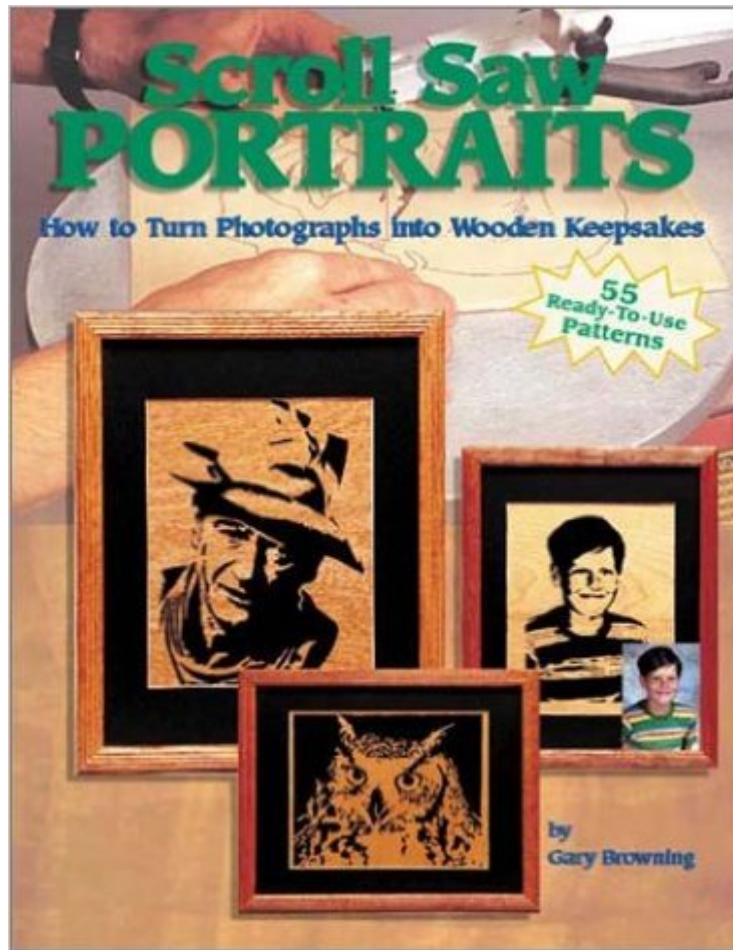


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Scroll Saw Portraits: How To Turn Photographs Into Wooden Keepsakes



Synopsis

With the help of a computer or a copy machine, a photograph of a loved one, pet, or movie star can be turned into a pattern from which a scroll saw craftsman can make a strikingly accurate portrait in wood. This guide explains how to create the patterns and how to cut for the best results. It also includes full-size patterns for portraits in wood of John Wayne, Marilyn Monroe, and Judy Garland.

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Though this book does have a few very nice celebrity portrait patterns built into it, the author does not go to any great lengths to tell you how to achieve these results yourself. The instructions may as well have been "use your computer to edit a digital photo or use tracing paper to create a scroll saw portrait pattern in black and white." The instructions on how to digitally manipulate the photographs were so basic that anybody with any understanding of computers would not need this book, and could find out what he tells you from the help menu of your favorite program. The book consists of roughly 10% instruction (ie. pictures of what he is doing), 90% patterns, so if you really want some of these nifty patterns, buy the book, if you want to find out how to create patterns, look elsewhere.

If you are looking for something different and challenging to do on your scroll saw I would suggest this book. It has a nice gallery section showing the author's work and some great patterns. Just a couple of the patterns are worth the book alone and there is 55 of them. Rather than just a pattern

book this also gives you the basic fundamental skills to choose good pictures and create a pattern from them. The information is fundamental and it will carry over to most graphic software titles out there. I for one thank the author for sharing this unique and exciting way of scroll sawing with all of us. His website also has tips and patterns but the book offers more information for the scroller. I hope this is one pattern maker that sticks around because I love his work.

The author compressed his vast knowledge and experience into simple tips and instructions. I was able to immediately make several excellent scrollsaw patterns. Plus, the patterns he provided add tremendously to the value...and his patterns are highest quality. One of the best craft books I've come across.

Very disappointing book. 1. publisher messed up only. 90 pages in book, should be 96 - several of the celebrity portraits missing. Book purchased - used - but you can see the pages were never there. (It was printed in China). 2. The gallery pages show images not in book - The Duke - Marilyn Monroe - Judy Garland (Dorothy) - Clint Eastwood. The cover even shows a picture of John Wayne but no portrait of him in the book at all. The book does have portraits of the author's brother and grandfather though. Well this will act as a reminder that if possible - Read the table of content first, if it's available with the "have a look" function.

Great guide on producing your own patterns for scroll saw work. The methods outlined would have been extremely difficult, if not impossible a couple of decades ago. This helped me to finally realize concepts that I've had in my head for 20 years. There were many palm to forehead moments when the light bulb went on and I knew that I should have thought of a particular approach myself many years ago. Instead I had been bothering an artistic friend for things I could have easily done myself.

Tells the steps but getting a useful photo is quite difficult. I have some high end photo manipulation apps and still not an easy task. It can be done, but requires more fussing with the photo that beginners would expect. The book is clear enough and the only one I found for scrolling photos so if you want to try it this book will help.

I Loved the Book Scrollsaw Portraits! I just started scroll sawing & I can do the portraits. I think Gary is very talented & should make another book! A must for any scroll sawer!

I purchased this magazine expressly for the portrait of John Wayne. After receiving the magazine I was excited to get started with my scroll saw. Quickly turning the pages and finding no John Wayne, I was totally disappointed. As for the rest of the magazine not much direction. Portraits were mostly fuzzy. Also there were some other portraits missing that had been advertised. I'm sending my magazine back. I don't blame as I have ordered from them previously and never had a problem.

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