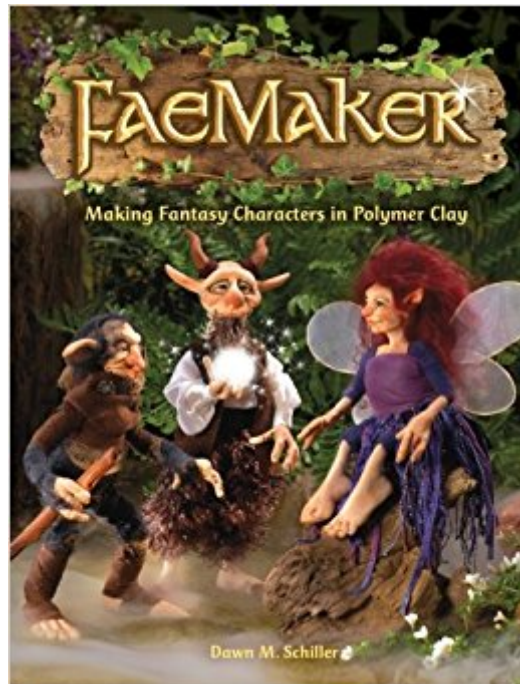




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FaeMaker: Making Fantasy Characters In Polymer Clay



Synopsis

This fun book shows readers how to make standalone character figures with polymer clay - what the author calls "Oddfae" - dragons, treefolk, witches, wizards, fugitives from fairy tales, figments of the imagination, and the slightly off-center. Readers learn about materials, special precautions and quick, simple techniques; then they will get 9 step-by-step demonstrations. Each demonstration shows how to make accurate figures, from beginning supports to sculpting the head, hands and feet (including eyes, chins, noses, brows, lips, cheeks, mouths, ears, makeup and hair), bodies, baking and costuming. There are stories by the author and poems about each character.

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Customer Reviews

Dawn Schiller is an internationally collected, self-taught artist. Her award-winning work has appeared in shows, galleries, books and magazines in the U.S. and Europe. She teaches figurative art online and at retreats, as well as in her Santa Clarita, California studio. Visit Dawn online at Oddfae.com.

I decided to edit my review after completing several project. While at first I was quite frustrated because this book wasn't what I expecting. These projects are all soft bodied - only the head, hands and feet are polymer clay. This wasn't made clear in the description of the book. However after making a troll and a witch - both modified, I really how much fun it can be to put your time into making those tricky parts and using a soft, poseable body which can stand on its own. I also have a tricky time with that. I picked up some great tips for costumes, hair, and armatures that I know I can

use in other projects. Her directions are clear, though at times you'll be told to do this like in this project... but at least she gives page numbers. Honestly though if she repeated the steps each project the book would be twice as thick. It takes time and practice to master a head and hands and this book really gave me the impetus to work on skills and not worry about sculpting a body.

Easy to follow sculpting instructions but needs a little extra attention and detail when it comes to clothing

I really like all the photos that show concepts. The photos show how to set up the armature and how to form the clay around the armature. A unique concept that I haven't found in other books is how to incorporate cloth with clay. This cloth and clay process is similar to those used in doll making, but these clay figures have an armature which allows the clay figure to remain flexible after the clay has been cured and the cloth and clothing have been added.

The clear directions, supported by color photos make the creating experience fun. The stories the author has given to explain the creations are very imaginative and quite humorous!! My work with polymer clay has been self-taught, and this book did not let me down. Highly recommended to anyone who wants to create something "a little off the beaten path". Some great tips for making your own tools too! I am now looking at the world in a much different light---and smiling more! I will be watching for more books by Dawn Schiller!

Easy to follow step by step instructions with quality pictures for each step & patterns for clothes. The only problem I have is which one to make first! Came within a week!

I am a big fan of Dawn and have always wanted to know how she creates her Oddfae. This book tells and shows you step by step how to create some projects. Very concise instructions, photos galore. Once you make one of her projects, you are only limited by your imagination.

This book was so informative with easy to follow instructions and beautiful illustrations to help you with each step. I am so happy with this book

Well explained and illustrated! then you have plenty of room to be creative after you have learn the basics, but it is so much fun that you don't realize that you are learning! Give yourself some room to

experiment and the sprites become your own! In fantasy there is no such thing as a mistake, just happy accidents!

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