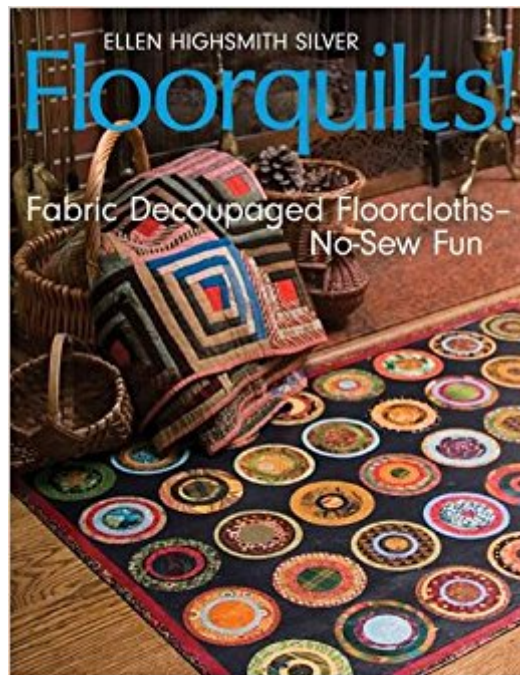




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Customer Reviews

Mar 08 When your walls are full of quilts and you need a new place to show off your quilts then look no further than the floor! Ellen offers 12 projects with step-by-step instructions and lots of 'how-to' tips for durable, walkable art! Ellen's floorquilting technique is a bit like paper decoupage and requires no sewing. The fabric is simply pre-treated and given final protective coatings to prevent damage and discolouration. The book includes some smaller "off the floor" projects such as placemats and coasters which use the same method and are good starter projects for testing out the technique. Fabrications

Since the ubiquitous textile design experience of weaving pot holders on a square metal loom using stretchy cotton loops, Ellen has been hooked on the broad medium of textiles. Working on or with fabrics has always had a gravitational pull on her life. Girl Scouts in her small, southern hometown provided useful skills, such as righting a flipped canoe, pitching a tent, making s'mores (of course), and especially needlework. Ellen has studied and designed professionally in many branches of needlework, from needlepoint to applique to embroidery and quilting. She has a textile radar that just about affects her heart rate when she sees a wonderful piece of art or craft created with fabric. Whether going to London and studying exquisite crewelwork at the Victoria and Albert Museum or

sitting in church behind Virginia Avery and studying her joyous wearable art, Ellen is inspired and happy to see art and skill combined in a medium that speaks her language. Ellen created the idea of floorquilts to solve a problem. The question was how her love of well-designed textiles on the floor could coexist with her love of dogs in various stages of development (chewing rug corners being one of the stages). Floorquilts became the solution. When she's not giving lessons at the Quilt Cottage in Mamaroneck, Ellen lives in Rye, New York, with her husband, Mitch, and their two dogs, Broadway and Charlie. Ellen and her family, human and otherwise, hope that making and living with floorquilts will give you and your family many reasons to smile.

Having been a quilter for over 25 years, I am always looking for quilt related items and ways to use my stash. Since I am soon moving to a larger home I was also looking for floor coverings that would fit my decorating style, and not break the bank. When I came across this book, I was intrigued, to say the least. I have made one small one so far, and will definitely be making many more! They turn out so well that I have to demonstrate to guests that they are really meant to be walked on! My husband is also planning to use the instructions to make some pieces for the wall. I have so many ideas I know I will run out of floor space long before I run out of inspiration and ideas!

Years ago, my grandmother made floor coverings during the great depression out of scrap items. This wonderful book is a modern day version of her creations. I highly recommend it for a fun craft. I don't sew per se but found this great fun. I am a fabric doll artist and had lots of fabric scraps laying around that made a great floor quilt. I followed the instructions in the book, which were quite clear, and made a free form design that has become one of my favorite projects. If you are a traditional quilter I believe you will have a lot of fun creating the floor quilts.

This book describes another use of fabric scraps that uses "large" pieces (if I so wish) instead of a quilt or wall piece. Fun. Mixed media with major function.

Really happy with purchase, great ideas and photos. I made one already and looks great. Do need lots of prep space for fabrics but a joy to put together and use.

The book itself is very good with good instructions. But nowhere does it say that the floor mat will easily slip on wood or tile floors. I had to put nonslip under the mat; otherwise it could cause falls. The top is also quite slick. I don't think the paste wax as a final coat is necessary at all as the

polycrylic itself is a finish. The stuff she says to add to the polycrylic to make it nonslip will also make it feel gritty.

I should wait to write this review til I try this but the book itself is one of the best craft books I own (and my library of craft books is in the several hundreds of books). VERY clear instructions. A wonderful number and variety of patterns which will inspire you to think of others and not just copy the ones in the book. I cannot wait to try this.

I really like this book , I'm already making my 2nd floorquilt , both have been my own designs. These are a fun change from sewing. I managed to make these without making a huge mess . I haven't used the Skidtex yet but none of the other supplies give off toxic fumes. Children could have fun with these also.

Can't wait to make one!

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