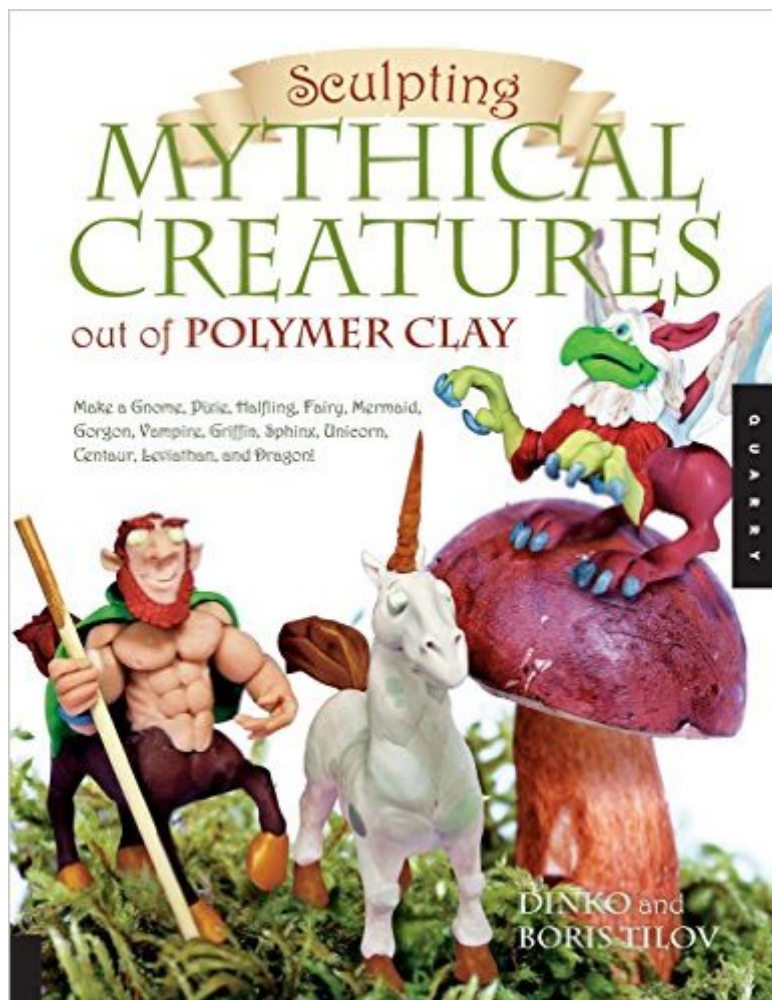


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# Sculpting Mythical Creatures Out Of Polymer Clay: Making A Gnome, Pixie, Halfling, Fairy, Mermaid, Gorgon Vampire, Griffin, Sphinx, Unicorn, Centaur, Leviathan, And Dragon!





## Synopsis

Starting with simpler characters, and moving toward more complex ones, talented brothers and internationally known clay sculpting experts Dinko and Boris Tilov show readers step-by-step how to build mythological figures from polymer clay. Each project is built by combining basic clay shapes and using simple tools that can be found around the house. Detailed step-by-step photography lead readers of any skill level through thirteen characters, each accompanied by clever variations.

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## Customer Reviews

I loved Dinko's first book, *Creating Polymer Clay Fantasy Creatures*, and learned a lot and had lots of fun. I'm just starting to explore this new one. He always gives great step by step directions and great photos to actually show what's being done, lots and lots of photos. The projects are great and new techniques are taught in each project and used later on again and again. The books offer ways to vary project and make them your own. This is common to both books, if you loved the first, you'll love the second. However be prepared for some complicated projects. This book, although it doesn't say so, really build on the techniques in the first books. I would really suggest starting with the first book, *Polymer Clay 101* and take this as *Polymer Clay 201*. It really stretches the mind and the hands.

While this book was a great book for ideas and resources, it is not a good book for sculptures or art dolls. Why? The book features "rough placement" and a "rough finish" which I do not tend to like as I feel it looks sloppy and unprofessional. This being said, if you like a less professional and finished look to your pieces, this book will suit your purposes. The ideas for characters are well done

however. If I had known that this was what the book was like, I would NOT have spent the money on it. Very disappointed over all.

Some books are just fun, and this is one of them. Dinko and Boris Tilov have these amazing somewhat cartoonish creatures that are just fun to make. The book like many instructive projects books provide step by step instructions and how to make these adorable characters. It is well written with loads of photographs of each step. It is easy to see how you could make your own variation if you want to change colors or tweak it for your own design. Because the characters don't require complex caning even a novice should be able make these mystical figures. I tend to buy my books from the used category so the price was right in taking a chance on this Polymer Clay project book. Although these are sculpted figures, the authors have done an excellent job in showing you how to create the armature needed for these figures, and surprisingly their instructions made it fairly simple. They give you the tools and specific measurements for the armature so there's no guessing. For those who are into fairies these characters would feel right at home in your little fairy garden easily. Fun Fun projects.

This is a good little book for learning the steps on how to make mythical creatures with polymer clay. I like many of the step by step guides. The only thing I don't like is they aren't blended together very well, but I suppose you can modify your technique and blend yours better if you want. Easy to follow instructions. Good for older kids maybe 10-and up but too complicated for younger kids.

This book rocks! It is awesome, they teach you everything so simple that you are able to make all the figures in relatively no time. One of the things I really liked of this book, is the fun way they wrote it, each character has a story and makes the learning process even funnier.

Great book; excellent instructions and additional tips. Looking forward to putting into practice. My husband also expressed an interest in working with polymer clay. We will work on projects together.

I bought this item because I was looking for one that specifically included directions for sculpting a dragon. Yes, a dragon is included but it's not anything an adult would want to admit to making. All of the projects included are of barely cartoon quality and appear slapped together. Fingerprints are not smoothed over and, in many cases, seams are not finished. I'm on the fence about keeping Mythical Creatures. The only reason I'm considering it is in the hope I might be able to adapt some

of the ideas to an acceptable level. If you are serious about sculpting in this genre (and over the age of 12) I would recommend *Fairies, Gnomes & Trolls: Create a Fantasy World in Polymer Clay*.

This is a wonderful step by step book. My children and I have spent hours of fun together making the figurines in it. I have never felt so artistic before, it makes each step so simple. I look forward to purchasing more books like this one. I highly recommend it to everyone. Even if you don't think you could do this, it makes it so easy you will want to start sculpting all the time.

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