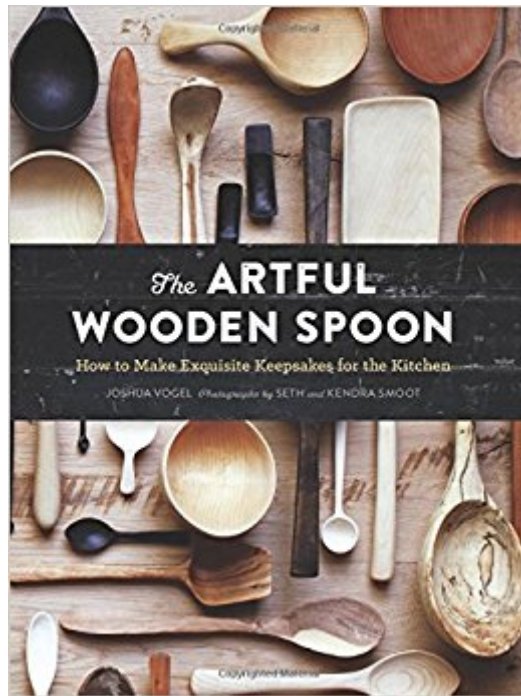


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# The Artful Wooden Spoon: How To Make Exquisite Keepsakes For The Kitchen



## Synopsis

Marvels of craftsmanship, beauty, and function, Joshua Vogel's hand-carved kitchenware is coveted far and wide. In *The Artful Wooden Spoon*, Vogel shares more than 100 gorgeous pieces from his workshop gallery, providing rich visual inspiration along with explaining the principles behind handcrafting spoons and sharing simple instructions and step-by-step photographsâno expertise and very few tools required. With more than 225 photographs of Vogel's stunning specimens, this visual introduction to the craft is an invitation to explore an age-old art and to create a timeless gift.

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This book is sectioned so that several disciplines of spoon carving/spoon making are presented in considerable detail along with excellent photos. It illustrates the old axe and hand-carved knife method, the frame saw and striking or palm chisel method and the bandsaw, burr and sanding method. Excellent! Tools and techniques are presented for each method. I particularly respect the fact that the author does not take an authoritarian approach toward explaining the craft but rather a common sense one. He integrates artistry with practicality and safety and stresses that whatever method one chooses, the spoon, once finished, should not be fussed or fretted over in an endless quest for perfection but rather considered done at some point and presented as an expression of one's own handiwork and caring. So there's no recommended method as it comes down to choosing the one that's most comfortable, the degree of skill, the amount of effort one desires to impart, the type of wood and whatever tools are available and affordable. Naturally, the greater the desire one has for individual artistic expression, the more involved and precise the craft becomes. Or, as the

author suggests, a person can also just enjoy the craft and get great personal satisfaction from giving the resulting spoons to family and friends as true gifts from the heart.

A really inspiring read/ look though. It will make you appreciate the art of spoon making. Yeah, they convinced me, it's an art. I wanted to try woodworking for the first time and thought something small like a spoon would work. This book will tell you how to make a spoon from start to finish, including all the tools required, with recommendations. It was too ambitious for me as a newbie to woodworking, but I will hold onto it to revisit when I have some more experience.

Joshua thoughtfully details all the parts, steps, and tools needed to create wooden spoons (and with imagination other things too). Its less of a step by step book and more of a great understanding to inspire you to actually get up and do something! Beautiful photographs and just a lovely read all around. If you have any desire to start this hobby I highly recommend this book as a great starting point. All you need is this book, youtube, and some very fun hand tools to work with.

As an avid collector of contemporary hand carved spoons (see my A Gathering of Spoons), i'm delighted to see such an attractive and well thought out book that should encourage its readers to explore putting it to practical use. In recent years there has been a notable increase in the number of spoon makers that Vogel's images and careful instructions should increase.

As a spoon Carver, I found this book to be spot on from a technical perspective, and found it refreshing from a philosophical point of view. If you have an interest in carving it is well worth the read.

This book is a great addition to the home library. Tons of information for the seasoned spoon carver, or one who has just picked up the hobby. The paper is nice and thick. The illustrations are beautiful. Would not hesitate to purchase this book as a gift in the future

This book is both beautiful and inspiring: the clear and intimate writing, the lovely photos, the comprehensible instructions, even the typography and copy editing are a pleasure. I am a serious hobby craftsperson (mostly knitting and jewelry metal smithing) and a book designer/editor/publisher. I have pieces of wood I've always wanted to use "for something." This book points the way.

Bought 3 one for myself and the others for gifts. Beautifully written easy to follow and very well put together. I'm giving one to my Dr who in her spare time loves woodworking ill update after Christmas. Hope there will be others

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