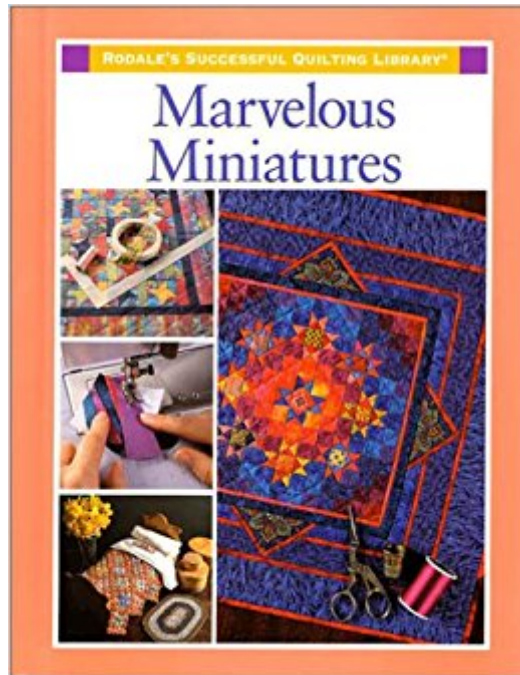




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# Marvelous Miniatures (Rodale's Successful Quilting Library)



## Synopsis

Your step-by-step guide to Marvelous Miniatures. Get enthralled with working small! Little quilts are big on charm and appeal, and with help and inspiration from our expert teachers and quilters, you'll find out how easy it is to adapt your quilting skills to a smaller scale. Once you try these ideas on for size, your miniatures will be the ones that make people ask, "How did she ever do that?" Minis are simply irresistible--

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- \* Scale down a favorite quilt pattern to pint-size proportions
- \* Piece with precision and appliqué with ease, no matter how tiny the pieces
- \* Embellish with tiny stencils, embroidery stitches, and 3-D flowers
- \* Customize quilts for dolls, teddy bears, doll furniture, and more
- \* Use foundation piecing or English paper piecing for the ultimate piecing perfection
- \* learn easy tricks for binding and quilting minis. Plus great gifts from miniature blocks!

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I have this whole set of quilting books. I did not have this one. It was shipped very fast. Book is in excellent condition. I am going to really enjoy using this book. If you are a quilter you need this whole set. The best go to books on quilting.

It's a very good book for what it is: a how-to for miniature quilts. But I, like another reviewer, was caught by the picture on the cover and looking forward to the pattern to make that quilt and others. There are no patterns in this book. I'm holding on to it as a reference book, but really it's going straight to the shelf.

After peeking inside (don't you just love it when quilt book publishers have enough faith in their contents to let you see first, before purchase?) I was sure I'd like the book, even though it is a hard-cover. Okay, I prefer paperback's but for this one, I'll make an exception -- at least until they print a pb version. The book is superb, and that's a word I don't use frequently, especially when referring to my quilt books. Frankly, over the years I've bought way too many that turned out to be "not for me" or plain old boring. I'll admit to preferring the newer books with lots of color photographs -- and I do have a partiality to decent paper, well-bound books that won't have pages falling out if I sneeze in the vicinity, et al. So, I'm "selective" (that's a nice way to say picky, er, nit-picky) ...And, I like little things -- so this bookÃ¢â¬Â Marvelous Miniatures (Roda's Successful Quilting

Library)~ ~ had appeal from the get-go. From the beginning to the very end, this book is a pure delight. Open the book, and the end pages (normally blank) show an "Anatomy of a Quilt" so right away even a novice will have a clear understanding of terminology. Inside the illustrations are profuse, in color, clearly explained, and \*helpful\* -- plus the tools are so cool! Okay, I'm a gizmo-holic, and these appeal to my sense of "ooh, I need that too" though truth to tell, there aren't \*that\* many toys, er, tools that I don't have already! Aside: the author does not promote one brand either -- you've all see the books no doubt that are so clearly trumped by ruler companies, that double as "informative" but really leave a feeling of "I paid perfectly good money to be spammed"?! Ugh. Marvelous Miniatures doesn't fall into that trap... I just opened the book (pages 40-41) and see scissors, a 1"x6" generic ruler, a rotary cutter, Mini Cut & Press cutting board/iron pad, one of those miniature irons, and a green cutting mat -- the 8x12" one. Advice: sniff your cutting pad before purchase. If it stinks in the store it'll stink at home MUCH WORSE. Ask me how I know that! And no amount of fresh air will cure it either. (mutters at self for going cheap/and getting exactly what I paid for) But I digress... and back to Marvelous Miniatures... the pages explain/show, give measurements for, patterns, and thorough instructions for success. It explains how to mini the full sized quilts we may have. The book offers specifics -- not just a shrink this to these dimensions. There are tips too ... little things that we'd learn in practice anyway, but definitely of the nice to know first variety. Included are sections on Foundation Piecing and English Paper Piecing for those that are so inclined. Not my thing, but I mention it anyway for those that do prefer that. One thing I liked is that there is so much variety and information within these pages, and frankly, my biggest problem will be where to start. They are all that good. Everything from string quilts to mini crazy quilts, Baltimore Albums and more. Gosh, there are lots to chose from. Fun, fun, fun!!! There's even a section of what to do with our miniature blocks -- everything from needle cases to dollhouse chair cushions, rugs, eyeglass cases, and sachets... any of which would make a great gift. Note to readers: I likes presents! (wink) Just prior to the index is a section entitled Miniatures Glossary, and it's a nice idea/good thing to have, especially if you're drawing a blank or just beginning. Frankly I could easily see a doll house enthusiast buying this book -- it's not just for quilters. The list of suppliers (everything from Clotilde to Sudberry House and Thangles -- and lots in between) is conveniently located near the index. As for the index and it is thorough. The final end pages show quilting styles -- everything from fans to in the ditch, meandering, one reminds me of Cathedral windows, some feathers, echo quilting and more. I'd definitely buy Marvelous Miniatures again. It's MARVELOUS.

My Marvelous Miniatures book arrived in a timely manner. It is in great shape! I am new to the

miniature world and I enjoy doing handwork. This book is a great addition to my Minis library and will aid me as I decorate my dollhouse. I would definitely purchase from this seller again!

Sometimes you order a book online and are not sure you will like it because you can't really look at it. But this book exceeded my expectations. I want to begin making miniature quilts and this is a SUPER GREAT! book to help get started . It takes you from beginning to end and is easily read and understood. I can't say enough about this book. It is great!!!

I was disappointed after receiving this book because I "thought" I was in for a real treat to several unique miniature quilt patterns (including the one shown on the cover). Instead this book is a "how to" create miniature quilts from start to finish. For that reason, it is a great book on how to reduce a regular sized quilt down to miniature, border installation and mini favors for parties and such. The cover is misleading and so is the name. A few minis are included but for the price, I would have hoped it would be chocked full of "marvelous miniatures". If you need a book on how to, this is a good one. If you're like me and are looking for miniature quilt patterns, keep looking.

Lots of inspiration in this book and some great tips for handling tiny projects.

I have bought a few books to teach myself how to make miniature quilts, but none have been as helpful as I had hoped. This book, however, is just the ticket. It gives comprehensive and clear advice on all aspects of miniature quilt-making, with starter projects to cut your teeth on.

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