Happy 2019! Hope everyone survived the ‘polar vortex’ and is staying safe and warm. If going out is the last thing on your mind, why not use your time to pick up a new hobby! Here are just a few books to spark an interest in something new.

**Everyday Watercolor** by Jenna Rainey

A contemporary paint-every-day watercolor guide that explores foundational strokes and patterns and then builds new skills upon the foundations over the course of 30 days to create finished pieces. This beautifully illustrated and inspiring guided watercolor-a-day book is perfect for beginning watercolor artists, artists who want to improve their watercolor skills, and visual creatives. From strokes to shapes, this book covers the basics and helps painters gain confidence in themselves along with inspiration to develop their own style over the course of 30 days. Featuring colorful contemporary art from Mon Voir design agency founder and Instagram trendsetter Jenna Rainey, this book’s fresh perspective paints watercolor in a whole new light.

**Candle Making Basics** by Eric Ebeling


**The Gift of Calligraphy** by Maybelle Imasa-Stukuls

Calligraphy and hand lettering have surged in popularity as people rediscover traditional handicrafts as a creative outlet and way to relax. Unlike other hand lettering books, *The Gift of Calligraphy* shows you how to use your calligraphy skills to create invitations, wall art, wrapping paper, a tote bag, even a calligraphy kit for kids. Maybelle Imasa-Stukuls, calligraphy teacher and author of *Belle Calligraphy*, brings her signature modern style to this traditional craft. The first quarter of the book provides a primer for creating a simple alphabet and how to find your own personal style of lettering, followed by wonderful projects that will delight your family, impress your friends, and beautify your home, all accompanied by clear step-by-step photography and inspiring shots of the finished pieces.

**Crochet For Beginners** by Nancy Gordon

Do you wish you could learn how to crochet without all the frustrations? *Crochet For Beginners* is the right book for you as we have included step-by-step guides with clear picture illustrations so you can learn the basics such as crochet stitches, how to read charts, buy the correct equipment etc. Crochet for beginners will include:

- Step-by-step guide: Clear & precise instructions so you will not feel lost in between steps
- Clear picture illustrations: High quality illustrations with each step so you can understand the instructions better
- 27 Beginner Crochet Hacks: Top tips, tricks & hacks every beginner crocheter needs to know to avoid costly mistakes & learn faster
- 25 Beginner crochet patterns: Beginner crochet patterns with complete instructions & pictures are included within the book so you can start to create your own beautiful crochet patterns immediately

**Simple Knifemaking** by Nicholas Tomihama

There are many ways to make a knife and as many different approaches as there are knife makers. The best way to try something for the first time is in the simplest way possible. This book will show you how to use inexpensive tools to make a few knives in different styles. While using such tools can make the work more time-consuming and difficult, the reward and lessons learned make it all worth it. Everyone has to start somewhere. Starting out with a minimal investment can really help you get going quickly and working with basic tools will teach you the fundamentals.

**The Art & Craft of Pyrography** by Lora S. Irish

Although it is often referred to as woodburning, the art of pyrography can be worked on just about any natural surface, including gourds, leather, or cotton rag paper. Lora S. Irish, author of *Great Book of Woodburning*, offers more than 40 amazingly detailed new projects that explore the craft of pyrography across the full range of inventive pyro media. Inside *Art & Craft of Pyrography*, you’ll learn the basics of pyrography systems, tools, supplies and practice boards. Differences between the various substrates are examined and discussed, including both wood and non-wood working surfaces.
Get a Hobby! by Tina Barseghian

Is your daily grind taking the joy out of life? Don't get glum—get a hobby!

In this entertaining, information-packed guide, journalist and ReadyMade contributing editor Tina Barseghian invites you to explore 101 thoroughly absorbing diversions, from conventional to downright wacky, that'll satisfy every taste, talent, and timetable. The bonus: Practicing a hobby boosts your all-around mental and physical health, as longtime family practitioner Dr. Miguel Figueroa reveals in the Foreword.

Are you an independent, nature-loving, outdoorsy type? Crafty, meticulous, and patient? Just take the personality quiz to identify those hobbies that best match your aptitude, interests, and even your mood. Each hobby entry provides a playful mix of information: overviews, histories, and sample projects to help you get your hobby on and resources that'll help take you to the next level. Get a Hobby! might just be the inspiration you've been looking for.

Hobbies for Men by D. L. Haley

A hobby gives a man freedom to pursue his passions and is an outlet for the facets of life that are not stimulated by career or personal obligations. Pursuing a manly hobby says you are a guy with a sense of adventure and the desire to expand his creative forces.

The measure of manliness is very subjective. Is it defined by physical strength? Confidence? Compassion? Intelligence? No matter your thoughts, most of us can probably agree that at least in some measure a man is defined by what he does. Work and family, of course, are likely the things that occupy most of a man’s time but then there are activities that are an outlet for other talents and creativity – his hobbies. A hobby gives a man freedom to pursue his passions and is an outlet for the facets of life that are not stimulated by career or personal obligations. Pursuing a manly hobby says you are a guy with a sense of adventure and the desire to expand his creative forces. Here are 101 examples of hobbies for real men.