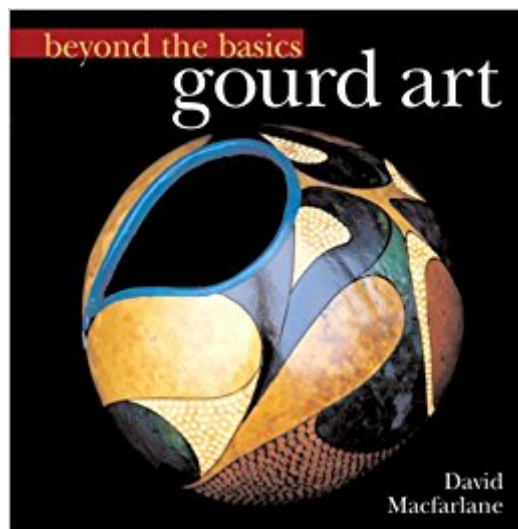




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# Beyond The Basics: Gourd Art (Beyond The Basics (Sterling Publishing))



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A common wild gourd becomes a thing of beauty in the hands of 25 top artisans who specialize in exploring, expressing--and teaching--their handiwork. Magnificent projects shown in illuminating full-color photos and practical skills introduce you to a diversity of ways to turn gourds into works of art. You use simple media such as staining, stenciling, carving, and pyrography, which are all clearly explained. Projects include an elaborate teapot with a metallic finish; carved oak and maple leaf bowls; "Path to Harmony" gourd with mother of pearl, abalone and turquoise inlay; carved gourd lamps; hand painted and decorated masks; gourd birdhouse with pyrographed Celtic design; lizard and broken pottery designs; and "Baby's New Shoes" with carved, pyrographed, painted finish.

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This is a great book for any level of gourd artist. Not only does it showcase many different artists and styles, it also has a step-by-step project from each one of them. As a gourd artist and president of our local gourd club I am always looking for new material to use or to present to our club. This is one of my favorite books, and I do have all the gourd books I can get my hands on. When I took my copy to our meeting many of our members couldn't wait to get a copy of their own. I would recommend this book to anyone interested in working with hard-shell gourds.

Loved it...was interested in the artists beginnings and different methods they used. As a tole painter wanting to explore the different techniques and dyes now available and finding gourds fun to work

with...it was eye opening and calmed my nerves about diving into the wonderful world of gourds.

The gourds in this book are truly 3-dimensional pieces of art - there is nothing crafty or cutesy about them! Although I definitely agree that it is an advanced book, if you have solid artistic skills, you will benefit from this book. Basic gourd preparation is covered, as well as carving, wood burning, cutting, weaving, and many other techniques. Since there are various artists works represented, most people are bound to find something they like. I can't wait to start working on some gourds I got from a friend of mine a couple of years ago!

Lots of inspiration in this book. It is loaded with pictures that are really helpful. Great for beginners or seasoned gourd artists.

Great book and in spite of the title "Beyond the Basics" it was well laid out so a beginner like myself could navigate through and have the confidence to get started. was great with a speedy delivery of just a few days. I saw this book priced much higher in bookstores and was able to get three great Gourd books from for just a little more than I would have paid at a store. I couldn't be happier with the entire process and the products.

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