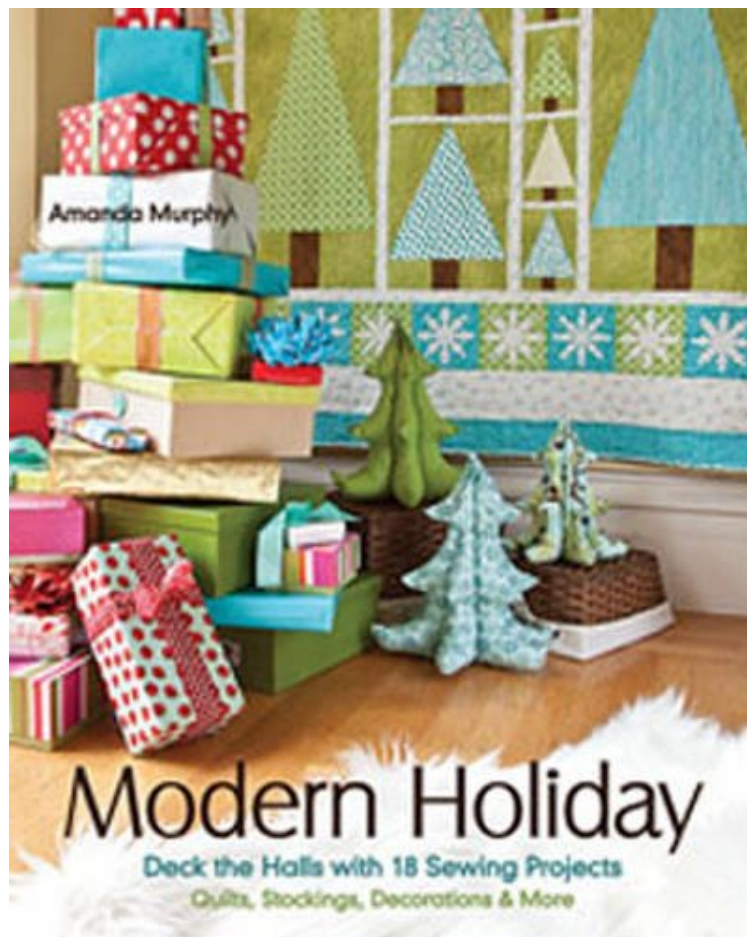


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**Amanda Murphy : Modern Holiday: Deck the Halls with 18 Sewing Projects Quilts, Stockings, Decorations More** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Modern Holiday: Deck the Halls with 18 Sewing Projects Quilts, Stockings, Decorations More:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. My Favorite Christmas Quilting Book of 2013 By Elle I often have difficulty in rating. I did not vacillate here; a resounding five stars! Amanda Murphy has wowed me! Just when I think I've seen everything...a genius like Amanda comes along and shows me something new. I have bought a ton (probably felt like two tons to my UPS carrier) of quilting books in the past three months with about half being Christmas designs and this is my hands down favorite! Why? It's different! It's something new! The cover stating "modern" pertains to the fact that Amanda Murphy uses some "non-traditional" colors in her completed projects. I admit that I

was somewhat "put-off" by this and almost passed this book up. I'm so glad that I didn't. I can alter fabric but I am no designer and can't create my own patterns! Since the motifs of the designs are very traditional; wreaths, gifts, trees, snowflakes, poinsettia, ornaments, and stockings; they easily translate to traditional Christmas colors. I would have passed this book up but for the "Holiday Wreath" quilt being shown in the Look Inside feature. The trapunto technique is so spectacular! My mind is spinning just thinking about how I can use this technique in several of the patterns I already own. The book is broken into two categories: quilts and home decorations; nine projects each. Six of the nine quilts and all of the home decorations have Christmas motifs. Murphy shares what fabric she used for each of the projects. I like that because sometimes I fall in love with a fabric used and want to find it. I am completely impressed with the polished and professional look of the finished projects for the home decorations. I like the binding and decorative button closures for the pillows. I prefer pillow patterns that accommodate standard sized pillow forms rather than stuffing them with fiberfill (washing these are a pain!) Murphy states that "while this book is intended for the intermediate sewists, none of the techniques are difficult." My knowledge of these techniques is required and assumed as instructions for them are not included. A companion book of these methods might enable the ambitious confident beginner to create some of these inspiring designs. If you don't have a quilting reference book, check out *The Quilter's Bible*. Murphy encourages using her designs as a "jumping-off-point." For example I could make a single block of any of the quilts as "practice" for a wall hanging or pillow. To sum up: the designs are first rate; I have never seen most of them before. I can "jump-off" by using single blocks for smaller projects. If non-traditional colors are not my thing, I can substitute my own. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful Holiday Quilts By Barbara Bomberger I am always looking for Christmas quilts and patterns, especially those that are not too labor intensive. I had seen the cover of this quilt long before it came out and was intrigued by the Christmas tree quilt on the front. Now that I have the book, I love the trees even more and have at least one other large and one small quilt projects to get done before the holidays. Great book, well worth the money. Note: I got the book in Kindle form (I can read in color on my tablet) and there was an easy link to all the patterns so I could still print. Very happy. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By SMillslots of great ideas.

