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**Jenny Pfanenstiel : The Making of a Milliner: Hat-Making Projects (Dover Craft Books)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Making of a Milliner: Hat-Making Projects (Dover Craft Books):

11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Milliners Take Over the WorldBy TracyI would have rated this book 3 and a half stars if it had been possible. Overall, this is a very well designed book. It is one of the best ones to come out in a long time that clearly explains classic millinery techniques. This is really important for someone who is interested in learning millinery. I already know most of these techniques but it was good to see Pfanenstiel the author in action. My problem with her book is that the hats lack excitement. With all the different types of trims available why would you want to stretch plastic fantastic over a hat? It looks like the plastic used for soda cans. Just asking. A few

additional photographs would have been a solid four or five stars. For example, there is no photograph of how the cowboy hat looks after it is taken off the block. Instead you jump to the next two photographs of the author holding the wire and sewing it on the sewing machine. More close ups of the techniques rather than her hands would have been better. A short section on stitches used for millinery techniques would be useful. The book will pose some challenges for a beginner, however, it is a fine addition for your library. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Excellent millinery book! By Montana Reader Jenny has written an excellent book. Good instructions and excellent photos. Some parts of creating hats are complicated, but everything is covered very well. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By candeenice

"A great introduction for those interested in millinery, with easy to understand instructions and a variety of patterns for constructing different types of hats." Jefferson-Madison Regional Library System Design the hat of your dreams with the guidance of an expert milliner. Jenny Pfanenstiel presents beautifully rendered, full-color tutorials that explain the basics of hat-making, from material selection to stitching and finishing. Seven designs, suitable for beginners as well as experienced hat makers, include cloche, cowboy, and straw-brimmed hats, as well as a variety of fascinators. Helpful suggestions range from how to measure your head and how to choose the style that best complements your face, to selecting feather flowers, hat pins, and other embellishments. Other tips cover setting up your work area and taking care of your hat. Loaded with hat trivia and anecdotes, *The Making of a Milliner* is also an excellent gift for craft enthusiasts, who are certain to delight in the process, tools, and fabrics of hat making. Jenny Pfanenstiel founded her company, Louisville, Kentucky's Form Millinery, in 2007, and has designed hats for Oprah Winfrey, Michelle Obama, Barbara Corcoran, and Regina Taylor. Jenny's work has been featured in *Vogue*, *Tatler*, *Country Living*, *Vigore*, and *Belle Armoire*. She is the winner of the 2012 FGI Rising Star and both the 2009 and 2012 Hatty Awards.

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