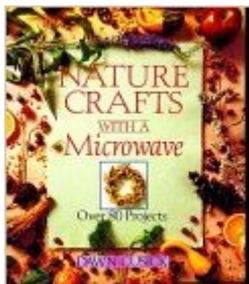


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# Nature Crafts With A Microwave: Over 80 Projects



## Synopsis

"It makes a great deal of sense to fast-dry materials that otherwise would consume a lot of preparation time. Drawing on the talents and projects of 10 designers who work with herbs, fruits, and vegetables, and Mother Earth's other produce, Cusick offers crafters more than 60 patterns to copy. Wearable walnuts and seed jewelry, bath powder, and herbal lip balms are only a few of the final results."--Booklist. "...concentrates exclusively on handcrafted items made from natural materials....Most are easily completed and suitable for young people working under adult supervision....Recommended."--LJ. 128 pages (all in color), 8 1/2 x 10.

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I hate to give a book a low rating because I try to judge a book on its merits, not my own taste. However, this book left a lot to be desired on either side. The crafts in this book tend to be used to accentuate other crafts- flower petals glued to ribbon and then to doilies (what is natural about ribbon and doilies?); craft store wreaths decorated with craft store accessories as well as some natural flower petals. I want to make a craft from nature, not from the craft store. The styles seem to be for senior citizens (which, of course, is fine if you are one!) The majority of the crafts are wreaths and similar wall hangings (18 wreaths, 3 wall hangings, and 4 arch bases according to the index). Several required the use of doilies and cheap lace. This might just be my taste- so take it for what it is worth. But the directions were poor too. I started laying out the materials needed for one craft (based on the materials list that is included with each activity) only to find that I didn't have the correct glue, which was not included in that materials list. The nut crafts look nice, but I how many

crafters keep a strong vise around to saw the nuts into slices as required. The seed necklace craft did seem interesting though. I'll probably try to make it before passing this book on.

There's no need to wait days, weeks, or months to use the materials you've collected from outdoors in great-looking craft projects when you've got a microwave. In just a short time, you can learn how to turn your microwave into an instant drying tool for perfect projects of flowers, seeds, fruits, leaves, and many other delights of nature. Striking full-color photos and simple instructions will motivate you to make a beautiful rose trellis, soothing mint tea, Blueberry Hill potpourri, a pansy wall hanging, a gourd bird, hemlock candle holders, pinecone ornaments, plus many other attractive and elegant items for your home and as gifts.

This is a fun book for anyone who loves crafts. It is especially good for those crafters who love using the beautiful things in nature.

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