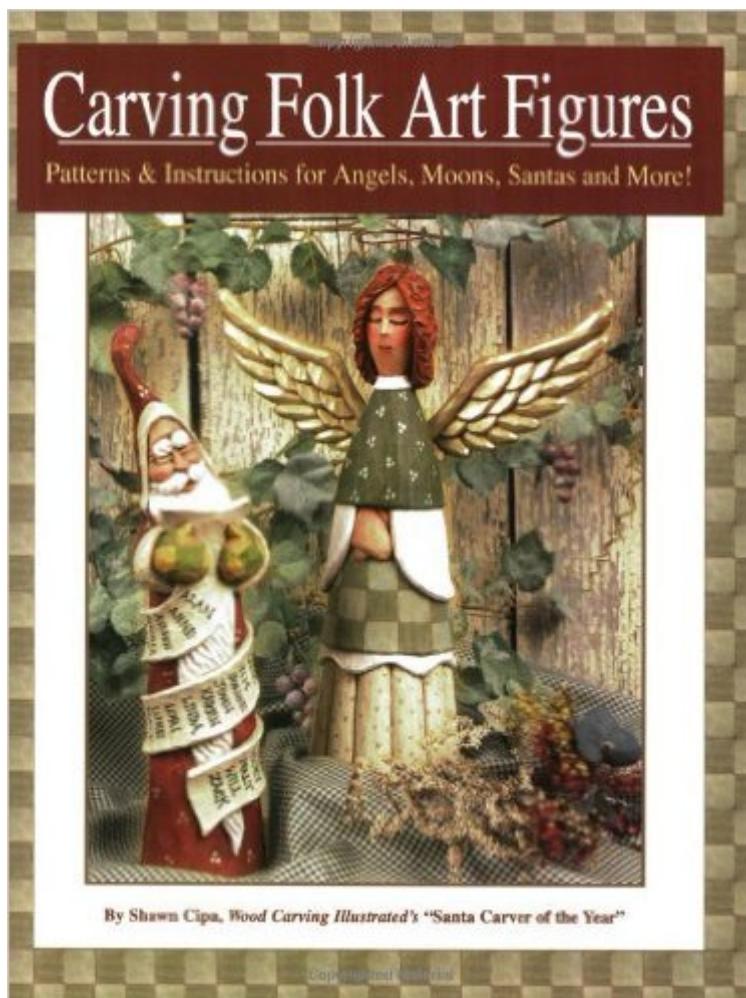


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Carving Folk Art Figures: Patterns & Instructions For Angels, Moons, Santas, And More!



Synopsis

Complete step-by-step carving and painting demonstrations for a folk-art Santa and a smiling Angel from Santa Carver of the Year, Shawn Cipa. Patterns and photographs for an additional 13 projects including Moon Man, Cupid Cat, Firewood Santa, and others also included.

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I have purchased many carving books that deal with caricature and folk art, and this one by Shawn Cipa has become my all-time favorite. Shawn has a background in art, and this shows in his approach. Rather than taking the reader through a rigid set of guidelines to produce a carving that is *exactly* like the one he has done, he instead encourages individual creativity. The book includes some pages that show possible variations on his patterns to get the reader in a creative frame of mind. As for the projects, they range from fairly simple to rather complex, so you can "grow" with this book as your carving skills advance. The carvings are very "stylized," and "whimsical." His Santas are particularly enjoyable to do. Photographs are very clear, and it is a joy to see a book with captions that do MORE than say things like "now carve the nose." Shawn EXPLAINS the steps in doing the nose (and other features) with a great combination of detailed photographs and precise instructions (including recommendations of what tool to use for a specific step). Finally, the patterns in this book are incredibly accurate, and allow you to exactly reproduce the carving (if that's what you really want to do). I have carved for several years and I can say with all candor that this is one of the very best instructional books that I have encountered. I also recommend Shawn's "Carving

Fantasy and Legend Figures" for more advanced and challenging projects.

Shawn Cipa is a very talented artist. You will not be disappointed with this book. I just wish would show the patterns that are included. There are step-by-step instructions for an old world santa (similar to front) & angel (on front), so anyone will be able to attempt one. Also ideas to make different versions. The santa step-by-step does not include the list, but the pattern is included in the book. There are patterns for other figures, some of which are not as complicated.. There is a pattern for a whimsical long legs santa, flying angel or star angel , tall angel, snowman, wizard, circus fish, smiling sun & moon, santa carrying firewood or tree, cat on a heart. This is uch a fun book, I hope carvers give it a try.

I just received this book in the mail and love what I see. I can't wait to start carving some of the figures within the book.

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