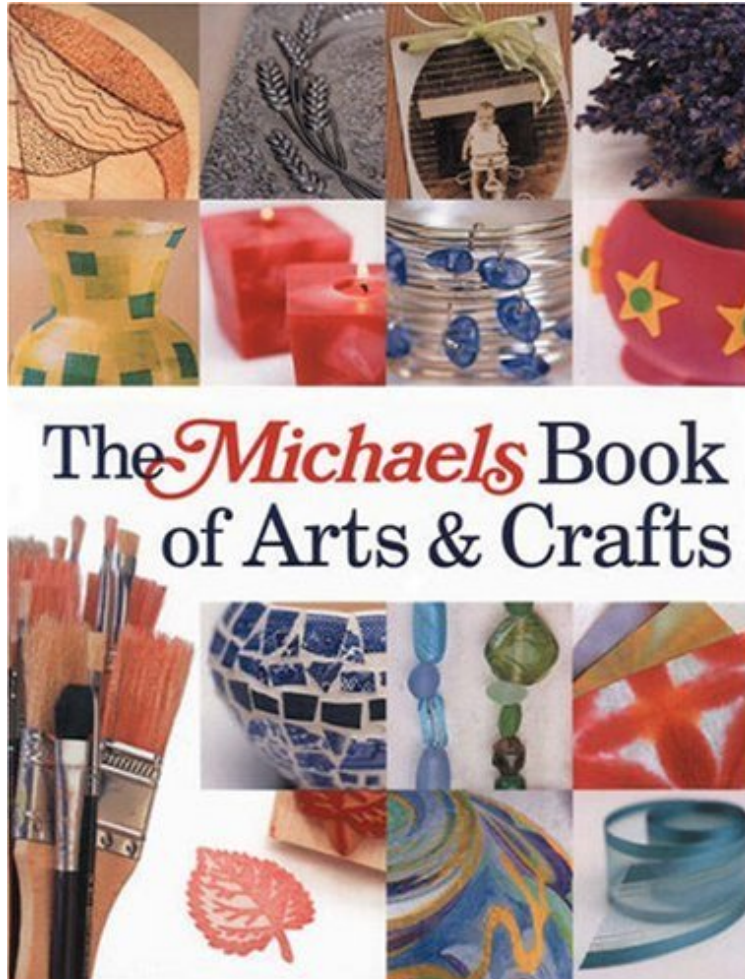


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not realize that the book is a little out dated. Some of the crafts have the appearance of a child's summer camp craft. But others are very nice and I will use the book to make some items. Overall, it is worth the money and I am glad to add it to my craft library.

From Michaels--America's largest specialty retailer of arts and crafts merchandise and the place to get supplies for painting, floral and home dcor, needlework, scrapbooking, and more--comes an extraordinarily big, beautiful, and encyclopedic collection of techniques and 175 projects. Whatever a crafter's pleasure, it is in here, from beading and woodworking to glass and fabric crafts. The 30 subject areas are divided into 9 chapters that all feature a basic instructions section packed with plentiful color pictures and designer tips; 5 to 10 projects; and a two-page spread of gallery photos of additional projects for inspiration. What's included in this unequalled treasure trove? * Beading: wire and bead jewelry, wire crafting, and decorative beading * Clay: polymer and bread dough * Painting: stenciling, faux finishing, and gold leafing. With the gilding techniques, even the simplest box can look like an heirloom. * Paper: memory books and cards, decoupage, rubber stamping * Floral crafts: dried flowers, silk flower arranging, potpourris and sachets. A rose floral silk pillow brings springtime indoors year-round. * Glass: glass painting and etching. The lovely flasks with stars, leaves, and swirls would make a beautiful display. * Home decorating: candelmaking and decorating (including gel) and soapmaking * Wood: wood finishing and burning, plus clockmaking * Fabric: painting on fabric, tie die, and sun painting An appendix covers basic materials and techniques, including typing the perfect bow, lettering, and basic mat cutting. Whether you want more projects using your favorite craft, or are interested in learning a new one, this volume is a must-have.

From Booklist This how-to tome, from a well-known national retailer, is remarkably noncommercial. Cusick and Kirby are to be commended for selecting a wide variety of crafts and for the concise, clear directions for 27 techniques and 150 projects. Though intended to whet your appetite for non-stitchery arts, this compilation features great design ideas from 32 contributing artisans, all good enough to showcase as home decor or gifts. It's truly a versatile collection, including polka-dot guest soaps, woodburned buttons, Jel dessert candles, and a faux-leather frame, among many others. Projects do not include step-by-step photographs, and levels of difficulty are not indicated. But designer tips and useful sidebars throughout provide guidance to new and old crafters alike. Includes useful templates and appendixes. Barbara Jacobs Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved