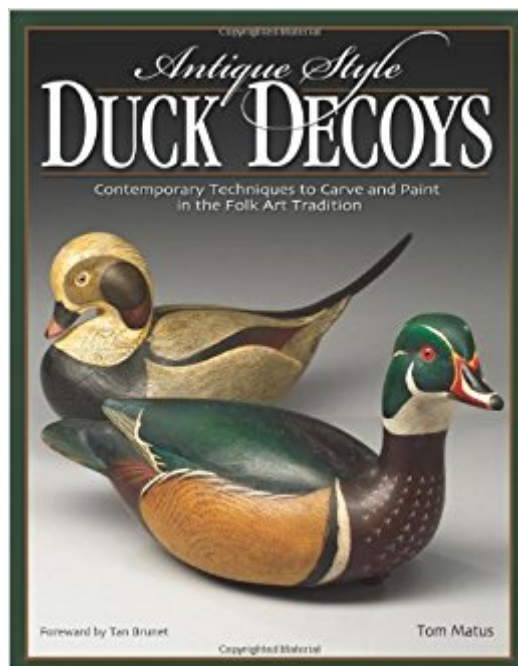




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# Antique-Style Duck Decoys: Contemporary Techniques To Carve And Paint In The Folk Art Tradition



## Synopsis

Contemporary techniques to replicate the grace, flow, and imperfections found in antique-style ducks. Carving painting and aging instructions are included.

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Master tips are given all throughout the book...the author goes into great detail to show you, with step by step pictures and instructions, how to carve an antique wood duck decoy. The book is so interesting and informative that the carver will enjoy the book as much as carving the decoy. The photography and layout in all areas of the book was phenomenal. The step-by-steps were clear and in synch with the text and supportive of the text, and there are a couple of very artistic still-life hunting scenes. Finally, there was my favorite part of the book, the painting schedule and instruction. It seems very detailed, complete, and unambiguous. Several years ago, when I carved and painted my first wood duck, I paid more than the price of this book for a booklet on just painting the wood duck. That guide was not even half as well done as the painting schedule in "Antique Style Duck Decoys". Chapter 4: Painting Awesome, awesome, awesome.

Create American Folk Art by Learning to Carve and Paint the Contemporary Antique Decoy In Antique Style Duck Decoys, Tom Matus, an experienced wildfowl hunter and a champion decoy carver, introduces you to the special world of the contemporary antique decoy. Whether you're a novice exploring the craft of decoy carving, a veteran craftsman seeking a change of pace, or a

painter looking for a fresh outlet to demonstrate your talents, the author's expert guidance will have you creating your very own stylized contemporary decoy to display and admire. With the help of more than 370 color photographs and easy-to-follow instructions, you'll master the basis and learn the secrets of: \*Carving the Decoy \*Aging the Wood \*Preparing the Surface \*Painting the Decoy \*Antiquing Techniques Antique-Style Duck Decoys also includes a 14-page gallery of the finest antique and contemporary antique decoys in circulation and an informative antiquing characteristics reference guide.

ANTIQUE STYLE DUCK DECOYS, is one of those beautifully illustrated books that makes one say, "Gee, I wish I could do that." And, you can if you follow the excellent directions and illustrations of wood carver Tom Matus. There are carvers out there that can reproduce a duck down to the pin feathers--all the finished art needs is a voice. But, if you like the clean, simple lines and beautiful color of nature heartfelt, you wouldn't miss if you follow author Matus's directions to "the folk art tradition." The importance of ANTIQUE STYLE DUCK DECOYS is the revelation of a person who loves the simple truth of form and the intricacies of nature. For a person, like me, who does a better job carving their fingers than forming wood, this book takes a lot of effort out of the learning curve.

I bought this book thinking it was going to show more of the styled of antique duck decoys. The book has some really good techniques in it, but I was hoping for a little better representation of what antique decoys looked like. This book only has one type of decoy pattern in it, a woodduck. If that's your thing, and you want to make it look old, this is the book for you.

I started with two blocks of straight grain pine and ended up with my first wood duck! Great instruction.

After searching for information on antique type decoys, I came across this book Title, sounded good, and had seen a sample of Tom Matus's decoys online, decided to add this to my collection. Was very pleasantly surprised by the attention to detail provided. Lots of photos, and easy to follow instruction on creating this type of Old Style Decoys. A great reference. Thanks Hugh Parks, Feathers In Wood [...]

great book on antique decoys and the project duck was well explained

very happy

Excellent Book

Fantastic book. Interesting content with clear, step by step instructions.

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