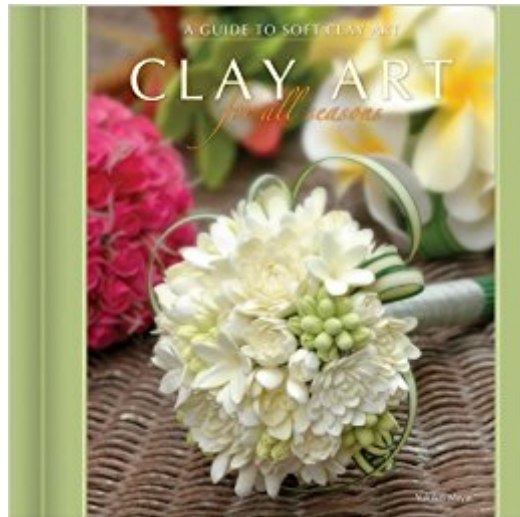




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# **Clay Art For All Seasons: A Guide To Soft Clay Art**



## Synopsis

This elegant craft book's stunning clay creations were inspired by the flowers of Hawaii and beyond. Using its easy-to-follow instructions, readers will learn how to create realistic orchids, plumeria, hibiscus, gerbera daisies, and other flowers as well as charming themed pieces for Easter, Halloween, Christmas, weddings, and other special occasions. Clay flowers make fantastic party favors, homemade holiday gifts, elegant centerpieces, or everlasting bouquets. With gorgeous color photos and informative illustrations throughout, Clay Art for All Seasons guides readers step-by-step through the creative process, enabling them to enjoy the everlasting beauty of this delicate and highly decorative art form.

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## Customer Reviews

Stunning art instruction from a gifted artist is how to describe this instructional and visually beautiful book. Yukiko Miyai is a brilliant artist who has written a most inclusive tome on how to use soft clay and transform it into spectacular flowers and floral arrangements. I first saw her on a recent episode of The Martha Stewart Show and she was displaying the incredible lifelike floral pieces that she made using soft clay. In and of itself, soft clay is a great medium, but to be able to mold it and arrange it and ply it into bouquets of flowers bursting with colors is where the title of "artist" comes about. The arrangements she created looked real, and that's the beauty of knowing how to mold and shape this clay. To begin, getting a hold of a copy of this book required Herculean efforts. I initially didn't have this, so I placed myself on the waiting list. In trying the local bookstore giants, I

had to place my name on their waiting list as well. Fortunately, there was a brief window of availability from our friends here at , and I seized it, and the book, but it's become "unavailable" once again. Therefore my advice is when you see a copy anywhere, grab it! If all other avenues fail, you could try the Deco Art website, and purchase directly from the company. The book itself is hardcover with a spiral spine. The layout and look is soft and pastel, as are all the breathtaking arrangements. The photography is superb, detailed, and all shots are close-up. You will have a hard time realizing that what you're looking at, is what can be transformed from clay. The education you will receive begins.....INTRODUCTION: Yukiko describes how her gifted mother began this art form through years of trial and error until she found the right consistency of this medium. Then her mom began classes and workshops and as Yukiko grew up, she learned and expanded this art form to where it is today.GETTING STARTED: Basic materials, tools, and other materials.WORKING WITH THE CLAY: How to use the basic techniques to shape the clay and make the stems and leaves, as well as how to attach the flowers to the stems.COLOR MIXING: How to take basic colors of clay and by incorporating other colors with it, in small amounts, make primary and pastel colors.FLOWERS: Through the use of molds, the real fun begins with making roses, plumeria, daffodils, gerbera daisies, lilacs, hibiscus, peonies, orchids, stephanotis, pakalana (for lei's), calla lilies, poinsettia's, long stem roses, decorative topping for a gift box, decorated eggs, a "basket", chicks and bunnies, lei's, haku lei's (for wearing as a crown), hand-tied bouquets (one of my favorites), a "dress" for a shadow box, pumpkins, trick or treat bag, wreaths, and Santa ornaments.Each of these projects have step-by-step photographs with detail so there is plenty of direction; it would be hard to error. And again, the arrangements are so spectacular, you will be quite please with your efforts, when they turn out just like the photograph.And all the tools and products you need can be purchased easily through the company, and its website, which is located in Hawaii. So you would be hardpressed to find an excuse not to attempt these gorgeous projects, though they are time-intensive. Actually, if you could become skilled enough to make these lifelike clay bouquets, the possibility of a business that caters to those who would like to keep their flowers and bouquets (brides for one) would be a good one.Enjoy the fun ! Peace!

I got this book to help me with cake flowers using fondant, since it is similar to clay. Some of the instructions can be a little advanced but Yukiko has many u tube videos to help fill in the gaps. Also having had some experience working with fondant helps with some of this as well. Fondant is not as strong as clay and at times you must allow it to firm up between steps that may not be necessary with clay.

I took a class in Hawaii, where I learned about these great products...the book has great pictures to go along with easy to understand instructions..the only thing missing is how to attach the stems to the beautiful flowers...

Great book

So cute!

The book still in good condition

Beautiful book with great examples and clear instructions. It was everything I hoped for.

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