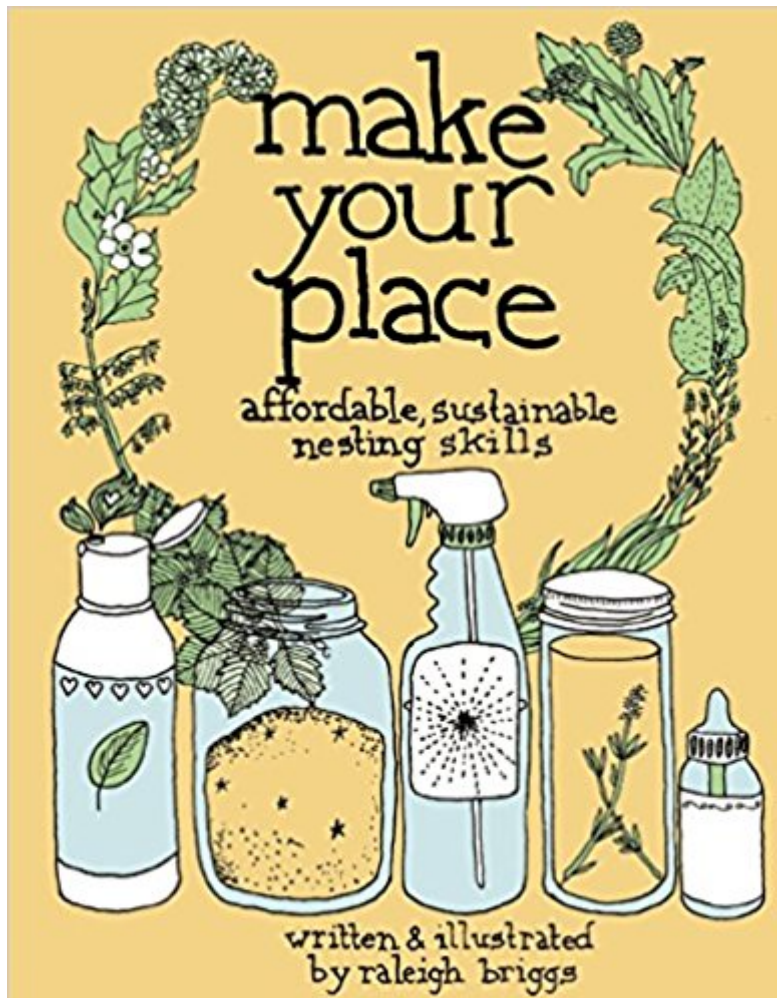




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# Make Your Place: Affordable, Sustainable Nesting Skills (DIY)



## Synopsis

Raleigh Briggs teaches us how to craft a sustainable domestic life without relying on smelly, toxic, expensive consumer products. And it's not as hard as we may think! This hand written and drawn book of charming tutorials is both fun and accessible. It's full of simple skills that anyone can and should learn. From creating tinctures and salves to concocting all-natural cleaners and body products to gardening basics, this book is great for anyone looking to live more simply, create a comfortable nest, and truly do it yourself.

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Raleigh Briggs is the best-selling author of *Make Your Place: Affordable, Sustainable Nesting Skills*, and of several DIY zines. She lives with her husband and two needy cats in Seattle, WA.

This book is wonderful, it's packed with useful information as well as recipes. It's a great introduction to using herbs medicinally and could be understood by even the most basic of beginners. The recipes are all easy and well written, even if the ingredients aren't always readily available. A lot of the recipes are based on Castile Soap and Essential Oils or Oils and Essential Oils. Basically, if you don't have, or aren't willing to invest in what can be a lengthy list of Essential Oils, you won't be able to complete a lot of the recipes as stated. The layout is handwritten, and not always the easiest to skim. The only way to look things up is the table of contents (which I have found is not all inclusive), really this book needs to be read cover to cover. You're probably wondering why I gave the book 5 stars after all that. The medicinal section of the book is wonderful and packed with information in a non-overwhelming way. She covers many common concerns and gives practical advice that most people could follow easily follow. I have found myself referring to this more than a large book of home remedies I have. There are wonderful tables that lay out which Essential Oils have what properties and what skin types they are recommended for. Overall, I love this book dearly, even if it's a little messy to look through sometimes. It's like talking to a friend when you read it, she really does a wonderful job of keeping it from feeling like 'research'.

Whoever said on their review that this is something they haven't seen before obviously grew up in a healthier home than I did. I wasn't aware of this information for a long time in my life. Sure you could do your own research and find all of these recipes online, but the information in here is what we should learn as children. Don't give this a negative review because YOU already know what you are doing. SHARE and support this knowledge! Great info, all in one place. Sure there's more or its somewhere else but I am very grateful to the author who took the time to put this together for the world. Thank you! Buy this, there is so much goodness in here!

Though this book was MUCH smaller than I had anticipated (122 pages, 5"x7"), it was both entertaining and informative. The entire thing is hand-written with drawings/doodles all over the place. The information on Health & First Aid, and Body/House Cleaning Supplies is much better than you can find online, but I'm not sure the gardening is extensive enough, though I should caveat by saying I have a pretty large garden. For me, the first two chapters alone are worth the cost of this book, explaining how to make poultices, tinctures, salves, all manner of cleaning supplies and the

properties of a ton of herbs, all from products commonly found in your house or in the woods somewhere. After reading it, I'm tempted to buy copies to just keep around the house and give to people. I can't wait to run out of my other cleaning supplies to start making/using these!

I purchased this directly from the publisher a couple years ago. It was so good I let my mom borrow it and never got it back from her! I had to purchase a second copy for myself and another for my newly-wed cousin. Love the all the tips, tricks, and instructions on how to "make your place" using more natural methods! Invaluable information in this small but mighty volume! This will definitely be in all my house-warming, first-place, newly-web care packages going forward!

This book is a very easy to understand summary/collection of DIY information on how to grow and use herbs alongside simple products like castile soap and vinegar in mild/gentle yet effective first aid salves, tinctures, infusions, and household cleaners. The three chapters are 1) First Aid 2) Cleaners 3) Gardening. Aside from this information, it's an adorable handwritten/drawn book with a very practical voice (not kitchy, preachy, or otherwise annoying). One thing I would have liked to know is how long the first aid tinctures/salves/infusions are good for, especially since they tend to need to set a few days before they can be used. If I have an earache and I need to make the solution outlined in this book, it will be three days or so before I can use it and maybe I won't need it by then, so I'd like to prepare it in advance, especially if I need to grow or have access to seasonal ingredients. This goes for cleaners as well.

A wonderful book! Full of great resources and recipes to make things at home. Written in a very enjoyable and endearing way.

Initially I thought I'd gotten ripped off, having paid over \$8 for what amounts to as a little pamphlet type booklet. Handwritten and rather whimsical, I LOVE this little book! It's full of fantastic information! I've shown it to several friends with high recommendation. I teach a homeschool group, and even had the girls make a facial scrub using one of the many recipes used in this book. I would call this book a "must have"! Enjoy!

I love this little book! Got a stain on the carpet? Want to make your own toothpaste? Lots of easy and natural ideas that are good for us and the planet (and cheap too). I look to "make your place" once a week or so for reminders or new solutions. A great reference guide that is easy to use.

could write a lot, but the best evidence of how awesome this book is, is that I give it out as gifts to friends and family. I am just about to order 20 more!

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