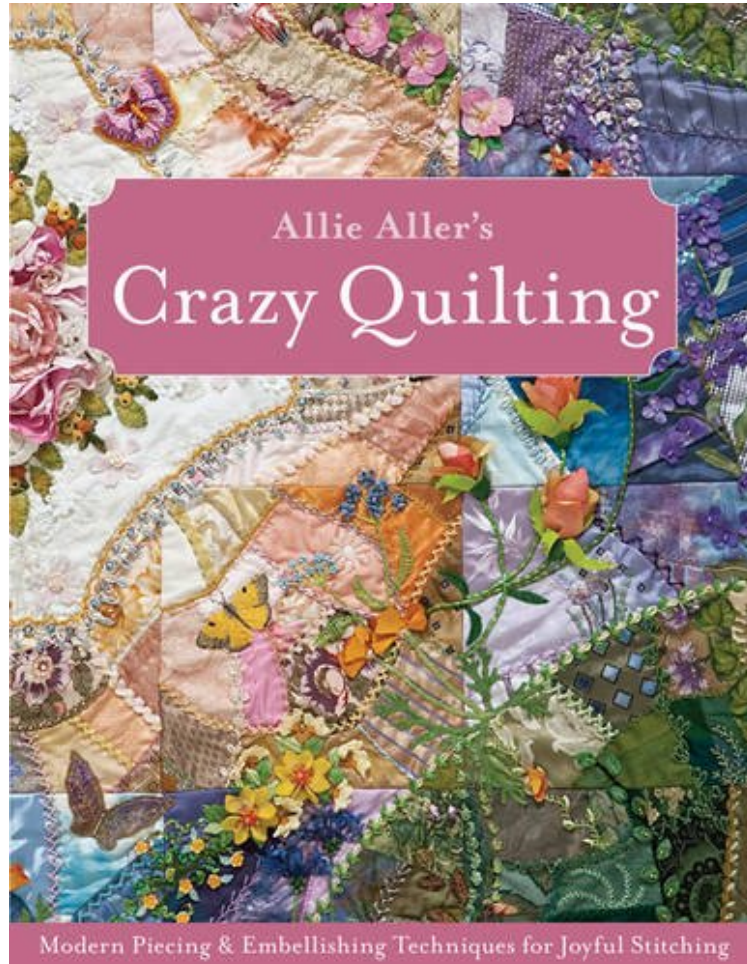


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41 of 41 people found the following review helpful. An Exceptionally Helpful Inspirational GuidebookBy Meg CoxAnybody familiar with the blog Allie's in Stitches, or anyone who saw the quilt that won second place in embellished quilts at the International Quilt Festival in Houston in fall of 2010, knows that Allie Aller is an exceptional quiltmaker.But until now, we didn't know that she was an exceptional author. I can't rave enough about how gorgeous this book is, or how practical.I'm pretty sure I will never be anywhere near as accomplished as Allie in the craft of embellished, embroidered quilts, but she really breaks things down step by step, showing individual

stitches and providing simple doable projects, alongside a gallery of more advanced projects made by herself and others. Until I made my first crazy quilt last year, I never appreciated how different crazy quilts were in their construction from the quilts I've been making for 20 years. Allie Aller's self-proclaimed mission is to create a bridge from what she calls "sane" quilting to the crazy world she knows so well. This book is a perfect introduction. I think any quilter who wants to try this style of quilting will be well-rewarded, but that people who already make crazy quilts will also learn a lot and enjoy the projects, which include some smaller quilted objects like a pincushion and doll. I predict right now that Allie is going to become a "star" in the world of contemporary quilts, and I'm hoping this is the first of many wonderful books.

49 of 50 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful Crazy Quilting Resource By IvoryBlushRoses A few days ago, I received Allie Aller's Crazy Quilting book! What a gorgeous book! Now she's not only one of my very favorite blogger's but author as well! I love that she took a slightly different approach to it and didn't focus on embroidered seams, but gave us a look at her methods of piecing and embellishing blocks with as well as how she finishes the backing of her large (and small) pieces. She also included some beautiful and inspiring work by other crazy quilters. I know this will be a book I will return to again and again! Thank you Allie for publishing such a great book!

