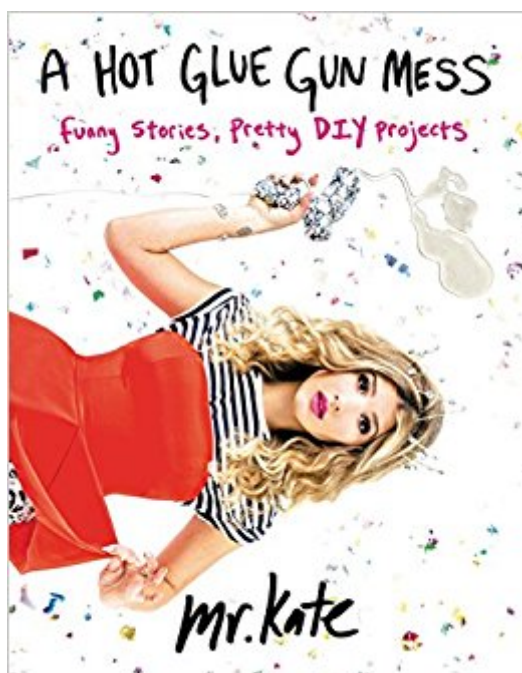


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# A Hot Glue Gun Mess: Funny Stories, Pretty DIY Projects



## Synopsis

In this beautiful paperback edition featuring French flaps, hugely popular lifestyle blogger, YouTube star, and designer Mr. Kate (Kate Albrecht) offers a stunning collection of step-by-step personal style and home projects—woven in with quirkily hilarious stories and anecdotes. Do you dream of finding ways to infuse do-it-yourself projects into every aspect of your life and have fun doing it? From the quirky personality behind the Mr. Kate brand comes a not-so-average DIY lifestyle book that will make your dreams of creating unique how-to projects become reality. Filled with 50 unique and approachable projects, along with hysterical, unfiltered stories from Mr. Kate—his crazy life, A Hot Glue Gun Mess will show how life can inspire art. Growing up with a high-powered Hollywood father and an oddball, down-to-earth mother, Kate Albrecht had a childhood that was anything but normal. From how her first period influenced her to become an artist to how her friendship with a high-priced hooker encouraged DIY beauty products, Mr. Kate—his stories are weird, wonderful, personal, inspiring, and downright hilarious. Her love of self-expression inspired Mr. Kate to create her own DIY life and a social media platform to connect with young women everywhere. Her projects involve style, home design, and beauty, including DIY nail art techniques, upcycled projects for your old jeans, and watercolor curtains. You don't have to be a seamstress, metalsmith, or expert at anything to enjoy these projects, all of which are doable in under two hours and require a minimal number of supplies. Now you, too, can become a DIY diva!

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Book of the Month! (No Source) “Lifestyle guru Kate Albrecht is pretty much the antithesis of Martha Stewart [she] probably has more in common with the late Nora Ephron than with any maven of domesticity.” (Los Angeles Times) “When you flip open a DIY book, you don’t typically see chapters named ‘Hooker with a Head of Gold’ | Learn how to make a no-sew tutu | and read about how Kate used to babysit for her stepmom.” (Blogger.com) “What’s better than a book of DIYs? One that pairs each project with a hilarious story that will have you laughing out loud from behind your glue gun.” (Refinery29) “Beautifully photographed and just so damn clever | I absolutely recommend you pick up a copy. Not only will you laugh, you’ll get some good crafting knowledge.” (Weheartthis.com)

From the offbeat blogger and designer Kate Albrecht a.k.a. Mr. Kate comes a not-so-average DIY lifestyle book. Her love of self-expression and her desire to live an anything-but-normal life outside of the box inspired Mr. Kate to create her own unique DIY life. Her projects involve style, home design, and beauty including DIY nail art and makeup techniques, up-cycled projects to revive tired items in your wardrobe, and stunning home-decor touches to beautify your living space. You don’t have to be a seamstress, a metalsmith, or an expert at anything to enjoy these projects, all of which are doable in under two hours and require just a few easy-to-find supplies. Now you, too, can become a DIY diva!

