



saying "I would have done better," I'm just saying I would have done it differently. Okay, now for the good things. The instructions are easy to read and easy to follow. I also like the hand-drawn pictures in the book. Finally, be on your toes, because this guy puts in some humor! There are clever ideas stored in this book which do not fit in the ornament/toy category. And even if there weren't, this book is still worth to have as part of your craft-book collection. I plan on following some of these instructions for the sling chair, a stool, and maybe the umbrella.

In his breakaway bestseller *50 Things to Make with a Broken Hockey Stick*, Peter Manchester transformed the agony of defeated sticks into the thrill of a new creation, with a slap of good humour that kept readers chuckling all the way through the book. Now, with the publication of *Fabulous Fabrications from Busted Hockey Gear*, the hockey stick handyman has turned his creative talents to the rest of the equipment left to fester in the basement — helmets, pads, gloves, skates, and even cast-off hockey uniforms. In this oh-so-Canadian book of how-to humour, a wonderland of "construct-o-rama experiences" awaits devotees of rink junk. Who would have thought of an electric guitar for only \$15 or a drum set made entirely of cast-off helmets? A leather skate becomes a bird or a ball cap; a dismantled helmet becomes a mask; a pair of pants becomes an amazing sling chair. Basement artistes can build a lap steel guitar from sticks, fashion a guiro from a bit of stick and a plastic knee protector, mount a row of helmets into a set of timbales, and presto! a garage band like no other. A tent, a crouching dog, a mechanical cheerleader — with Manchester's step-by-step instructions and clear, humorous illustrations, all these things and more can rise like, well, like a squawking bird, if not a phoenix, from a mound of hockey detritus.

"Eco-artist Peter Manchester finds beautiful new uses for cast-off hockey gear... The section on masks... would make legendary Montreal Canadiens goalie Jacques Plante wish he'd been more imaginative when he donned hockey's first face-protector in 1959." (Winnipeg Free Press 2012-12-18) "Manchester continues to streak down the ice with his creations... *Fabulous Fabrications from Busted Hockey Gear* is certain to be among the scoring leaders this season." (Halifax Daily News 2012-12-18) From the Inside Flap In *Fabulous Fabrications from Busted Hockey Gear*, hockey-stick wizard Peter Manchester tells how to transform broken sticks and the festering contents of old hockey bags into expressions of creative genius. Make a menagerie, a hockey-pants sling chair, or your very own supermodel. Like music? Start a "stick band" with electric guitars and a rack of helmets. With cartoons, diagrams, and instructions, *Fabulous Fabrications* is a tinkerer's dream come true. From the Back Cover In "*Fabulous Fabrications from Busted Hockey Gear*," hockey-stick wizard Peter Manchester tells how to transform broken sticks and the festering contents of old hockey bags into expressions of creative genius. Make a menagerie, a hockey-pants sling chair, or your very own supermodel. Like music? Start a "stick band" with electric guitars and a rack of helmets. With cartoons, diagrams, and instructions, "*Fabulous Fabrications*" is a tinkerer's dream come true.