12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. kudos from Vermont By sarah Allie Aller's crazy quilting book transcends the ordinary how-to-stitch manual. The gorgeous photographs are worth wrapping up in, but it is her use of old black-and-white family photos and personal landscapes that reminds me that quilts are a repository for memories. The many steps involved in quilting are gifts that allow the stitcher to take the time to reflect on these treasured places and relationships as she works. I never knew there were so many different stitches, and the careful clarity of her directions makes me think that even I could make a crazy quilt, and I am a farmer and rug hooker by trade and someone who had to bribe a classmate to keep me from flunking 8th grade sewing in Home Ec! Full disclosure: I am Allie's cousin in Vermont, proud and inspired that she has finally completed this generous and creative gift to the quilting world. Sarah ...

Allie shows readers how to make crazy quilting more contemporary with an array of easy-to-master techniques. Show your customers how to combine traditional methods with modern fabric tricks. The photo gallery reveals just how creative and modern crazy quilting can be-and anyone can do it.

Source: Sew4Home Date: 5/17/11 In today's world of art and crafting, 'mixed media' is all the rage. Sometimes called 'collage' or 'assemblage,' the finished creations combine textures, dimension and types of media into multi-layered masterpieces. As usual, our modern-day discovery is actually a new spin on a time-honored tradition. In this case, the Crazy Quilt is the fore-bearer of today's mixed media. And although it can look beautifully nostalgic, there is nothing old-fashioned about this very creative quilting technique. This fact is brought into amazing focus in a new book from Allie Aller: Crazy Quilting - Modern Piecing Embellishing Techniques for Joyful Stitching. Allie took some time at a recent event to show us her book, give us a glimpse into her inspiration, and generously provide us with a copy to giveaway to a lucky Sew4Home fan. We met Allie during a quilting event at Fabric Depot right here in Portland, Oregon. Turns out Allie lives just 'up the river' (as we say in the Northwest) in Washougal, Washington, a quaint town that sits at the mouth of the famous Columbia River Gorge. We started talking about living in the country, segued into quilting-speak, and then... she brought out her brand new book. This volume is not only a wonderful primer with great step-by-step tutorials, tips, tricks and tools... it is also filled with eye-popping close-ups of Allie's amazing collages. I do not fancy myself a quilter, but I am a friend and fan of quilters everywhere, and I never cease to be amazed by the sheer artistry that goes into even the simplest quilt. So when I saw Allie's handiwork, I was stopped dead in my tracks by the intricacy and dimensional drama. I was also a little bit jealous, but I'm workin' on that! Her book is very thorough when it comes to showing and explaining the best supplies to use. And, Allie describes not just one, but a number of methods for various techniques, such as block design and piecing or image transfer. I do not fancy myself a quilter, but I am a friend and fan of quilters everywhere, and I never cease to be amazed by the sheer artistry that goes into even the simplest quilt. So when I saw Allie's handiwork, I was stopped dead in my tracks by the intricacy and dimensional drama. I was also a little bit jealous, but I'm workin' on that! Her book is very thorough when it comes to showing and explaining the best supplies to use. And, Allie describes not just one, but a number of methods for various techniques, such as block design and piecing or image transfer. Are you crazy for Crazy Quilting? If so then you must pick up a copy of Allison Allers new book Crazy Quilting Modern Piecing Embellishing Techniques for Joyful Stitching. Allie Allers work has a contemporary spin due to her use of new techniques, fibers, fabrics, and imagery. Allison says working with these materials really give crazy quilts an updated, contemporary look and feel, taking Crazy Quilting out of the traditional Victorian mold for good! The book has an in-depth section on materials and tools. Learn image transfer and stenciling methods while creating your own fabrics. There are four ways to create a crazy quilt block presented in the book. The directions are easy to understand and clearly illustrated. What would a crazy quilt be without embellishment through embroidery, beading, lace and dimensional flowers? Allison's tips on working with these materials are invaluable. The gallery section provides inspiration that will have you jumping right in on one of the seven projects found in the book and thanks to Allison's expertise you will soon be ready to work on

your own crazy quilt. Source: The Appliqu Society Date: 5/1/11 About the Author Allison Aller has been stitching, sewing, knitting, and writing since she was a child...and that child is alive and well in the joyful work she creates today in the field of crazy quilting. Her work has appeared in Quilters Newsletter Magazine, American Quilter, the \$100,000 Quilt Challenge, Needlepoint Now, and the Way to Womens Wellness Art Bra Calendars (cover, 2007), as "guest artist" in several books, and in her own "Allie Aller's Crazy Quilting, C T Publishing, 2011. Her second book, co-authored with fellow crazy quilter Valerie Bothell, is due out in May 2014.