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Figure Making Can Be Fun?!?: A Complete Guide To Making A Professional Ventriloquist Figure.



Synopsis

Detailed information on the art of making professional ventriloquist figures. Includes: Proportions, Sculpting Models, Plaster Molds, Latex Molds, Silicone Molds, Casting (numerous techniques & materials), Mechanics and Animations (many not covered anywhere before), Painting & Body Construction (full dimensions), Wigs, Clothing and much, much, more! Shows more than one way to make molds and castings to produce quality figures. A way to make a figure without molds! Learn how to work with the materials that many top figure makers use. Learn what it takes to make quality mechanics and animations inside the head. This and more has been included inside this one volume. There are numerous photos and quality illustrations along with detailed instructions of each part of the process. See here for testimonials:

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Customer Reviews

These books are great! I purchased the Winker Mechanics and the Figure Making Can Be Fun books and this review applies to both. The physical format of both books is large enough to allow for clear detailed photos and the text font is large. This is good for me because it lets me read the books without glasses! There are detailed instructions and a ton of photos to accompany the text. They cover all aspects of the fabrication process, the mechanics and the finishing of the figure. I know I will refer to them many times. They also include templates and sources for the products used in building of a figure. I highly recommend both of these books.

Let me start by saying that I bought this book with absolutely no experience whatsoever in building

dummies, puppets, or anything of the sort. I bought this book because I felt it may be a good extension to the "puppets and props" website tutorials. I was floored with how well written this manual is. This book is detailed to the finest degree. The author leaves absolutely no question whatsoever on what needs to be done to complete the project. Typically, when you buy a how-to manual, there are dozens of open ends left dangling for you to figure out; this is not the case with this book. This book covers every possible aspect of building a dummy, from A to Z. Even the mechanics of the dummy are covered in excruciating detail. Don't get me wrong; this book covers a serious project that would take serious focus, detail, and attention. The author, however, has a lifetime of experience, and does not hold back in this book. He knows exact sizes for every single item used. Even in Clock Repair manuals, the authors will tell you to just figure it out; not in this book. This book gives you exact dimensions for every aspect. The ONLY aspect of this book that is not exact in detail is the artistic side. The author rightfully leaves it up to the reader to use his own artistic style for his dummy. Fair enough; but he still gives a slew of pointers on how to accomplish what. I am so very glad I bought this book. Immediately after buying this book, I bought his (unpublished E-Book) "Winker Mechanics Can be Fun?!?" which, again, is detailed to the core. I have no doubt whatsoever after reading these two books that I will be able to build a quality professional ventriloquist dummy.

Lets face it. There are no secrets to making a ventriloquist figure. It is just that these skills are becoming rare in our world. The section that deals with making a frame to construct a head and using non-hardening clay is a great way to start. Work from gross to fine. Also keep your attitude right. There are no mistakes, just iterations.

The book is very well written....The author knows his subject as he had been making Ventriloquist Figures many years...The biggest thing I like about the book is that he doesn't just explain how to do a certain thing One way...He gives you several different ideas on each subject! That way he leaves it up to the reader, Which method to use in building a certain part. I highly recommend this book!!!

This is the best and most comprehensive book on the subject available. It lives on my workbench within easy reach.

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