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Messthetics Greatest Hits:
The Sounds Of DIY 1977-80

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**Fascinating no-fi collection
from the Triassic era of
UK punk**

An exemplary collection of home-brewed DIY tunes by uncharted groups for whom Swell Maps and The Homosexuals were considered mainstream. Twenty-one tracks by bedsit punks, anarchic teens rocking out in the living room and part-time urban warriors out to demystify the record business, the album includes Mud Hutters, Six Minute War, Rejects and the excellent Digital Dinosaurs. Not-yet-classics like The Scrotum Poles' "Pick The Cat's Eyes Out", Tronics' "Shark Fucks" and Steve Treatment's "Change Of Plan" tell an alternative history of British punk and its discontents. Graham Massey, Dan Treacy, Joe Foster and Ed Ball all appear here in various pre-fame guises.

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