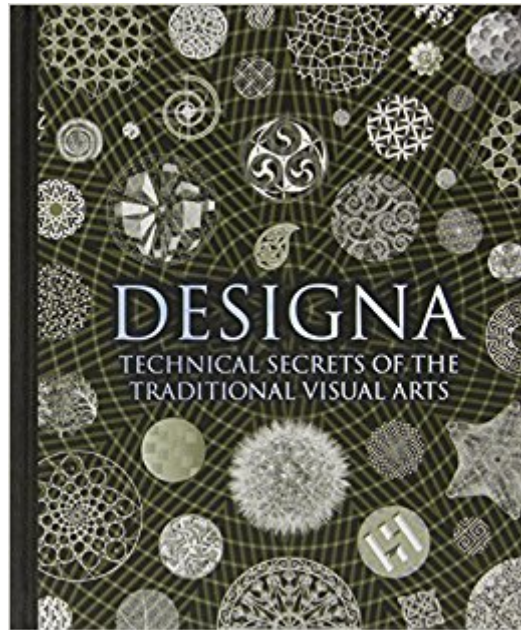




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contains 6 books inside, that are also found separately: "celtic pattern", "islamic design", "curves", "perspective", "symmetry" and "the golden section"

Wooden Books has done it again. I preordered this book months ago and I was not let down. It's gone right to the top of my shelf along with *Quadrivium* and *Sciencia*. *Quadrivium* is my bible, but as a designer, I'm obsessed with shapes and patterns, and this book is full of them. It's beautifully crafted and thoughtfully assembled. I'll love this book for the rest of my life. I've been carrying it around with me for almost two weeks now.

Imagery, presentation, and overall aesthetic? 5 out of 5 / Written content and functionality as an instructional guide? 2-2.5 out of 5. Why? Very beautiful images throughout - packed with great graphics and grids. Also has a nice and useful appendix. A bit disappointed at the phoned-in weaker than Wikipedia (in research and depth) writing. As an artist, I value this as a design resource but I am frustrated by the vague and sometimes inaccurate descriptions of certain grids and explanations that would make it impossible to reproduce anything without some additional research and/or assistance. As a teacher, I would really expect a bit more research and authentication of sources

would go into a book like this! However, at \$15, I would still recommend it to anyone interested in design because it's a wealth of visual inspiration in a nice, portable and well constructed package. This would be a good gift for any artist who might need some good eye-candy to get the juices flowing but if you're considering it for a math or history enthusiast, I'm sure there's something less teeth-gritting out there. Check out [...] for some excellent suggestions. (And no, I have no affiliation with the website - just a longtime fan.)

Not only is this book informative, it's a beautiful book. In this day of everything going paperback or digital, those who enjoy books as beautiful objects will appreciate the whole collection by Wooden Books.

If you are an artist, this book is ESSENTIAL! It is fabulous! The book itself is a work of art - the layout and design is top notch - but the material in the book is priceless! I want to collect the whole series!

This book is a fabulous reference tool for any craftsperson, artist, or doodler! My only complaint (hence the four instead of five star rating) is that this is not the full size book I expected (read the description more carefully than I did!), and therefore, the designs are smaller. Just be aware

Love the Wooden Books series. If you're thinking about these books, I recommend buying this book and the Quadrivium and Sciencia books. They include all the mini-books in the series so buying these three books encompasses ALL the wooden books in the series! Don't be like me and accidentally purchase the mini-books too, although they make great gifts!

I was beyond pleased with this book series, the subjects are covered pretty thoroughly as far as brief lessons are concerned. I have many books from Wooden Books now and I know I can expect quality products from them in the future.

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