Record Nr. UNINA9910461316303321 Autore Schaffer Talia <1968-> **Titolo** Novel craft [[electronic resource]]: Victorian domestic handicraft and nineteenth-century fiction / / Talia Schaffer Oxford;; New York,: Oxford University Press, 2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-19-025281-2 1-283-23218-9 9786613232182 0-19-978105-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (241 p.) Disciplina 823/.8093522 Soggetti English fiction - 19th century - History and criticism Women in literature Domestic fiction, English - History and criticism Women and literature - England - History - 19th century Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto "Women's" work: the history of the Victorian domestic handicraft --Ephemerality: the Cranford papers -- Preservation: the daisy and the chain -- Salvage: Betty as the mutual friend -- Connoisseurship: giving credit to Phoebe junior. Sommario/riassunto Domestic handicraft was an extraordinarily popular leisure activity in Victorian Britain, especially amongst middle-class women. Craftswomen pasted shells onto boxes, stitched fish scales onto silk, scorched patterns into wood, cast flower petals out of wax, and made needlework portraits of the royal spaniels. Yet despite its ubiquity, little has been written about this curious hobby. Providing a much-needed history of this under-studied phenomenon, Talia Schaffer demonstrates the importance of domestic handicraft in Victorian literature and

culture. Novel Craft presents what Schaffer terms.