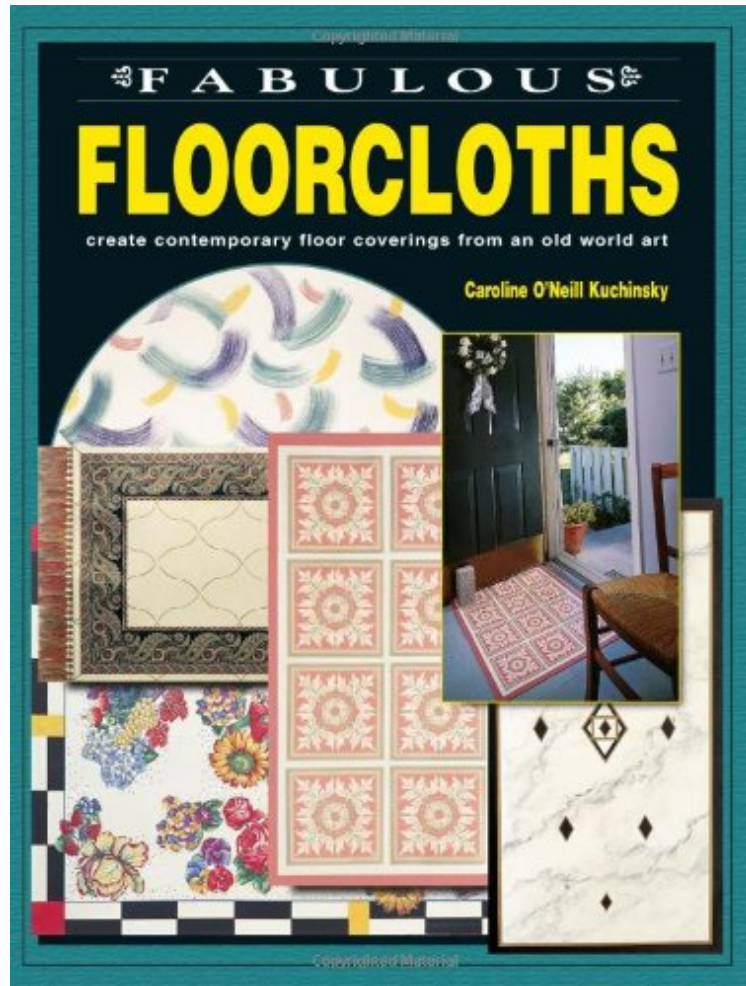


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.com If you want to create an exciting focal point for a room or disguise a boring floor, a colorful floorcloth may be the solution. Created from heavy canvas and adorned with paint, stencils, stamps, paper decoupage, or fabric applique, a floorcloth can be a simple accent or a work of art. Consult this book for excellent directions on materials, preparation, finishing, and an array of decorative techniques. The 15 step-by-step projects are divided into simple, intermediate, and advanced, so you can jump in at whatever skill level feels comfortable. Greet visitors with a stenciled welcome mat bordered with paper-napkin decoupage, perk up a bedroom with a Victorian lace design made by spray painting over paper doilies to form the delicate pattern, step into a pool of light with a circle of faux stained glass, or bedeck a table with a runner sporting classical Greek figures. The designs are pleasant and the color illustrations adequate; more photos of the finished floorcloths in actual rooms would have been nice to give a better sense of scale and context. But the thorough instructions and smattering of helpful tips make the book worthwhile. -- Amy Handy From Library Journal Kuchinsky, whose design firm specializes in custom-designed decorative accessories, provides basic instructions for creating floorcloths. She begins with advice on selecting a color scheme, the materials needed, preparation and care of the canvas, and a review of decorative methods used in the creation of floorcloths. The 15 projects are labeled simple, intermediate, and advanced and are described with well-illustrated, easy-to-follow instructions. A resource list of U.S. suppliers is provided, an element lacking in Kathy Cooper and Jan Hersey's *The Complete Book of Floorcloths* (LJ 5/15/97). Purchase wherever there is an interest. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.