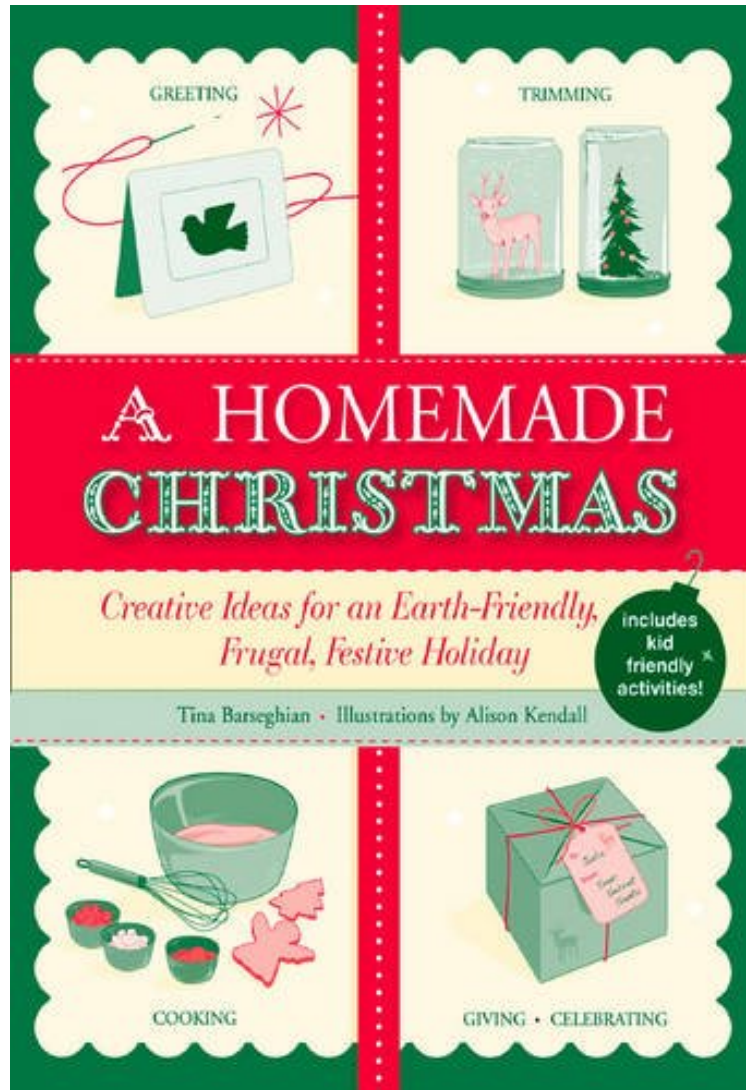


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**Tina Barseghian : A Homemade Christmas: Creative Ideas for an Earth-Friendly, Frugal, Festive Holiday** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Homemade Christmas: Creative Ideas for an Earth-Friendly, Frugal, Festive Holiday:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fun ideasBy Chu W ChuEveryone can be entitled to a fun Christmas. For most families, getting ready for a celebration is probably more fun than the actual get-together itself. This book helps inspire neat ideas for a relatively cheap and ecologically friendly Christmas. It is also a good tool for

parents to teach children that when the quality of gifts (or quantity of gifts) disappoints, at least one had a fun time making earth-friendly and economical Christmas decor. Christmas aren't necessarily ruined by cheesy gifts. Christmas eves are usually just a nice time to gather and dine together as a family, and catch up on small talk. From my experiences, the best Christmases were cheap ones that are filled with good company (even as a kid I thought those were the best ones). Remember the reason for the season! Jesus' love, God's enormous mercy, and amazing grace.

Faith/Family/Friends 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good for absolute beginners

By Shala Kerrigan This reminds me of similar books that were popular in the 70s. Lots of project ideas and some recipes. The projects are simple and very easy to accomplish. There isn't really anything new in this book, but I didn't really expect new projects.

Pros - it's a collection of classic ideas that is all in one place to inspire absolute beginners at crafting. The projects are easy enough not to be overwhelming. For the most part they don't take any special supplies, you can find most of what you'll need in your own home or possibly at a thrift store

Inexpensive to complete the projects described

The cons - Not enough illustration- such as the instructions for potholders. Blanket stitch illustrated on that page would be helpful to beginners

Menu ideas for the holidays don't actually include recipes- instead tell you to find them in a good cookbook

Too easy for experienced crafters and cooks

As a collection of ideas, it is one that I can imagine leafing through with my daughter to figure out what to do on a craft day with her. Since the projects are basically just overviews, there is a lot of room for artistic interpretation compared to books that offer step by step instructions to exactly re-create something. Mostly I'd recommend this book to parents who are looking for craft ideas for their kids or absolute novice crafters who are looking for ideas.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Too basic, even for beginners

By BostonJen If you're seeking to inexpensively add some creativity to your Christmas celebration, chances are most recommendations in this book will have already occurred to you. It's not a BAD book. It's just too basic. There are excellent blogs out there with quality ideas far surpassing this compact book. I think it would make a good gift if you have a frugal-living friend with young children, but I think you could do better. A whole chapter on greeting cards was overkill for me, but perhaps would be good for someone who has recently decided not to send Hallmark cards through the mail anymore and would like to know what else can be done. There are lots of ideas for involving children in the celebration. Still, I recommend with reservations. Save even more money and check out options online (my personal favorite, [OnePrettyThing](#)). A few things you could do that are NOT included in this book: repurpose a tired old scarf by adding embroidery or embellishments; felt a sweater and use to create coffee cup cozies or crude stuffed animals; press wildflowers and glue onto cardstock for lovely bookmarks. Thank you *Homemade Christmas*, but I already know how to make a paper chain.

Making something with your own hands whether it's a plate of just-baked cookies, a handcrafted stocking, a homemade wreath, or a hand-folded origami ornament is a great way to connect with the true meaning of Christmas. From holiday decorating to gift giving, *A Homemade Christmas* is chock-full of projects, recipes, tips, and helpful hints that are guaranteed to add a homemade touch to your holiday season. Open this charming volume to any page and discover a wealth of practical and easy-to-accomplish ideas for a homemade holiday: create personal, distinctive holiday greetings deck the halls with festive, handmade trimmings cook simple but memorable homemade dishes make unique, handcrafted gifts share the joy of the season with friends and family

Packed with inspiration and how-tos for ideas that are family-friendly and eco-conscious, festive and meaningful, *A Homemade Christmas* will put homemade back into your holidays!

About the Author Tina Barseghian is a San Francisco Bay Area-based writer, editor, author, and blogger. After working at *ReadyMade* and *Craft* magazines, writing a DIY design blog, and authoring the book *Get a Hobby! 101 All Consuming Diversions for Every Lifestyle*, she's learned a thing or two about making things by hand. By far the most important lesson: Have fun and enjoy the process.