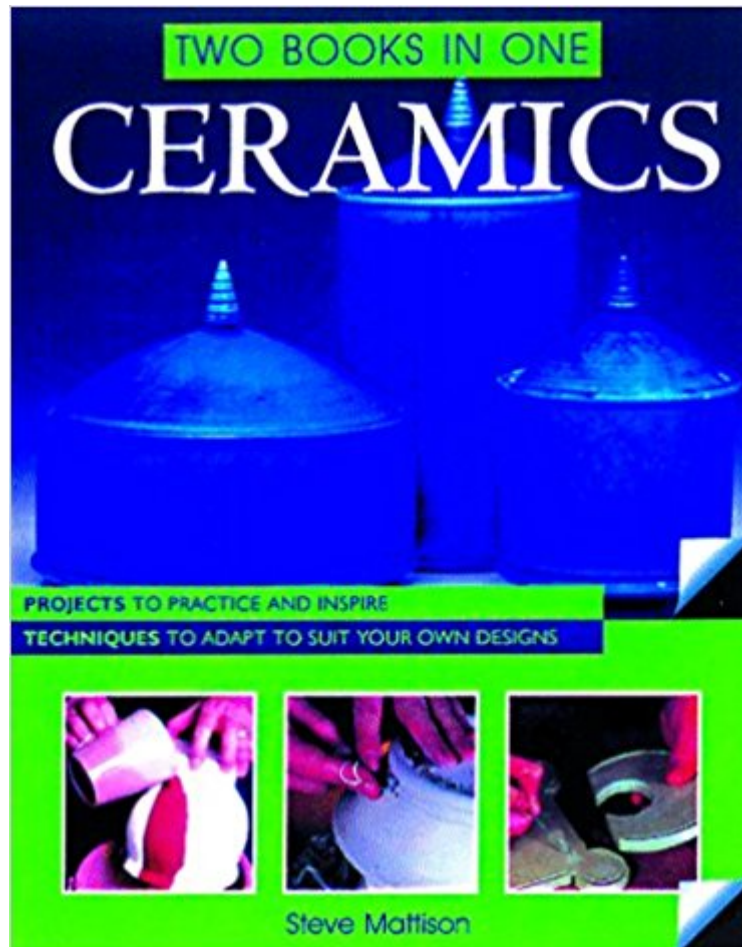


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Ceramics Two Books In One: Projects To Practice And Inspire, Techniques To Adapt To Suit Your Own Designs



Synopsis

It's two books in one! The top half of the spiral binding covers a great range of projects, while the bottom half has all the techniques you need. Projects include: tiles; slabbed plates; pinched dishes; a coiled vase; details such as lids, handles, and spouts; and a beautifully decorated teapot.

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Customer Reviews

I got this book when I was taking a beginning pottery class. I found it to be extremely informative, inspiring and easy to use by the way it was organized. The top half of the book is organized by project and the bottom half of the book is organized by technique. Since I was just starting out, I had A LOT of technique to learn. My hands were already full; so it really helped to not be flipping back and forth so much. Each project lists the materials and techniques to be used and where to find them.

I'm not sure who this book is geared toward, since it provides instruction on some very basic pottery techniques, together with some step-by-step project ideas. However, the way it's worded, it implies that the reader has any variety of equipment, clays and glazes available, and is able to set their own kiln temperatures, and so on. (Which, of course, is only the case for professional potters working in their own studios). That little blunderous fact aside, this is a pretty good book. It is formatted such that each page is cut in half horizontally, with the top half of the book giving step-by-step project walkthroughs, and the bottom half providing visual instruction on the techniques used in the

projects. The plethora of pictures help a lot, and some of the project ideas are really great.

The pages of this book are cut in half horizontally. The top half-pages enumerate the steps in and show photos of 18 different projects in clay. The bottom half-pages enumerate the steps in and show photos of 27 different techniques to use when working with clay. There's a table of contents for the Projects and another for the Techniques. Unfortunately, these tables of content aren't on half-pages, so that you can quickly flip back to the beginning and look. Instead, they're on full pages at the front of the book, which makes it a bit awkward to get to them. This is a book with a gimmick: the half pages. Sometimes gimmicks work well, sometimes the gimmicks overshadow the content. I think that in this case, the gimmick of half-pages overshadows the projects AND the techniques, which might have worked much better organized in some other fashion. But, both the projects and the techniques are interesting, with great directions and great photos that show each step. So if you think you could adjust to these horizontal half-pages, this may be a very worthwhile book for a beginning or intermediate potter.

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