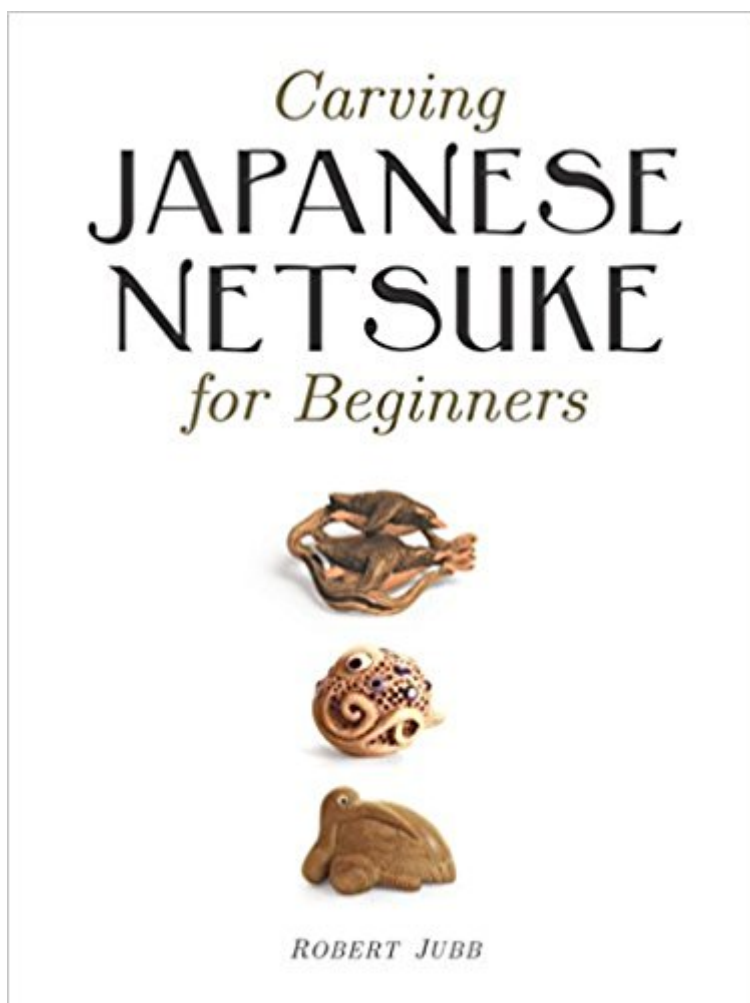


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Carving Japanese Netsuke For Beginners



Synopsis

The intricately carved Japanese miniatures known as netsuke are among the most sought-after collectibles today. From their ancient beginnings as practical accessories to the kimono, the tiny figures became increasingly elaborate, evolving into stunning works of art. This comprehensive how-to guide takes readers through the process of carving their own amazing netsuke in six step-by-step projects and another 23 inspirational ideas, ranging from a lifelike bumblebee to a fantastical dragon. This lavish volume is profusely illustrated with drawings and photographs, and features meticulous descriptions of materials and techniques.

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Customer Reviews

Bob Jubb started carving as a hobby whilst working as an international engineering consultant. Regularly posted abroad, he would carve wherever and whenever he could, often in hotel rooms! Now retired, and living in West Sussex, Bob is free to dedicate more time to his love of carving. He was a founder member of the Sussex Woodcraft Society (SWS), which has grown from two to about 180 members. Also available: The Art of Carving Netsuke 9781861086822

I really love this book. It is more beautiful and informative than I had imagined. I would definitely recommend it to anyone who is interested in netsuke

just what I wanted

Great photos and instructions to get even a beginner started- fantastic book! I think the book is well presented and quite inspiring.

Great book for collectors or carvers. Nicely presented in full colour. Great detail covering all aspects. Recommend to any Netsuke collector or carver.

This book is a wonderful source of ideas and challenges for a carver. I've been carving both wood, bone and stone for a number of years, and while I had made a number of small carvings in the past I was never really satisfied with the results. This book firstly gives a good introduction to the art of Netsuke itself, and then provides some interesting projects that helped me understand some of what was missing in my previous work. There are a couple of other books out there, but for the price you get great value in this book.

I found this book at my local woodworking guild's show. It has some good pictured step-by-step instructions. Everything is in color. This book includes 23 animals, 6 tutorial guides, and a good list of tools used and many materials from wood types to ivory tusks. Great buy. You should try it. I don't have all the tools, but it my tools work.

I bought this book because I am new to carving and Netsuke really interests me. I love this book. It covers everything I could think of to get started carving these. It gives a history of the art form and the different types + a LOT more! It also has beautiful examples of ancient and modern Netsuke! I am very happy I bough this book.

I love this book! Everything about it is elegant and engaging. After some general sections on the history of netsukes and on tools, materials, and techniques, Robert Judd guides the reader through the carving procedure for six animal figures, all beautiful and charming. The explanations are clear, illustrated with photographs at each step. Less extended descriptions are provided for an additional twenty animals from the author's collection. In the last chapters we get to admire netsukes from a number of artists and collectors. The exquisite craftsmanship and the level of detail match that of a netsuke carving. For example, each chapter is printed on high quality paper of a different color and small white drawings of animal figures adorn the beginning of the various sections. Having recently retired I decided that I needed an artistic hobby requiring fine motor skills, and a moderate

amount of space and equipment. I love animal sculptures. So carving netsukes fits the bill. Robert Judd's wonderful book made me enthusiastic about my choice of activity. For the last month, I have been happily working toward my goal.

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