1. Record Nr. UNISA996552364303316 Autore Karpova Yulia Titolo Comradely objects: Design and material culture in Soviet Russia, 1960s-80s / / Yulia Karpova Pubbl/distr/stampa Manchester:,: Manchester University Press,, [2020] ©2020 Descrizione fisica 1 electronic resource (232 p.) Collana Studies in Design and Material Culture Disciplina 745.4094709046 Soggetti Art & design styles: from c 1960 Material culture Former Soviet Union, USSR (Europe) Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia This electronic version has been made available under a Creative Sommario/riassunto Commons (BY-NC-ND) open access license. The Russian avant-garde of the 1920s is broadly recognised to have been Russia's first truly original contribution to world culture. In contrast, Soviet design of the post-war period is often dismissed as hack-work and plagiarism that resulted in a shabby world of commodities. This book offers a new perspective on the history of Soviet design by focusing on the notion of the comradely object as an agent of progressive social relations that state-sponsored Soviet design inherited from the avant-garde. It

introduces a shared history of domestic objects, hand-made as well as machine made, mass-produced as well as unique, utilitarian as well as challenging the conventional notion of utility. This is a study of post-avant-garde Russian productivism at the intersection of intellectual history, social history and material culture studies, an account attentive

to the complexities and contradictions of Soviet design.