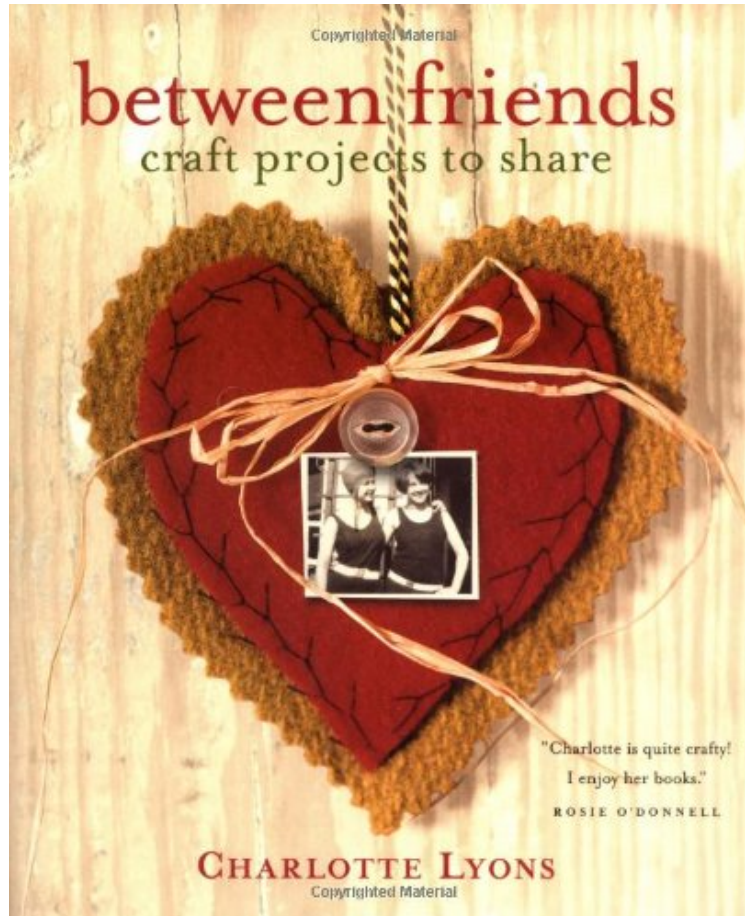


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fun and ThoughtfulBy MeLA gift means so much more when it is made by hand with love. I used some of the projects in this book to have something constructive for my teenage daughter and her out of state, visiting friend to do together in the colder months. it's wonderful to see them doing something that doesn't involve a computer or a phone, just using their hands, being creative and laughing and having a ball while doing it. and then they have something to show for their time together, something they will keep for years to come.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Gorgeous Fun BookBy cheryllI have bought multiple copies of this book for my friends, just ordered more yesterday. The pictures are gorgeous and there is a wide variety of projects...something for everyone! Love it! One of the FEW craft type books that didn't disappoint!!1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. cosyBy sewgirlThere is quite a variety of projects and some are quick. I like the scissors keeper and I made many of them for friends and myself. I like pin cushions and the basket sachet will make a

nice one. The pictures are charming. But I wish the patterns were full sized.

In an era when women set aside very little leisure time for themselves, let alone for their friends, "Between Friends" provides the perfect excuse to invite the girls over. Talented writer and designer Charlotte Lyons has brought together an imaginative array of craft projects that will help celebrate both your creativity and your most valued friendships. "Between Friends" presents ideas for 40 handmade craft projects, and all of the projects are perfect for sharing with a close friend or a group of friends. These delightful endeavors allow you to experiment with papier-mache, collage, decoupage, knitting, needlework, painting, sewing, rug hooking, quilting, scrapbooking, and doll-making. All projects are easy to make and lovely enough to inspire a lifetime of creative pursuit. Most are excellent gift ideas; better still, the materials needed can often be found right inside the pantry or craft basket. Projects are organized according to the amount of time they require: some (like the place card holders or frames) can be completed in an hour; others (like sachets, potato prints, and dressing room organizers) fill a leisurely afternoon. More complicated projects (such as scrapbooks, needlepoints, and friendship quilts) are to be savored over a weekend or longer. "Between Friends" offers plenty of inspiration along the way. Overflowing with lavish full-color photography, the book also includes profiles of the author's friends and their crafts; there are even a few recipes to enjoy while you work. With its easy-to-follow format, Charlotte Lyons's "Between Friends" is ideal for any kind of casual gathering, even if the get-together consists only of you and your closest friend. So make your phone call -- and let the fun begin!

From Booklist Readers may initially scoff "No way" at the suggestion that anything handmade (except baked goods) can be crafted in one hour. Lyons, author of *Mothers and Daughters at Home* (2000), seems to delight in proving the wrongness of our thoughts as she unveils this delightful and practical paean to friendship. A handful of projects -- including paperweights, seed packets, and a painted teapot--fits the 60-minute schedule, as will a variety of home-fashioned items that fall into one of four other timely categories: half a day, all day, over the weekend, and as long as it takes. Most of the 40 to-dos emulate a naive or outside artist's design; simple and to the point, each is embellished with variations and scattered sidebars on forming different clubs (book, knitting, garden) and on different personal friendships. No need, really, to be master of any one or several techniques. Barbara Jacobs Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved Rosie O'Donnell Charlotte is quite crafty! I enjoy her books. -- About the Author Charlotte Lyons's career as a writer and craft designer began when she left the teaching profession to raise her three daughters. In an effort to find activities that would be fun for herself and her children, she immersed herself in the home arts -- and discovered her true vocation. Her skills and imagination with domestic crafts -- and her firsthand understanding of how creative activities can foster powerful bonds -- have informed her professional work in magazines and books. Lyons is the author of *Mothers and Daughters at Home: 35 Projects to Make Together* (Simon Schuster, 2000). Her work has been featured in many magazines, including *Country Living*, *Mary Engelbreit's Home Companion*, *Victoria*, and *Rosie*. She has made television appearances on CBS's *Early Show*, *The Sally Show*, and *HGTV*. Lyons was born and educated in St. Louis, but she spent most of her adult life in a bright pink house in Oak Park, Illinois, near Chicago. She, her husband, and her daughters now live in Irvington, New York.