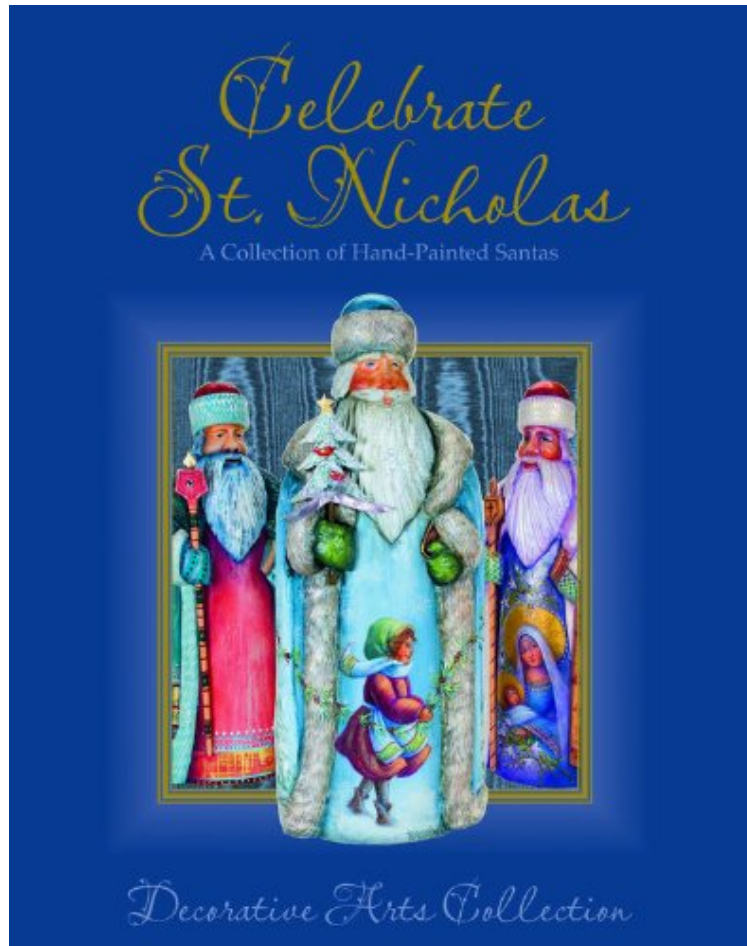


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**The Decorative Arts Collection : Celebrate St. Nicholas: A Collection of Hand-Painted Santas (Decorative Arts Collection)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Celebrate St. Nicholas: A Collection of Hand-Painted Santas (Decorative Arts Collection):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. beautiful and uniqueBy ucWhat is unique about this book are the instructions for painting these gorgeous wooden Santas. Many of the invited artists have taken their "signature" style and applied them to the Santa. So you'll notice stroke work Santas, rosemaling santas, one-stroke santas, realistic still life, landscape, folk, in addition to your more typical shadehighlight decorative painting style. If you are familiar with the artists, you'll spot their designs right away. But that also means that sometimes these designs just don't look good on a Santa! Andy Jones' pears and grapes are beautifully painted fruit, but they just look awful on a Santa. The most unfortunate part of the book is that it doesn't make clear where to get the santa blanks! The only US source that I know

of is Viking Woodcrafts. It's hard to find on their website (do a search). They run about \$80 for the blanks. The rating reflects bonus points that the publisher gets for publishing the book in full-color on high-quality paper. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Celebrate St Nicholas By Customer I recently added this book to my collection of Tole books and do not regret it. What a collection of wonderful painters who have come together with the same theme - all the same St Nicholas but all so very different. It is easy to pick out certain painters without reading the names as their work is so particular but everyone has put their own style into painting these beautiful St Nicholas's. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Gorgeous! By iris flower This book is more of a collector item and I am very happy to own it now! If I feel very unsure about my painting talent, all that I have to do is just open my "collection of hand-painted Santas" and get me some energy boost!

The fabulous St. Nicholas figurines painted in this book all began as 14-inch unpainted wooden figures. Each was meticulously hand-carved in Russia by skilled artisans working in traditional Russian folk style. Whether painted with realism, stroke work, landscapes or animals, the result is a celebration not only of St. Nicholas but also a celebration of the beauty and diversity of decorative painting.

About the Author The Decorative Arts Collection has been forward thinking in its strategy from its inception. With a two-pronged approach, a collection has been assembled which showcases both the historic roots and the contemporary direction of the decorative painting. The Collection features a variety of folk art styles from around the globe and contains a wide diversity of mediums and an incredible assortment of surfaces. In keeping with the DAC mission, one of the primary goals is the continuation of public education about decorative painting and the techniques used to create these masterworks.