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**Kate MacKay : Alchemy Arts: Recycling Is Chic** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Alchemy Arts: Recycling Is Chic:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Alchemy IndeedBy R. MadisonThis book has a lot of great project inspiration for altered couture, plus some very interesting writing as well. The author's narratives of some quite off-the-wall subjects, that happen to tie in with the pictured projects, are entertaining. The alchemy involved in transforming some very ordinary items, such as plastic shopping bags and discarded paper tourism brochures, into wearable art is truly magic. An unusual book of this genre and a keeper. I usually look through most "craft books" once or twice then pass them on, but not this one!2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Be warned - no patterns!By Only

What WorksNo patterns are included. There aren't even any links in the book pointing out online resources for finding the patterns. I bought the book because I wanted to make the duvet dress I'd seen online. Had there been patterns or access to them, I would have given the book five stars. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Excellent book full of unusual ideas for the recycling fiber artist! By Valerie G. I would highly recommend this book for its unusual ideas for the advanced fiber artist. It has illustrations for "how to" reconstruct garments, however, many projects are not geared for the beginning sewer. It also has the history of the garments featured here. It is my favorite of all the recycling books in my library!

Alchemy Arts is a community-based arts project in Edinburgh that collects scrap from businesses and households and uses it to create artworks, workshops, and parades in the city. This book takes their philosophy one stage further and offers projects in fashion, home design, and crafts for individuals to make or adapt themselves. Includes ingenious uses for packs of old playing cards (a top hat for fancy dress), old ties stitched into dresses, and many more ideas and suggestions. With the inclusion of American crafters' projects as well as those from the United Kingdom, this is likely to be a popular addition to the growing collection of books available for crafters.

About the Author Kate MacKay is an Edinburgh based artist who is an exhibitor at the Royal Scottish Academy, and the Society of Scottish Artists Annual Open Exhibition. She is an Arts Market photographer and is involved in community arts in the city of Edinburgh. Di Jennings is a fashion photographer and creator of costumes, and she is involved in shows and fashion events in Edinburgh, and her designs are used for many of the clothes made from recycled items.