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Paper: Making, Decorating, Designing (English And Spanish Edition)



Synopsis

This guide shows how to make and decorate paper, combining the knowledge of paper-makers with the creativity of contemporary designers. Step-by-step photographs show basic paper-making methods, for example with recycled materials, as well as more advanced techniques which incorporate petals and plant fibres to add texture and colour. For further inspiration, directories provide a visual sourcebook of different papers, together with details of their characteristics and essential ingredients: banana leaf, bamboo, water hyacinth, Japanese rice paper. Twenty techniques for applying decoration follow, from pleating and folding, marbling and block printing, to papier mache and collage. Throughout the book are examples of modern paper designs - from handmade bookbindings and personal stationery to gilded papier mache bowls and cutwork light shades.

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I picked this book up initially because it has it has lots and lots of beautiful pictures. It covers both papermaking in both the Western and Eastern traditions, and breaks down techniques into simple, intermediate and advanced techniques, with excellent step-by-step photographs. Unlike many craft books I've bought, I'm actually confident I could follow the instructions given (even if my mould and deckle are still sadly pristine -- so many projects, so little time!) While my adventures in papermaking have remained largely in the planning states, I've returned to this book for inspiration because there is as good a coverage of what to do once you've made the paper as there is of how to make it.

Again the techniques range from the very basic (piercing, embossing, folding, dyeing) to the advanced (pulp embedding, molding) , but the really nice thing is the projects shown to go with the basic techniques don't have that "starter project" look to them, and inspiration galleries are full of gorgeous fine art applications by a wide range of artists. If you are looking for a hardcore papermaking technique book and know exactly what you want to do with it, go straight to Hiebert's "The Papermaker's Companion". But if you are looking for a more general introduction to techniques and possibilities, this is a really nice way to start.

Arrived quickly, as described!

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