

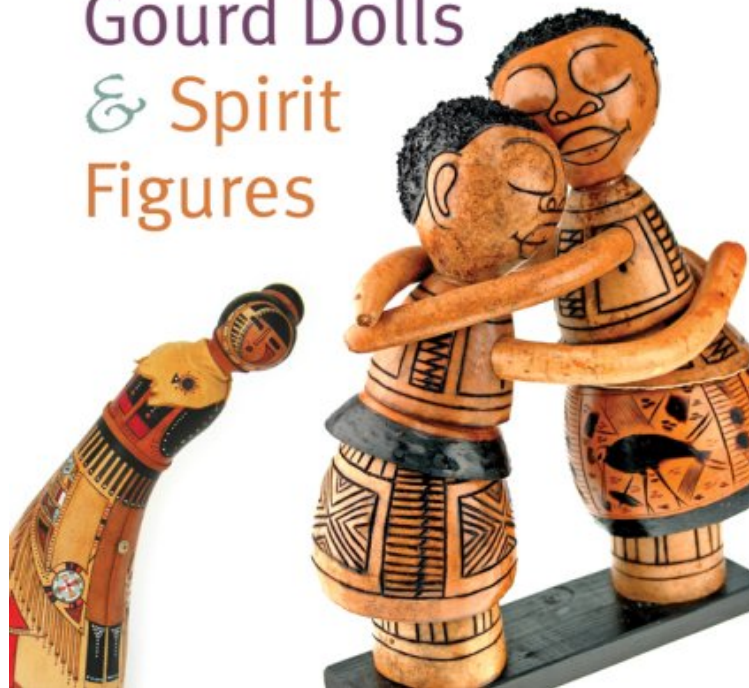
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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful Book with great project ideas. By OneMtnGirl This is an exceptional book with perfect pictures of the projects within. I grow gourds every year to make hand painted birdhouses out of and when I saw this book (I checked it out from the library first) I thought to myself "Wow, you really need to get busy you've got alot of crafting to do with those gourds!" It is an awesome book and I am happy that I added it to my library of books. The price is good, too. Gourds are easy to grow. In fact if you don't keep an eye on them they will take over more than the space you arranged for them in your yard and there are many volunteer gourds just waiting in every seed that is inside each and every gourd. If you like a certain gourd from your crop, dry those seeds and plant them the following year and you will have a whole vine of those gourds with that years crop and the seeds seem to last forever. My husband was cleaning the seeds out of one last year and he must have dropped a few on the ground because this year we had volunteer gourd vines all over by the trash can out back. They are definitely prolific. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Great book By embrlady This is a really great book for inspiration in creating your own gourd dolls and spirit figures. Artists are creating the most incredible art works with

gourds and it's wonderful to see the many ways they can be fashioned. There are a few tips for techniques, but I would have liked additional information for some of the other techniques to create these wonderful objects, such as other products used. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Making Gourd Dolls Spirit Figures book By J. Taylor This book is so WONDERFUL. I am eager to begin projects soon. Ginger has done a fabulous job in presenting all the projects to inspire creativity.

Dolls that dance, dolls that protect, dolls that charm: these beautiful gourd dolls do that and more. Ginger Summit and Jim Widess authors of *The Complete Book of Gourd Crafting and Making Gourd Musical Instruments* pay tribute to an ancient craft in a volume both inspirational and instructional. Its packed with images of dolls from different cultures and eras, filled with testimonials from the most creative artists working today, and brimming with advice and irresistible projects. Summit and Widess explain how to choose a gourd, mold one as its growing, clean it properly and safely, pyrograph and sculpt faces, create movable joints, and make such creatures as a simple, limbless Stump Doll; beaded Zulu doll; endearing Hobgoblin; and stacked Mother and Daughter dolls.

About the Author I have always been interested in handcrafts of all types, since a young child. I drew upon this interest often in my career as a Special Education teacher. Soon after retiring in 1990, I discovered the world of gourdcraft. After a fruitless search for books on the topic, Jim Widess and I agreed that the time was right for a new book, and a whole new world opened up! Artists around the country responded with enthusiasm and creativity to our inquiries, and the resulting books reflect the tremendous potential that the gourd has provided humans since earliest times. The great appeal of gourds to the craft world lies in their flexibility: the variety of shapes and textures of this ancient plant always suggest new possibilities to the crafter. Gourds can be embellished and adapted to work with all mediums available to artists today, and can be enjoyed for individuals with all levels of skill. In addition to growing gourds, I have been able to explore cultures and unimagined areas of human activity, from very functional containers to highly artistic expressions of music, dance, art and culture identities. It has been a great satisfaction to participate in the great gourd world, passing on a tradition that has been such an important part of human history.