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Poor Bridgit, who overestimated the size of her head—her homemade frilly lace shower cap came straight down to her chin. And who can blame Lindsey for thinking “glitter shoes” sounded like a cool, easy project instead of what it turned out to be: a puddle of sparkling glop. And really, whoever posted that incredible Spaghetti-Stuffed Garlic Bread on Pinterest should be sued. When Mindy pulled hers from the oven, it looked like a “hot mess of intestines streaming out of doughy flesh.” Mmmm, thank you, Pinterest!

Written by Heather Mann, publisher of CraftFail.com, her hilarious blog with millions of page views and hundreds of thousands of followers, *CraftFail* celebrates the creative process, but from the other side. This is the stuff that gets the “A for Effort” and LOL for outcome. But once the laughter dies down, it also inspires a warm feel-good respect for crafters who aren’t afraid to fail. After all, even if there’s not a mortal alive except Martha who can make a Waxed Heart worthy of hanging in your window to catch the sun, why shouldn’t many try? When it goes wrong, why shouldn’t the rest of us enjoy this Epic Fail? And then look at all the full-color photos that document it.

Home decor fails, fashion fails, holiday fails, food fails, kid crafting fails— as one anonymous crafter said: “It wasn’t supposed to end this way.” Luckily for us, it did.

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Emily says

Most of these are "fails" because someone didn't follow the directions all the way!

Alissa says

Not as funny as Cake Wrecks, but still very LOL

Shelli says

I suppose *CraftFail: When Homemade Goes Horribly Wrong* might be okay to gift your crafty-but-Luddite great aunt if you found it in the clearance bin, but (perhaps not surprisingly) it offers nothing to recommend it above its namesake web site. (I suspect I was also ruined for all future "fail"-type blogs by the late, great Regretsy.) The Kindle edition is particularly bland.

Deborah Long says

Check your ego at the door

Laugh-out-loud funny. My family kept asking what I was chortling about. Yet it was also weirdly inspiring. Just watch out for the insidious thoughts of "Well I could have pulled that off!" Probably not, Smartypants.

Wendy Janett says

Not amazing, but cute.

Some of these were funny, some of the fails truly not epic enough to be worth mentioning, and some made me wonder who was to blame for the incredible lack of knowledge out there about the basic properties of materials. Yes, plastic things melt when heated. Overheating some things can even start a fire. Food items containing any type of leavening will puff up and change shape. None of these facts is newsworthy. And some of the craft ideas were so bizarre that I couldn't imagine wanting to have the finished items even if they had been executed perfectly. A couple of chuckles on a boring afternoon, but otherwise not too much here.

Sue says

Not much of a book but more like a bunch of pictures of failed projects. I admit I laughed at many of them but I'd be upset if I'd bought this book. One and a half stars because it wasn't awful, it made me laugh and it was an okay way to spend a few minutes.

Robyn Welling says

I'm a huge fan of the CraftFail site, so I was more than excited to see it in paper form - and somehow the book managed to far exceed even my sky-high expectations! New, never-before-seen fails, hilarious writing and funny special features make this a guaranteed laugh-until-you-cry read from cover to cover. After I read (and re-read) it, even my kids snagged the book and kept running back into the living room every five minutes laughing, "MOM, look at THIS one!" For young and old, crafter or failer, and just any lover of humor, I can't recommend this book highly enough!

Janet Rosfeld says

My friend recommended this book and I laughed until I snorted. Yes I snorted like a piggy all night. How could people have abandoned common sense and tried some of these crafts?

Amber Schroer says

Seen most of the "fails" ironically on Pinterest

If you're a lover of looking at Pinterest Fails like I am, then you're probably not going to find anything in here that you already haven't seen.

It was neat of them to include the "actual", correct way to achieve a Pinterest Win on a few projects.

Kate Stericker says

CraftFail is a fun, light read. I appreciate that the stories are submitted by the crafters involved (and sometimes by the author herself), so the book's tone never becomes mean-spirited.

Sarah says

I knew I was in trouble the first time I said "Ooh, I could totally do that!"

Jenny Houle says

Laughed until I cried.

Pam says

Wasn't all that hilarious.

Elle says

Disclaimer: I received a free copy of this book from Blueprint Social in exchange for an honest review. And I never lie about books...

Hilariously funny. If you've ever wanted to feel better about a craft project that didn't turn out the way you envisioned, this is the book for you. Pictures of the flops, along with quips and comments that had me laughing out loud from cover to cover. Seriously. If you have a coffee table, this book needs to be on it. For the full review, head over to my blog.

Kandice says

This book features photos and descriptions of crafts that have gone horribly wrong. I likely would have given 5 stars to this book if I had not already seen the majority of them on Pinterest or Facebook.
