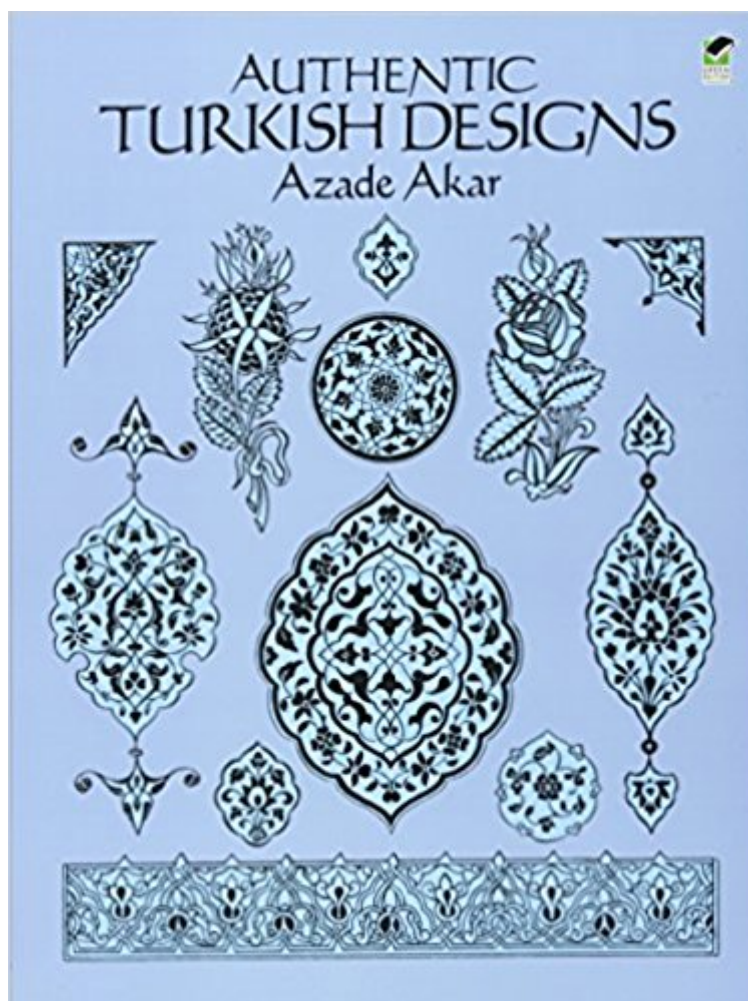


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# Authentic Turkish Designs (Dover Pictorial Archive)



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Love these design books. They are perfect inspiration for art projects. They shipped super fast. And the price was right.

I like it

Authentic Turkish Designs (Dover Pictorial Archive) This book has many clear black and white illustrations of Turkish influenced designs. Many of the designs are at least 1/4 of a page big and some are a whole page. All of the designs are complete and finished with samples of borders, motifs, and decorative designs that can be copied for different projects. It's a great reference book.

Very useful for designing motifs with a Turkish flair

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