Dress up your home in something fresh for the holidays! These quilts and holiday decorations from designer/blogger Amanda Murphy take Christmas in a bright new direction that updates the traditional reds and greens with blues, pinks, and whites. 18 festive projects include 9 quilts and 9 home decorations: seasonal pillows, a tree skirt, advent calendar, Christmas stocking, and more. Create modern looks with favorite blocks like Flying Geese, Dresden Plate, and Hexagon Use all your skills: piecing, applique, and hand embellishment Make many of the quilts for any season with a simple change of fabrics

Fabric and quilt designer Murphy brings her bright, modern aesthetic to holiday sewing in this collection of Christmas-themed projects. She begins with nine quilts, most of which are the perfect size for snuggling on a cold winters night, and then follows with nine home dcor projects. For many of the patterns, especially the quilts, a different choice of fabric or color palette would make them more suitable for everyday use, rather than as holiday gifts. Several of the projects incorporate intermediate or advanced techniques, such as precision piecwork and hand or fusible applique, but directions are provided. VERDICT Holiday projects are ever popular, and summer is the time to start thinking about handmade gifts. Modern quilters will enjoy this fun collection. (Library Journal, June 2013) The patterns look super easy to follow as the instructions and diagrams are so clear. This book is full of the kind of projects that I would love my house to be full of but never get around to making as I leave Christmas Projects until the last minute. Not this year though, my mid-year's resolution is to get some of these projects made in time for Christmas. (Fat Quarterly, August 2013) This book has 18 projects 9 quilts + multiple other projects such as a tree skirt, stockings, pillows, stuffed trees and a cute advent calendar with pockets. Each project is gorgeous and full of beautiful details. All of the projects in the book have a beautiful, contemporary take on traditional blocks, patterns and motifs. Truly, every quilt in the book is stunning. The patterns are also well written and beautifully diagrammed. (www.diaryofaquilter.com, 8/12/13) This collection is composed mostly of quilt inspired designs, but it does include stockings, pillows, coasters, an Advent calendar, very cool and easy to make three dimensional Christmas trees, a table runner and even a tree skirt. You are bound to find something to spark those creative juices in this well-written, beautifully photographed, and well laid-out book. Being a novice quilter myself, I found the instructions to make traditional blocks such as Dresden Plate, hexagon and Flying Geese to be very easy to follow, even with no prior knowledge of these techniques. It is the use of these very traditional blocks in innovative ways that make Modern Holiday such a great quilt book. (thetimesnews.com, 11/5/13) Christmas holidays will be here before we know it. Amanda Murphy is offering 18 ideas for a handmade Christmas, whether that's a quilt or home dec item. You will find lots of fun ideas, including her Christmas Gifts quilts featuring three dimensions with bows made from buttons or yo-yos and the use of Dresden blocks refashioned as wreaths. I loved the Holiday Forest quilt filled with triangular trees and snowflakes in four designs. The home dec patterns included a fun Advent package calendar, Christmas stockings, and pillows using the four snowflake templates. It was fun to see the designs done in non-traditional color ways. (Professional Quilter

Magazine, November 2013) About the Author Amanda Murphy holds a design BFA and pursued both graphic designing and art directing before discovering quilting, an art that combines her passion for design and enthusiasm for handwork. Amanda markets her own patterns under the Amanda Murphy Design label. She lives in North Carolina.