Television personality and interior decorator Lowell (*Seven Layers of Organization*) tamps down his typical over-the-top style in this collection of projects readers can use to create functional, contemporary rooms on a budget. Focusing on four decorating themes (town, country, city and shore), Lowell decorates a room from top to bottom and shows readers, in the process, how each piece in the room is constructed or repurposed. In some cases he opts for new furniture, while in others he takes existing items and imbues them with new life, as in the crackle paint finish he applies to an old chest of drawers. Lowell's instructions are clear and easy to follow, and he offers plenty of encouragement along the way. Most designs are simple and sharp, but the exceptions are substantial: his "super simple lamp shade," in which textured yarn is vertically wrapped around a lamp shade, looks more like an insect infestation than an elegant light source; further, his use of sand dollars to create wall art is amazingly tacky. Fans of Lowell and those with a hot glue gun they're itching to break in will find a number of practical, cost-effective ideas that fall well within the capabilities of most do-it-yourselfers. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. About the Author Christopher Lowell has had a uniquely varied careerhe has been an educator, an artist, an Emmy Awardwinning television host, and the author of five previous books. After a decade on national television, he has truly endeared himself to multiple generations. Christophers success has led to branded products that retail in more than three thousand stores