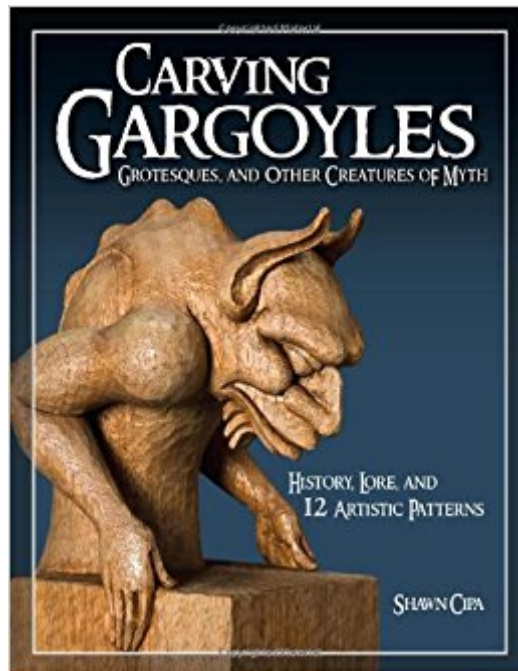


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# Carving Gargoyles, Grotesques, And Other Creatures Of Myth: History, Lore, And 12 Artistic Patterns



## Synopsis

Two complete projects, fascinating history and myth, and 26 additional full page patterns for creating functional and decorative gargoyles from wood. Learn to carve a traditional water-spouting gargoyle and classic grotesque with step-by-step instructions. Includes 10 additional patterns for mythical creatures incorporated into architectural elements, like a working doorknocker.

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If you are a wood carver, you must get *Carving Gargoyles, Grotesques, and Other Creatures of Myth*. Even if you are not into Gargoyles, the book has something for everybody. If you are familiar with Shawn Cipa's carving books, then you will be pleased to see that he is breaking new ground with fresh and unique subjects for woodcarving books by going back to a nearly lost art form. He has plucked an idea right from above our very heads, as he shows us amazing carving designs that exist on familiar buildings in many cities around the world. The research is thorough, the instruction is detailed and straight forward, and the choice of projects is smart with applications far beyond the Gargoyle theme. The introduction contains folklore behind gargoyles, grotesques, guardians, and other architectural sculptures that not only provides depth to the projects, but you will find the "step by step" projects more interesting as you learn to appreciate the artistic design and craftsmanship of medieval artist's original works in stone. Additionally, each project contains a small section on lore that gives great background when you talk to others about these terrific projects. I find more and more, that when I show a piece or make something for people, they want to know more about it, if

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