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We Are Indie Toys: Make Your Own Resin Characters



Synopsis

The indie world is producing extraordinary toy characters but little is known about the designers creating them or the processes used to make them. *We Are Indie Toys!* profiles the most interesting toymakers and reveals how they turn their unique ideas into one-of-a-kind collectibles.

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Customer Reviews

I have to honestly say that I feel a little ripped off purchasing this book. The sample of the book here on [looked great](#) but unfortunately this is the very best part of the book. This book mainly consists of well photographed images but is totally lacking in the "making" department. Most designers give the same advice over and over again. Trivial little things like "watch out for air bubbles". Really? You can't get more basic than that. Any ideas of casting painting and design are gleaned from the few photos that show but do not explain the process or examine the details. So it's really a product picture book. I read it from cover to cover in under 10 minutes. If I had seen the book on a bookstore shelf I definitely would not have purchased it when there are so many other good books out there on most of the things a book like this hints at covering but totally fails. Resin can be a little tricky but do not rely on this for any hints, tips, and secret little tricks. Very, very disappointed seasoned professional. But the photography is well executed as a product picture book with little variety of styles. You will definitely find more information spending 5 minutes on the net then it takes the time to order this book.

I got this book thinking it would be an a-z guide on how to create and make resin figures. But it's mostly just a glossary of artists who currently are in the resin making field. Mainly showing the creations the artists have made and although beautiful and amazing to see it is nowhere near complete enough to help a beginner get their feet wet in the creation of making resin characters. There are about 25-30 artists included and the book gives a bio on each artist. Then each artist is basically given 2-3 paragraphs on "helpful" tips of creating resin figures. Most just gloss over the resin making process (But never an a-z guide) and just offer random tips that aren't all that helpful. Like one artist says make sure enough air holes in the mold but where am I supposed to go from there? If you want a coffee table book or one that shows some amazing artwork this is the book for you. But if you are wanting to actually get into the creation of resin characters it is lacking a lot.

The title of this book is misleading. Although it does give a few hints on how to make your own resin figure, it DOES NOT adequately break it down step-by-step. Here you'll find pretty pictures with artist introductions and their technique tips. That makes it more of a coffee table book that is better purchased as a paper or hardback, and not a Kindle download as I did. If you are looking for detailed instructions on this subject matter I suggest you look elsewhere.

I love the eye candy in this photo book, and I'm a huge fan of Louis Bou's many art books. The only downside is that I was hoping there would be more in depth tips and tricks on how to make resin toys included with this book. It's mostly a celebration of the top resin artists out there that are already making indie toys with very little information on making toys. One of the artists included in this book is an art teacher known as JEMTOY and his write up mentions that he has a how to book for beginners that want to get started making resin toys. So if you want a book that takes you through all the basics of what silicone mold materials and urethane resins to get, JEMTOY's book, *How To Make Resin Toys* is the book to get available here on as a kindle download. It got me started, and now I'm addicted to plastic. I suggest to get both books, use *Indie Toys* for ideas and inspiration, and the *JEMTOY How To* book for tips and techniques. Making your own toy characters is so cool!

This book is one of my favorites! It's full of amazing toy artists who share their experience in making their own toys with some helpful hints and photographs of how they do it. Though it's not a step-by-step guide of how to make your own toys, it's not something you should turn your nose up at if you're looking for inspiration or advice from other artists.

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