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Folding Techniques For Designers: From Sheet To Form



Synopsis

Many designers use folding techniques in their work to make three-dimensional forms from two-dimensional sheets of fabric, cardboard, plastic, metal, and many other materials. This unique book explains the key techniques of folding, such as pleated surfaces, curved folding and crumpling. An elegant, practical handbook, it covers over 70 techniques explained by clear step-by-step drawings, crease-pattern drawings, and specially commissioned photography.

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Customer Reviews

Jackson's book starts gradually, with the most basic of folds. You might think, "Yeah, I made paper fans in kindergarten. Let's move on." Well, you did - but not with the precision that Jackson displays, and not with the purpose behind it. The first of these folds, bordering on trivial, proceed through a graded series of variations. Again, in themselves, each variation might not look like much. Still, it's worthwhile to put the time into doing each with the highest level of craftsmanship you can summon. The precision will matter in later exercises. Likewise, the habit of trying variations, of exploring the possibilities broadly and systematically, becomes essential when putting these folds (or any design technique) to use. As the paper patterns become more complex, so does the more abstract discussion of design. Jackson discusses repetition in one or two dimensions, rotation, and other ways of building simple units into complex assemblies. And, as the designs become more complex, the distinction between two- and three-dimensional figures blurs. The first exercises just add creases to a flat sheet. Later, though, the sheets form spirals, boxes, tunnels, and other self-standing figures. After discussions of linear creases, Jackson moves to more organic kinds of folds - soft

curves without straight-line folds, or with very few. Even the random elements introduced by crumpling the paper have their place, especially when combined with more rigid design techniques. Even something as simple as folded paper offers endless possibilities for the artist, architect, or industrial designer. Jackson's book offers a beautiful and practical way to explore some of these possibilities.-- wiredweird

The book is loaded with folding ideas the only issue I have with the book is that it does not show you how they get the resultant fold with some of the more difficult exercises.

Finally, a good book that methodically explain tessellated folds with a clear visual language. It's not the first book that deals with folding tessellations, but the first one many people will feel confident to achieve successfully all the examples shown. The final part dealing with simple curvature folds with pinches is a great plus.

Spectacular, I received the book earlier than expected, it is truly wonderful, their content is suitable for applications in architecture, graphic and industrial design, product, super recommended.

This book is not a step-by step book about how to do simple folding projects in an afternoon. There are plenty of books within that line (I own many). This book is more oriented to the student and professional artist/designer who is looking for a solid basement in the world of folding, not only paper, but any other material that comes in sheets. Paul Jackson has witten a treasure of a book. There was nothing like it in the market until this book came out. Thanks, Paul, for sharing your knowledge with us. I personally highly appreciate it.

The Kindle version is difficult to use because of the way the instructions and folding illustrations have been split in the pagination. I returned the Kindle version and replaced it with the actual book, which is wonderful. I'd give the book version 5 stars; the 2 stars pertain to the Kindle version only.

At first I bought out of curiosity and with the intent to try new shapes, but it really opened my mind to interesting utilities that have already been put into practice in just a few weeks of purchasing it.

instructions on many different folding with applications in different forms and cd included. pictures help you understand the folding and the instructions are very helpfull and specific

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