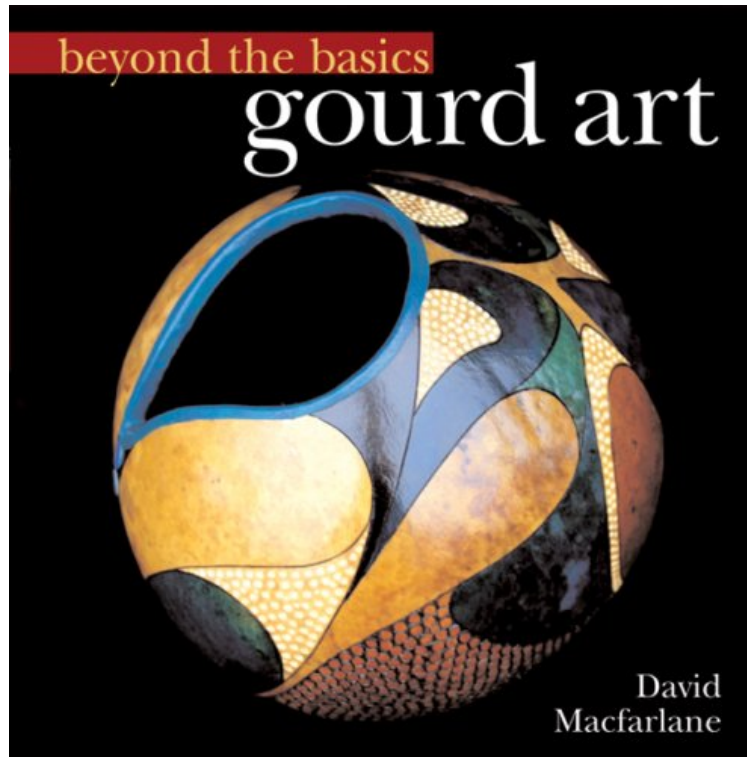


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weaving, and many other techniques. Since there are various artists works represented, most people are bound to find something they like. I can't wait to start working on some gourds I got from a friend of mine a couple of years ago!

A common wild gourd becomes a thing of beauty in the hands of 25 top artisans who specialize in exploring, expressing--and teaching--their handiwork. Magnificent projects shown in illuminating full-color photos and practical skills introduce you to a diversity of ways to turn gourds into works of art. You use simple media such as staining, stenciling, carving, and pyrography, which are all clearly explained. Projects include an elaborate teapot with a metallic finish; carved oak and maple leaf bowls; "Path to Harmony" gourd with mother of pearl, abalone and turquoise inlay; carved gourd lamps; hand painted and decorated masks; gourd birdhouse with pyrographed Celtic design; lizard and broken pottery designs; and "Baby's New Shoes" with carved, pyrographed, painted finish.