As a long time fan and diy-enthusiast, I knew the Mr. Kate brand going in when I first bought the book. So I wasn’t surprised to see the combination of familiar and unexpected when reading AHGGM. The familiar comes from the signature Mr. Kate diy projects, all of the wonderful ideas are unique and quirky and absolutely doable. I love that with every project there are suggestions or Do it Elsewhere’s, maybe I don’t need a new coffee table right now but I could sure use a creative vase for my own home or as a gift! The new comes from the memories Kate has shared within the book, they are hilarious and sad and hopeful and so much more. I really enjoy that even when sharing stories that might be painful or embarrassing, Kate seems to find the best outcome out of these life shaping moments. With every story comes a DIY project that was inspired or influenced by it. These projects are unique - no, my memories of my first period and introduction into womanhood didn’t immediately lead to a stylish idea for curtains, but that is just the magic that comes from Mr. Kate. You don’t know what’s coming next or what you’re about to learn but one thing is for sure, you’re

going to have a blast the whole way through. Overall, *A Hot Glue Gun Mess* is a terrific combination of feel good stories and DIY projects that leave you inspired and ready show off your creativity.

If you are anything like me, I search the shelves at my local book store and find myself empty handed because of the lack of creativity that comes within the newest reading releases. Each DIY book contains the same projects, follows the same format, and at times feels like I'm reading the same text in each book. When branching out to autobiographies, the same exact story of loss and triumph are usually given with the exception of a new face plastered on the cover. Sometimes I feel as though with these categories, content has become unoriginal and the "true self" of people are lost between the lines of text they try to provide their audience for a positive and inspiring reaction. If you've found yourself in this same "reading rut" as I have, then I definitely recommend reading Mr. Kate's newest book release, *"A Hot Glue Gun Mess"*. Kate takes you on a journey through short stories of her life in real events that helped defining who she is in her life today. This amazing, uncensored book gives a sign of relief that unoriginal content has not been lost and you truly feel as though you are talking to your closest, best friend with the stories Kate selflessly tells providing laughter, embarrassment, love, separation, and even those that make you want to blush yourself just hearing about! This new take on an autobiography is very refreshing and unlike any other autobiography I've read in the past. What also separates this release from others is that Kate puts her fashion, interior decorating, and DIY professionalism spin on each short story provided for a fun new project you can try at home yourself. Each story helped in giving Kate the inspiration for creating these new pieces and she helps in telling the reader each step of the way on how to create their very own work of art just like hers. You'll see fun pieces such as unique furniture pieces, beautiful home decor items, fashionable clothing & accessories, and even some makeup & hairstyles within this DIY and autobiography mix! Not only are these DIY projects fun to re-create they are also original pieces that are not found within the same DIY novels that keep being mass produced each year. In all honesty, there is something about Mr. Kate that you feel a connection with that inspires you to be yourself and live life to the fullest. I applaud Kate for being able to accomplish this with the sharing of each story & DIY project. As a long time fan of hers through her website blog & YouTube channel, I would expect nothing less from the queen of the bedazzled jeweled glue gun.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book, especially loving how honest the author was with her personal life as she described how each craft pertained to a story in her life. This book was as much entertaining as it was a craft book. The crafts are pretty great I might add! One thing that is important to me in craft

books is that there be a vast majority of different projects and she definitely hit the nail on the head with this one! Mr. Kate has lived up to her expectations we've all come to have and love from her online blog. The crafts range from super easy to those more difficult. Nothing would take you longer than a weekend to complete however. I highly recommend "A Hot Glue Gun Mess" to crafters of all stages!

Inappropriate chapter for children- I purchased this for my 12 year old niece who is very creative. I skimmed through the book and found chapter 34 on homosexuality and the authors family history - way over the top inappropriate. I am very disappointed and am returning this book.

Im such a fan of all things Mr.Kate!! So spunky and clever and definitely not afraid to be herself!! Im an interior design nut and crafter and diy spaz!! I originally was so into getting this book for the diys!! I have to be honest these chapters are addicting!!! Mr.Kate has written this so vividly!! It keeps your attention and I have laughed out loud more than a dozen times!!!! I will be so sad when I finish my last page, hey but at least I can diy it up!!!!Way to go Mr.Kate, you are one in a billion and from one crazy chicka to.the next you hit the nail on the head with this one!!!

The title of this book is very apt! I laughed and cackled A LOT while reading her stories. It was awesome learning more about her upbringing, her acting career, the crazy stories with her friends, and the start of her relationship with Joey. My favorite stories are: Pomegranates and Porn, Lady Humpalot, and Get Me to the Court on Time. Her projects are all gorgeous and I'm definitely planning on doing some of them. The only issue is that I can't decide which one to do first!

I received this book and then went on a camping trip and didn't get a chance to really read too much. Since then I have read several stories, and checked out several of the awesome DIY's. I am really enjoying it so far and can't wait to try some of the DIY's. However I preordered the book and was expecting Kate's gem tattoos and did not receive them. I still had the box and checked it, just in case, and nope, not there. So on that note I was disappointed that I did not get them. I was under the impression that they were included when you preordered. Overall I am really enjoying the book itself and have had LOL moments!

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