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Stick-to-It-iveness

THE DESIGN DOYENNE **MARIAN McEVOY'S**
HOMAGE TO GLUE GUNS



The home-design guru Marian McEvoy is trigger-happy — and she has the glue-gun-appliquéd dining chairs to prove it. The soon-to-be published ode to her favorite tool, “Glue Gun Décor: How to Dress Up Your Home — From Pillows and Curtains to Sofas and Lampshades,” might seem like a downscale departure from her previous role as a shelter-magazine editor in chief. While McEvoy admits that most people consider home crafts “cornball and tacky” (two words: “hooked rug”), she promises that a glue gun can create elegance — as the seashell-covered fireplace in her former Manhattan apartment illustrated. It’s what led McEvoy to her prized possession. “I had superglued about 1,000 shells onto the fireplace, and they all fell off,” she says. “Then someone told me about the glue gun, and I found the process very cathartic.” McEvoy quickly moved to gluing things onto cotton muslin, and then graduated to cushions, curtains, lampshades and upholstery. “Glue-gunning decoration can introduce something old into a room or décor that’s new in a way that looks crisp, tailored and modern,” she says. “This isn’t shabby chic.” McEvoy has a few tips for would-be crafters:

1. Get the best gun possible. McEvoy’s choice is Aleene’s Ultimate Glue Gun (available at most craft stores and Jo-Ann Fabric & Crafts).
2. Avoid fussy designs and keep them to three colors maximum.
3. Stick to polished, tightly woven materials like cotton canvas and muslin, which keep glue from seeping through.

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