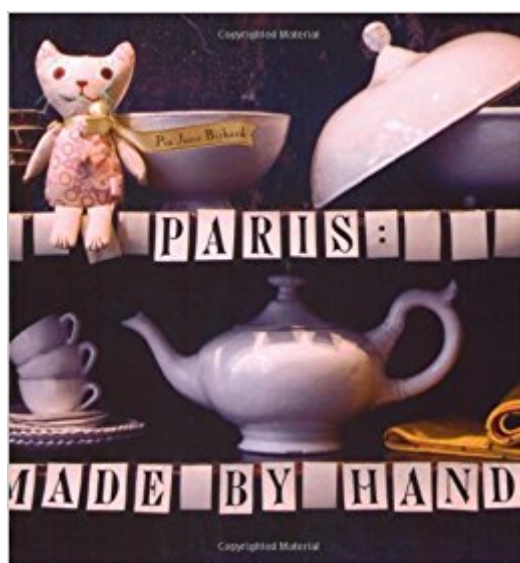


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Paris: Made By Hand: 50 Shops Where Decorators And Stylists Source The Chic & Unique



Synopsis

There's a new trend among the young designers and decorators of Paris: an embracing of an aesthetic called *fait main*. Literally, this means "made by hand," but in this case it includes not only new items fashioned by hand but vintage objects and found objects that are valued as they are, or that may have been reworked. What unites them is the "handprint" of a talented creator. Stylist Pia Jane Bijkerk has discovered more than fifty places organized into walks that embody this style. Some are shops owned by professional *chineurs*, people who hunt out objects sought after by interior decorators, architects, and stylists. Other places aren't really shops but primarily studios, where, if you stop by, you can purchase something directly from the artist. You'll find a designer who makes glass jewelry; a couturier who sells fabric remainders, a few garments, and handwoven scarves; one boutique set up like a home, where reworked vintage housewares are displayed. Another place offers hand-knit baby clothes, another reworked antique French linens. Also included are nearby cafés, bakeries, cheese shops, and tearooms with artisanal foods that reflect the spirit of "made by hand." This is a book for all lovers of design and decorating.

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"For those of you living in or visiting Paris, a little gem of a book that is worth acquiring is: *Paris: Made By Hand*. It takes you on a delightful journey through the arrondissements of Paris, calling in at various enticing little shops that house artisans and craftspeople who make their wares entirely by hand. It also touches on vintage and recycling to resurrect bygone crafts and

skills; definitely worth a browse. --Penny Allen, French Property News "Known for her discerning eye, Australian stylist, blogger and sometime Paris resident Bijkerk divulges the addresses where she shops for her own clients. Organized by arrondissement, this charming guide features some 50 unique boutiques--milliners, stationers, umbrella makers and artisans of all kinds--where things are still made 'the old way'." --France Magazine "The author...is a stylist with an insider's knowledge of those hidden shops and ateliers that offer 'the chic and unique' - delectable objects, many with an interior-design bias, that are handmade or have the 'handprint' of a talented designer, or that provide the means for us to create things ourselves." --House & Garden (London) "Stylist pia Jane Bijkerk has divulged the secret contents of her Parisian file folder in a new book entitled Paris: Made by Hand... This exquisite guidebook will make you ache for Paris's handmade delights." --Home Beautiful (Australia) "This beautifully photographed, handbag-size tome takes readers on a tour of 50 different ateliers across Paris, each of which either sells hand-restored or handmade items.... A must for any shopping forays." --BBC Homes and Antiques Magazine "The joy of these places goes far beyond the beauty of what's on display. These small businesses are statements: History matters, artistry can't happen on an assembly line, there's a value to tradition... These are artists... they're in it for love, not money. As you can't miss their intent, a visit to these shops is an invitation to fall under their spell--indeed, to fall in love." --HeadButler.com "pia's book is filled with beautiful photos and a wonderful guide to discovering handmade artisans, shops and specialties in one of my favorite cities, paris. pia's love for handmade work is infectious, and her in-the-know guide to this incredible city is a must-read. whether you're looking for a comprehensive guide to parisian handmade design, or just a few insider tips for great shops, pia's book has you covered." --design*sponge

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When I looked at the reviews for this book, it quickly became obvious that the positive ones were largely from folks who have been to Paris, while the negative ones were the opposite. To the uninitiated, knowing the metro stop and the arrondissement of any address in Paris is exactly how

we navigate, supplemented by our handy dandy Paris par Arrondissement pocket guide to fill in the particulars. For the reviewer worried that many of these places might not be in business forever, ce la vie.....you will still find other interesting shops along the way. For instance, when I was last in the 12th Arrondissement, Viaduc des Arts, one of the ateliers was owned by a woman who ironed the linens of the well to do with lavender water, and could be seen hard at work in her atelier. Another repaired priceless tapestries, examples of which were easily seen through the large arched window. On my way there from the Bastille metro stop, I ran into an enormous tented antique & bricolage fair, which is a yearly event; so large, it exhausted me before I exhausted it. A lovely aspect of this book is it takes you away from the familiar souvenir stores that populate major street all tourists navigate to smaller streets, more characteristic of the Paris where natives live, to search for unique and lovely items still made by hand. On the way, you will probably find your own treasures.

I'd seen this book in a store so I knew what it would be when I ordered it. I use it for inspiration which sounds a bit daft but I get inspired by people making/using items in creative ways and that there are these very specific shops making a living (hopefully) by supplying unusual and beautiful things. I'm not using this as a guidebook for my next trip to Paris although I might look up a few shops, sure. But just knowing these places exist in the Age of Walmart is wonderful.

It is a great LOOKING book. It is heavy with great paper and imagery, but not much to read. It is interesting to see the things that can be found still in specialty shops in Paris, but some of the things are price-y and I wondered how often someone other than stylists like the author would be looking for these things. I would like to be able to chance encounter a shop or two like those in the book! That would really make any one's trip to Paris memorable! When you get to Paris, unless you are working, you kick back and wander. Maybe I'll look for a couple of the shops in the book! Next time!

I have enjoyed reading this book + wish I had it when I went to Paris. I have looked up some of the shops that have a web site which was fun. The size of the book is good for travel so it will be with me when I revisit Paris. I also will go to some different parts of Paris which I did not see before--overall--this can be a guide to places off the beaten path.

great book, came very fast

Sweet little book on hidden Parisian gems. Love it.

This sweet little book is a keeper. Not so much as I am heading to every shop in Paris, but to dream about doing so by reading its pages. It fits in a purse and is nice to pull out when waiting at a doctor's office.

This was purchased as a Christmas present for a friend who thought the book was beautifully photographed. A must to pack when that little trip to Paris comes around.

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