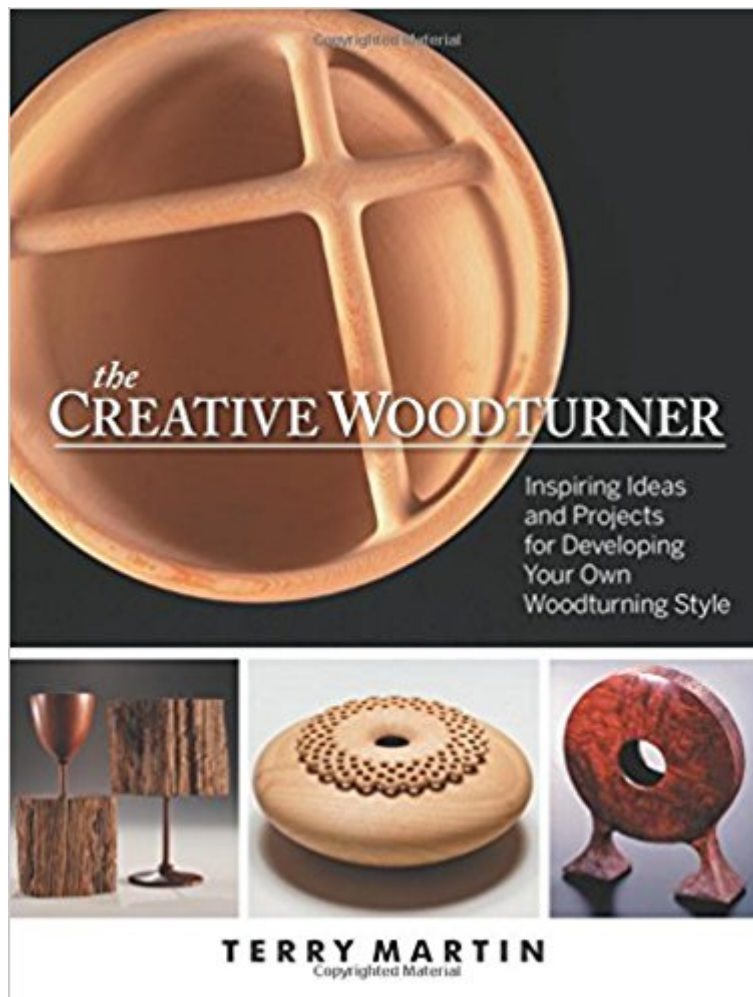


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# The Creative Woodturner: Inspiring Ideas And Projects For Developing Your Own Woodturning Style



## Synopsis

Woodturning is as popular as ever -- a constantly growing segment in the woodworking world and one of the most wide-reaching woodcrafts among artists and hands-on crafters. Its appeal is based on the short learning curve, the minimal equipment, and the sheer joy of learning to make something out of wood with one's own hands. But, unlike a lot of crafts that rely on individuality and creative thinking, the initial techniques of woodturning must be mastered. While at first liberating, these same techniques can eventually be confining because in mastering them, one must follow the lead of others. At a certain point, woodturners can feel that mastering the techniques has become the end in itself as they lose sight of their true pursuit: to create one's own original style. In fact, some woodturners, who believe they aren't creative enough, will simply continue to master techniques while imitating the style of others. Terry Martin, the author of *The Creative Woodturner* and a woodturning artist, instructor, and photographer for over thirty-years, believes this goes against the fundamental nature of creating and being an artist. There is no "right" or "wrong" and the pursuit of originality should be the goal of every woodturner. Best of all, creativity can be learned and the ability to think and see in one's own artistic style can be achieved. *The Creative Woodturner* is not your usual "how-to" woodturning book. It won't tell you what a chuck is, how to sharpen a scraper, or how to turn a goblet. Instead, this book is a "how-to" for unlocking curiosity, how to break the rules, and for following one's own artistic path with confidence. Designed to give readers a wide perspective on creativity, *The Creative Woodturner* begins first with insightful commentary, quotes, and examples from the woodturning and art community that will both inspire and inform. In addition, the author shares his Idea Tools: questions to ask during the planning and creative process that are as important to the creation of the woodturning project as any equipment in the shop. Finally, 16 one-of-a-kind projects -- from boxes and vessels to bowls and one-of-a-kind sculptures -- are featured that will spark the creative mindset of any woodturner. Each project is documented with instructions and crisp photography highlighting the key steps, techniques, and tasks necessary for completion. In taking the reader through each project, the author pulls back the curtain on his woodturning magic and shares his vision and how the Idea Tools and creative thinking emerges in each project. An inspiring and enjoyable read not only for woodturners, but for any artist, *The Creative Woodturner* will anyone to think and see differently so time is spent at the lathe -- or whatever creative pursuit it is -- creating the original ideas instead of imitating someone else.

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This was actually a readable book. I was expecting just a book of inspirational picture but was pleasantly surprised. NOT a how to book. No techniques here but great inspiration

Personally i prefer woodworking books that dont waste space with info on how exactly to replicate the authors work.. i want to do my own thing. This book is a great book to get inspiration from and if you are the type of person that likes to do specific projects from books, it has that too. I love this book just not a fan of the portion/s that just show you how to do specific projects.

I flipped through this the other day and I'm surprised people keep saying it's not a how to. So it doesn't hold your hand. It does tell you how each was done, such as the crazy bowl on the cover that at first I thought was impossible. If you have the skill to make a bowl like that you do not need to have your hand held. You just need the idea and a push in the right direction. This book is for skilled turners in my opinion. High end products that will blow people away.

excellent insights into a creative mind.

Excellent book. Very readable and gives a good insight into some interesting techniques as well as useful hints and tips to achieve the results. Thoroughly recommend.

Purchased this as a gift for a dear friend who just started this craft. He absolutely loved it. Full of inspiration and ideas. Just what I was looking for.

Mr. Martin is a wonderful generator ideas and fresh approaches. He offers insight to think "out of round" in wood turning projects.

LOVE this book! I'm only part way through it, but it has already freed my mind to think outside the box (or bowl)!

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