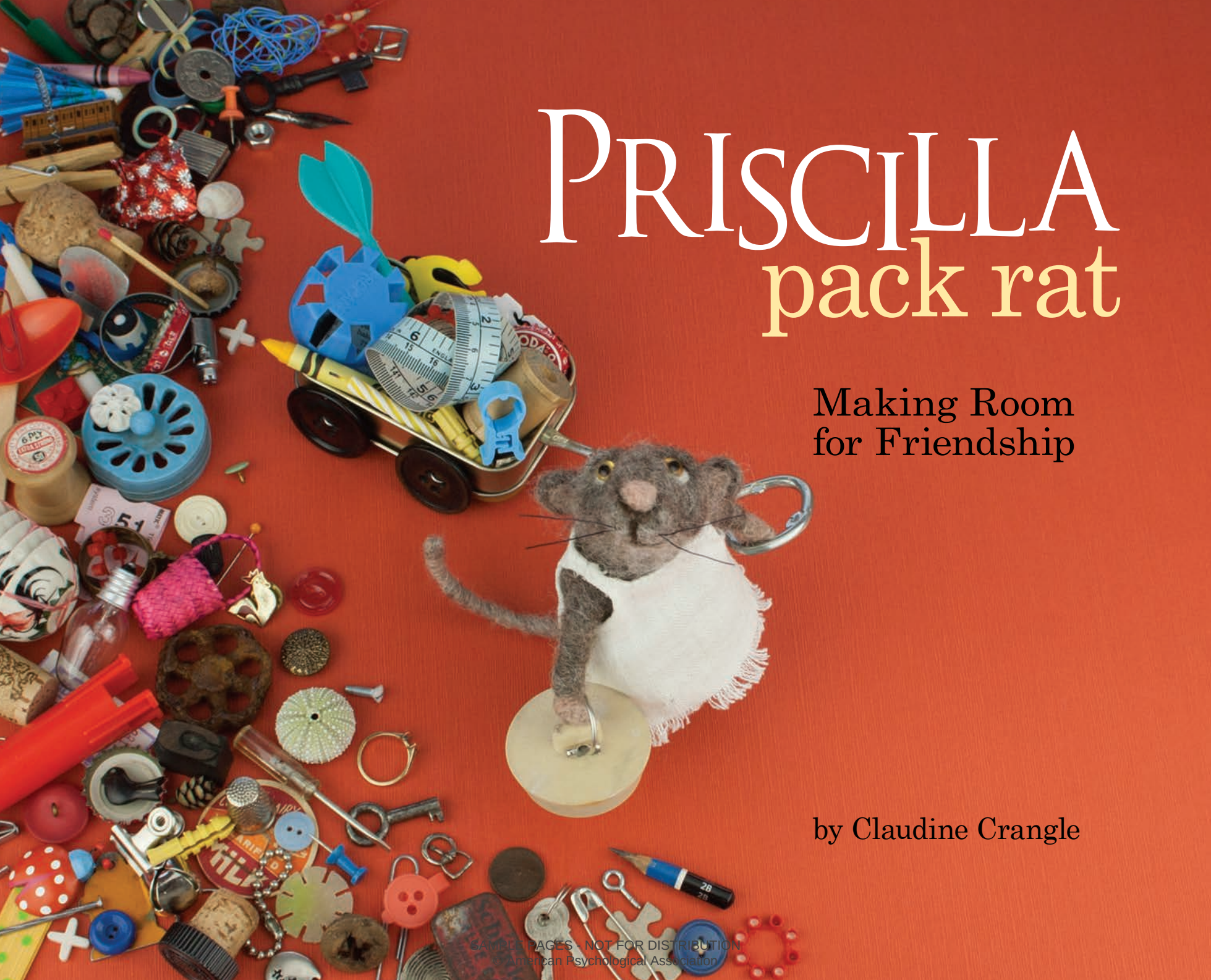


Priscilla pack rat

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"Yippee!" cried Priscilla, when she received an invitation to Flea's birthday party. "I love parties.

I'm going to give Flea the best present ever."

Off she went with her wagon in search of Flea's gift.

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"Look at this fantastic sparkly whatsit!
It will make a wonderful present!





Or how about this fabulous springy thingy? It's brilliant!" As she waved it in the air it made a cool whizzing sound...brrvrrmmmwhhiiiiizzz.

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Never before had Priscilla been so
delighted with all of the things she'd found.
Sh lled her wagon and hurried home.



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Priscilla looked over her loot with pride. As she did, her heart sank. “I can’t give away any of these things,” she moaned.

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After much consideration she chose the thing she liked the least. She wrapped it up to give to Flea.

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