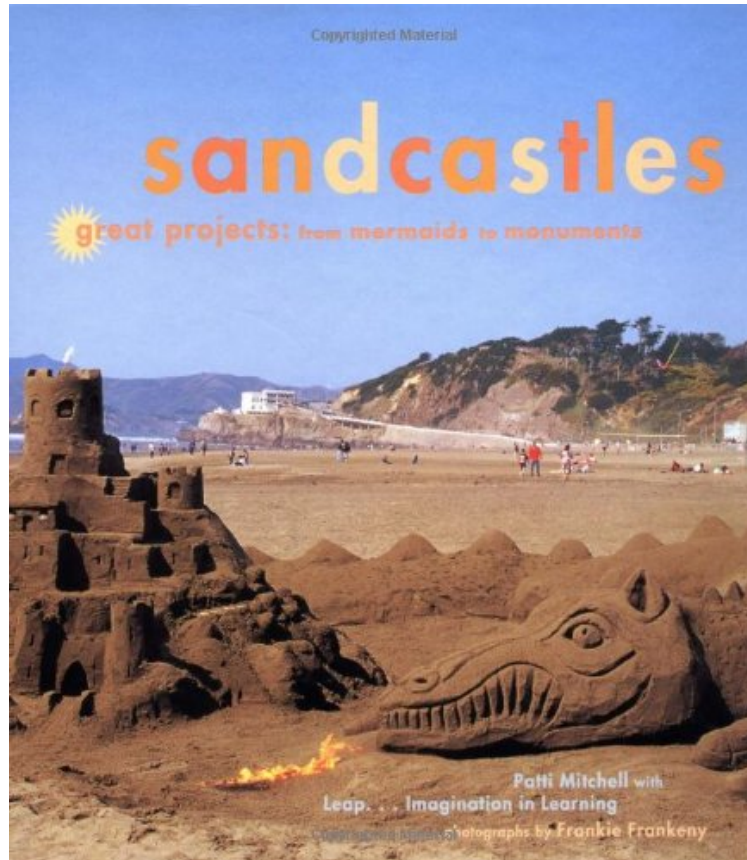


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Patti Mitchell : Sandcastles: Great Projects: From Mermaids to Monuments before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sandcastles: Great Projects: From Mermaids to Monuments:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I agree it sorely lacks useful contentBy K. JordanThe pictures that are there are somewhat nice, but most sculptures are only shown from one angle, which doesn't give you much idea of how they were constructed. There are no pictures at all of the sculptures in progress, and not much in the way of pictures of human hands manipulating tools to demonstrate how such things are done.The instructions are far worse. They are, LITERALLY, as such- "To sculpt a dragon and a castle, pile up a big pile of sand. carve into a castle. pile up more sand. carve into a dragon." I wish I were kidding. "Thank you, Captain Obvious."I was enticed to buy it by the cover photo of the dragon, and really disappointed there were no pictures of that sculpture in progress. Also, compare the castles in this book to the castles in "sandcastles made simple", and it's no contest. These are not nearly as neat or detailed.There are a few somewhat useful tips on sand stacking/packing techniques at the beginning, but you can find those same techniques illustrated far better in Sandcastles Made Simple. "Great projects" is a waste of money, and very little help to a novice.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy CGGood guide for kids at the beach.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. sandcastle bookBy wesDThis book was not what I

expected. I thought it was just an art type book with pictures of sandcastles. Instead it gives directions on how to make different types of sandcastles. I kept it though...

Sandcastles is the ultimate guide to the ultimate summer pastime--playing in the sand. Featuring the wonderful photographs of Frankie Frankeny (Snowmen), Sandcastles includes over 30 sand sculptures from the whimsical to the majestic, complete with easy-to-follow instructions. Adults and kids can work together to create gloriously impermanent structures by the sea--or even in a backyard sandbox. Pass the time with an ancient sundial. Sail alongside the seas in a sand schooner. Sunbathe with a mermaid. Put up a beach house for your lazy pup. Or for the truly ambitious, recreate some northern Spanish architecture with a rendition of the Gehry Bilbao Guggenheim. For sand sculptors young and old, this delightful volume is filled with the joys found in a summer day in the sand. Sandcastles is a joint project with the non-profit Leap Foundation, which hosts a sandcastle extravaganza each summer, where artists, architects, and kids of all ages construct inspiring sand creations.

ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY Life's a sun-dappled, low-tide beach in this whimsical guide to building castles (and pyramids and marine animals) in the sand. Featuring such practical tips as the "flat-mountain" construction method and the ever-important water-to-sand ratio, author Mitchell provides step-by-step instructions on how to fashion everything from an octopus ("[have] one of the tentacles grabbing something like a fish or maybe your baby brother") to a wild-haired mermaid rising from the sea. Frankie Frankeny's gorgeous photos are reason enough to flip through this book whether or not you have any intention of actually picking up a shovel and pail. About the Author Patti Mitchell is an architect living in Northern California. She has been involved with Leap for the past four years. Frankie Frankeny is a San Francisco-based photographer whose work has illustrated many books, including Wookiee Cookies (0-8118-2184-6) and The Christmas Cookie Book (0-8118-3095-0). The Living Earth Foundation is an organization committed to conservation and environmental education as the main focus of its work. The Foundation's projects enable local communities in developing countries to understand and value the rainforests and to ma