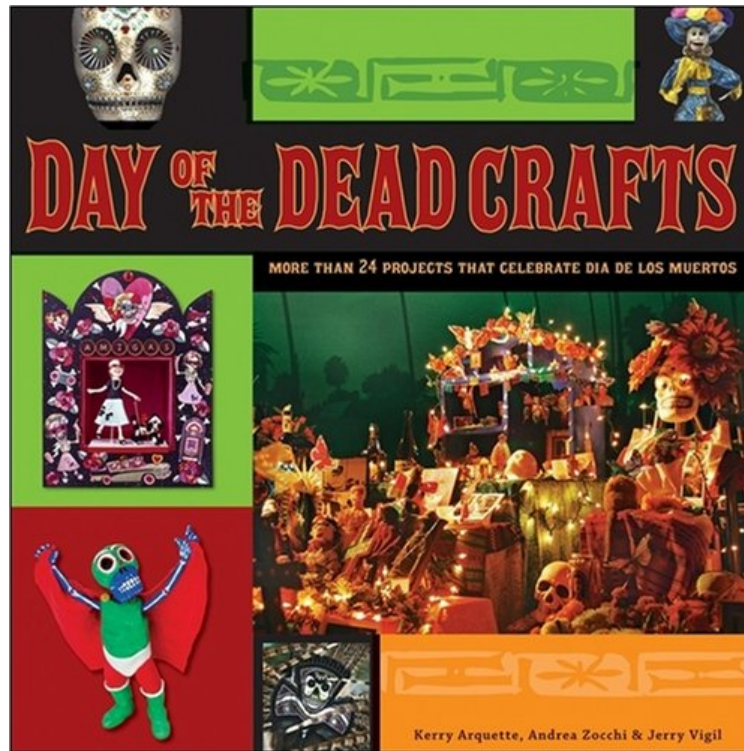


# Day of the Dead Crafts: More than 24 Projects that Celebrate Dia de los Muertos

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**Kerry Arquette, Andrea Zocchi, Jerry Vigil : Day of the Dead Crafts: More than 24 Projects that Celebrate Dia de los Muertos** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Day of the Dead Crafts: More than 24 Projects that Celebrate Dia de los Muertos:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful projects and ideasBy Shala KerriganI purchased this book for my daughter and I. It was her choice.It contains a bit of history about Dia de los Muertos and a lot of full color projects and pictures of wonderful art for inspiration.It's better for crafters with some experience, most of the projects aren't step by step to make exactly what's pictured but rather guidelines for allowing your own creativity to flourish.The section on calaveras was a favorite. It explains how to make them out of polymer clay and gives lots of ideas for other mediums including paper, wood and my personal favorite, the idea of embroidering skeleton features on a rag doll. That one doesn't have a pattern, but the idea is great and I think that's the sort my daughter will want to make.There are instructions for making paper mache skulls or skull masks using a purchased plain face mask and a balloon that I know will be a family project this year.The jewelry section has some great projects in it. My favorite are the different charms. I have some plastic skull beads and one charm was a very nice colorful wire and bead skeleton. The painted pearl earrings were lovely as well.Very recommended for the variety of crafting mediums and the gorgeous photographs.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Wonderful Crafting book!By The Magic of

M.R. This book is a wonderful crafting tome. The beauty in this book lies in that the instructions are clear and concise. This book allows for you to be able to attain all of the crafting results and quality levels as seen in this book. It is truly inspirational for anyone wanting a starting point for making the Dia De Los Muertos crafts. From masks to offrendas and the endearing calaveras art statuettes. This book is a great way to appreciate the amazing folk art that The Mexican Dia De Los Muertos culture has to offer. It is a holiday that along with Halloween is being embraced here in America. Rightfully so America can use a dose of contribution, from indigenous arts of the Americas. I highly recommend this book for those who want to create and find inspirations in the heritage of this culture. The results you want to achieve are with a bit of effort available to you from this high quality book. The imagery is lovely and the photo instructions clear. I'm sure if you want to make these crafts you will achieve great results!! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful pictures. Something to strive for. By Sony Baloney This book is filled with beautiful pictures and is an inspiration for making equally beautiful art. However, I docked it a star because I feel that most of the projects are somewhat intimidating to a complete novice like me. I also wish that the patterns in the back were full sized and/or they had more patterns to follow. A pretty large section was dedicated to jewelry which I wasn't as interested in making...but that will be a plus for someone looking for a VARIETY of projects to do (also, I realize that it is a growing trend for celebrating Day of the Dead).

Celebrated on November 1 and 2, Day of the Dead honors the memory of departed souls, welcoming them back to celebrate the best of life. Families decorate grave sites with marigolds and set up stunning altars. Streets flutter with paper banners. Store windows glisten with sugar skulls. Skeleton figures grin rakishly from every corner. Day of the Dead Crafts is filled with dozens of terrific projects that allow you to participate in the excitement of the holiday while expressing your own creativity. You'll enjoy showcasing these unique, fun, and meaningful projects throughout the year. Inside you'll find step-by-step instructions, ideas, and inspiration for a wide range of projects, including: Calaveras, those comical and clever skeleton figures caught in the act of enjoying life's favorite activities. Masks and skulls made from paper mache, gourds, and even sugar. A meaningful and artistic ofrenda, or altar, to honor those who have passed. Necklaces, earrings, bracelets, and more to wear day or night. Pieces guaranteed to liven up any decor. Colorful, whimsical, and often dramatic, Day of the Dead art is steeped in rich history and symbolism. The projects in Day of the Dead Crafts honor the traditional, while taking advantage of today's materials for a fresh and exciting twist.

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