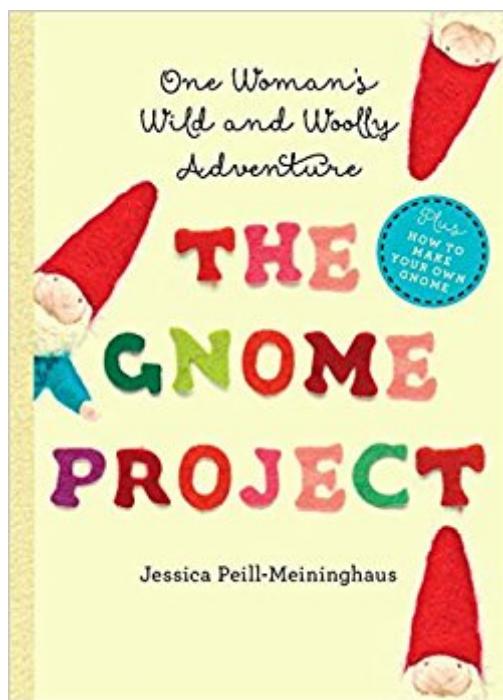


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The Gnome Project: One Woman's Wild And Woolly Adventure



Synopsis

What do you do when life is too chaotic? How about felting a gnome? Or 365 of them, one for each day of the year. Artist and wool crafter Jessica Peill-Meininghaus decided that she needed a project to teach herself follow-through in life. She settled on making one of her popular felted-wool gnomes every day for a year. With pipe cleaners and wool roving, amidst the chaos of raising four children and moving cross-country, Peill-Meininghaus felted her way through hundreds of charming, pointy-hatted, often bearded characters. Lavishly decorated with photos of each charming creation, *The Gnome Project* is the surprising and magical story of what happens when we commit to something small. (Hint: It's something very big, as in making life more meaningful.) Here is her inspirational tale, complete with gnome-making instructions. 100 color photos

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Customer Reviews

“If you like shaping wool into charming, crafted objects through the process of needle felting, or if you like gnomes, then Jessica Peill-Meininghaus’ book is for you. But it would be a mistake to think that it is only about needle felting, or even about gnomes. Because it is also, and even essentially, about getting unstuck from that stuck place in your life by finding one simple thing to do consistently and well. Because doing one such thing will almost always lead to a second thing, and a third. And then you turn around and find miles between you and the place in the road where you thought you were pinned down forever.” - John Kralik, New York Times bestselling author of *A Simple Act of Gratitude* “In one of the most unique approaches I have ever

encountered, Jessica Peill-Meininghaus illustrates the powerful impact of adopting a daily practice. With every turn of the page, there was humor, meaningful insight, and inspiration to be found. Who knew tiny, adorable objects could teach us so much about finding our life's purpose and carrying it out? - Rachel Macy Stafford, New York Times bestselling author of *Hands Free Mama*

Jessica Peill-Meininghaus wet-felted her first piece—a ball—at the age of sixteen. After creating wet-felted gnomes and tapestries, she came across needle felting and was suddenly able to lend more detail to her work than ever before. Jessica has been selling her artwork for more than a decade. In addition to gnomes, she makes felted tapestries, felted books, felted coasters, and felted custom banners. Jessica and her husband live with their four children in Maine, having recently moved from Portland, Oregon. When she isn't felting, Jessica works with children with disabilities, homeschools her own children, and tends to the family's many animals. *The Gnome Project* is her first book.

The Gnome Project is about one woman's journey in creating a daily practice to get unstuck from the habit of not finishing what she starts, only to discover the many gifts it brings along the way and how it anchors your life. It's that golden thread that weaves your days together. It becomes a comforter and a cathartic channel to purge your emotions. It is your challenger and holds you to task. In the end, it's what you turn to and say, despite everything that happened, I accomplished this one thing today. This book was very interesting and held my attention so much so, I finished it in a day. It made me think about my own daily practices and the comforts they bring. It also inspired me to try creating my own journey for a year and see what yields from my harvest. Regardless of what daily practice you choose, her choice to make a gnome a day for a year was intriguing. There is something about gnomes that bring mystery and fun to the forefront. Definitely made the book a lot more interesting because it wasn't filled with scientific data and jargon and blah blah stuff that bores you to death. Fun read. I do plan on reading it again. Hope she releases another book similar to this style.

You do not need to like gnomes or felting to enjoy this book because that's not what it's about. At all. But if you've ever felt like you needed to find some kind of control in your life or some way to manage your own chaos, then you *need* to read this book. Peill-Meininghaus gives us a glimpse into her crazy life in *The Gnome Project*. With humor and grace, she shows us that sometimes you

just need to find one thing you can do each day that not only proves you truly *can* follow through with something, but also provides focus and energy into the rest of your life. This is a quick read, but an excellent one with freakin' adorable photos.

The Gnome Project is a funny and magical book about serious business: how to commit to something and follow through with it. Jessica Peill-Meininghaus did a fabulous job inspiring her readers to believe in themselves and their ability to make something. If you have ever admired someone for their creativity, leadership or success but have always believed that you could never be that person, the Gnome Project is for you. You don't have to be a Michelangelo to add beauty to the world. Gnomes will do.

What a cute little book! Quick read, but full of insight.

My copy arrived today and I read it this afternoon in one sitting. It's an adorable tale of a busy mom finding time to craft and make a difference, I really enjoyed it and I'm inspired to start felting gnomes! Thanks Jessica Peill-Meininghaus - your story resonated with me and I totally relate, a cute message of creativity & hope, 5 stars!

I love this book (and have purchased more than 1 for myself and as gifts). Following Jessica's mindful meditation through the year is like walking alongside a friend. Truths, gems of wisdom, humor and wonderful insights make this book wonderful.

I read this lovely book in one sitting. Thank you, Jessica, for your wonderful writing (something else you're very good at besides making gnomes). And thank you for the wisdom of this book, many of us need it! I hope to be in Maine sometime when you're giving a class. I loved your book!

Love it..great book, well done. the writing is lovely and fun and the book is put together with excellent quality.the author is a well-known fiber artist and i'd love to see more writing from her!

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