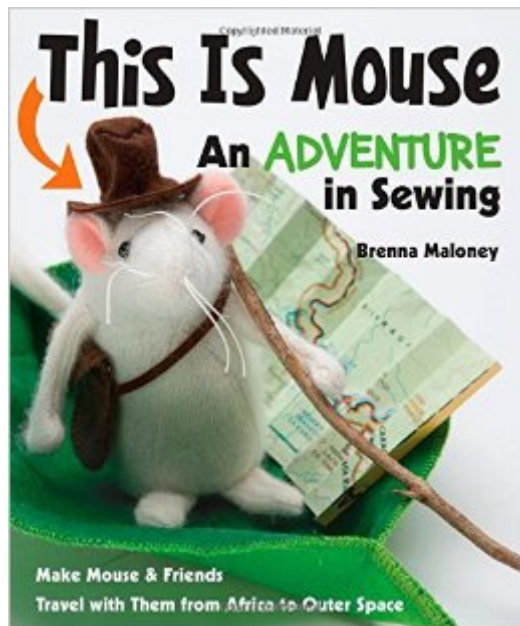


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# This Is Mouse - An Adventure In Sewing: Make Mouse & Friends & Travel With Them From Africa To Outer Space



## Synopsis

Did you ever wish that your story-time friends would come to life? With this book, they can! Mouse visits a lot of places in this story. He gets to know elephants and snakes in Africa. Bunnies pull his sled in the South Pole. He even soars up to outer space in a spaceship! Easy instructions will show you how to make Mouse, his clothes, and all his friends. Play along with the story, starring your new fuzzy pals!

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

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## Customer Reviews

(note: my daughter wrote this review since it's her book)My Grandma and Papa gave me this book for Christmas. It teaches you how to sew a mouse, and gear for it (the gear is:a hat, a satchel, and jungle animals for the jungle; A scarf, earmuffs, bunnies, arctic animals, and a igloo for the south pole; And space gear, a rocket, aliens and their house! It is cool.)The book has easy to follow step-by-step instructions, and funny wording, I especially liked that the author didnâ™t say that you had to ask a grown up to help with the hot glue gun because I know how to use it, (she did say that you should be careful). I made the mouse and it was soooooo fun. The finished product is cute.

As a busy mom, it's rare that a crafting book catches my interest. My eight-year-old daughter has a stack of them. I usually help her with crafting to support her activity, not out of my own interest. This

book really captured \*my\* imagination though - it's the book that my childish self would have adored. The book's concept blends sewing, crafting and storytelling. It offers very clear and specific instructions, while still leaving lots of room for young imaginations to use the book as a springboard for their own ideas. My pet peeve with most craft books is that the final product is often a cluttered, junky-looking monstrosity, or a "toy" that will never get played with. The challenge is always to collect all the materials and help the child overcome the various hurdles that inevitably occur. All that effort on the part of the child and adult often results in something destined for the trash. What a let-down! I want my daughter to have the satisfaction of a product worth making. Not so with this book. Mouse is an extremely cute small stuffie who travels to the Arctic, the jungle, and the moon! Of course, he needs accessories for his adventures. Adorable ideas are provided for a many items including a jungle lean-to, a winter sled, and a rocket. Best of all, Mouse and his "stuff" needs less space than a shoebox! Making the mouse is the hardest part. My daughter and I worked on that together. I did the sewing with my machine, while she did everything else. Mouse is adorable (my daughter's is blue) - something that would be worth purchasing in a store. Now she's tackling accessories, some from the book, some from her own ideas. Mouse is a project that my daughter can take her time with. The book's photographs are inspiring, and I think it would be really fun for my daughter to photograph her Mouse on his own adventures.

Whenever anyone gives this book anything less than a 5 star review it is voted "unhelpful". The 5 star reviews made me think that my daughters and I could make this mouse and have great adventures with him. I am on my third time trying to make the mouse. The chest doesn't line up right with the body/head piece and the ears are a little too large and bulky and make it difficult to sew the head right. All three of my mice are not up to my standards. I sew regularly. I am not unfamiliar with sewing terms and patterns. The basic idea of the book is so fun. We were all so excited about it. My kids are begging for me to keep trying or to find someone who I could pay to make this mouse for us. Before attempting to make the mouse I was planning to buy this book as a gift for friends with kids who are excited to sew. Until I am able to make a mouse though I won't be spreading frustration.

I love cute, snuggly, cuddly stuffies and can't resist anything fun or whimsical so I instantly fell in love with *This is Mouse - an Adventure in Sewing* by Brenna Maloney. In her latest book, *This is Mouse*, you have instructions on how to make Mouse as well as detailed step by step instructions with photos on how to create his friends and accessories. Each section of the book is another

"world" and includes accessories for Mouse, creatures and buildings appropriate to that world. The instructions and photos in this book make it very easy to create Mouse and his friends.

I love this book. I got it to teach adventure play with my granddaughter. The instructions are easy to follow and I love the author's sense of humor. I have never seen a book written quite like this. I am so happy I found it.

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