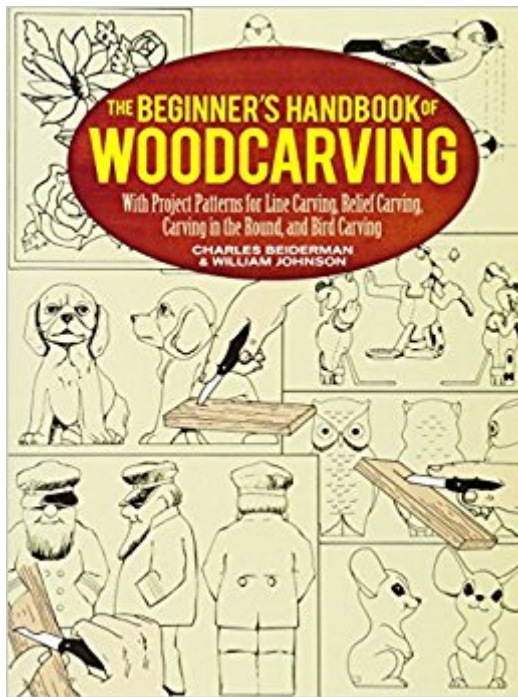


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The Beginner's Handbook Of Woodcarving: With Project Patterns For Line Carving, Relief Carving, Carving In The Round, And Bird Carving



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At a first glance using the Look Inside feature, this book looked like it would be great for me at starting a new hobby of woodcarving. I read the book the first night it came, and it certainly provided good tips, but didn't really do more than scratch the surface. It has many patterns for the different types of woodcarving, line, relief carving, birds, figures, etc... and introduces each type very vaguely. I was hoping for a little more information on technique, but I suppose that will come with practice.

Do not waste your money. While the authors love for carving is evident, calling this a beginner's handbook is misleading. Very little of the book is dedicated to actual carving tools and technique, most of the book is about carving clubs.

Though the book feels a touch dated, it does have a wealth of information that is timeless regarding several styles of wood carving. It's a good go to book for general information on just about every aspect of carving. A lot of nice patterns to get one started and to refer back to over time. Definitely a keeper.

Pretty lame book. Mostly filled with outdated images and the same type of designs that look like a child's coloring book.

I got this as a gift for my dad who just took up woodcarving the last couple of years. He really loves it and it has given him lots of great ideas and suggestions. It is great for beginners.

I already have a semi-hobby of carving relief and walking sticks. Highly recommend this for anyone who is thinking about starting such a hobby. Even though I subscribe to wood carving magazines and research on-line, I still loved the book for its presentation and patterns. Very good. Only caveat: There is no mention of necessary safety precautions for wood carving such as the use of Kevlar gloves, avoiding personal injury by improper cutting methods, how to grip the tools, etc. Otherwise a great starter (and experienced) reference.

Very Nice book with lots of good pictures and step by step instructions.

Excellent book. Purchased for my son. Would definitely buy again.

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