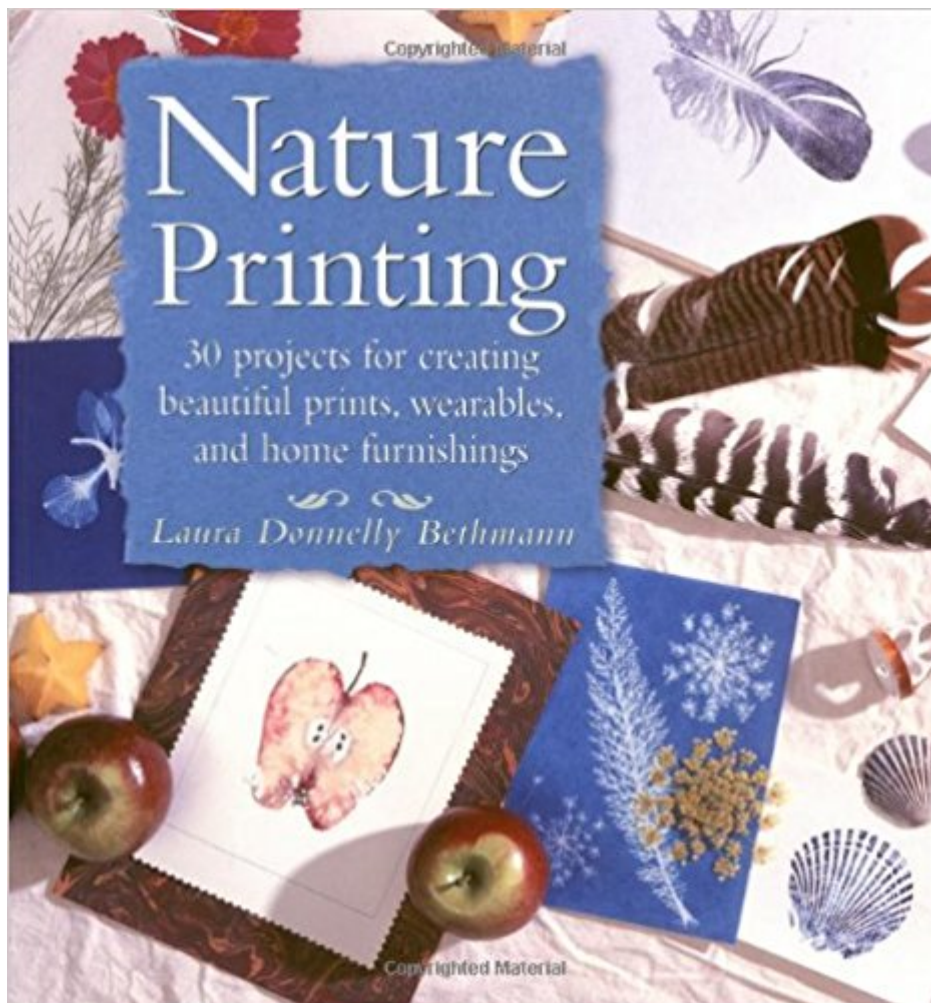


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Nature Printing: 30 Projects For Creating Beautiful Prints, Wearables, And Home Furnishings



Synopsis

Nature printing, or recreating images from the natural world, is a direct, inexpensive process with possibilities as varied as nature itself. Apply ink or paint to leaves, flowers, herbs, or fruit and print life-sized images onto paper, fabric, and other surfaces to create captivating works of art. In full-color, simple instructions, *NATURE PRINTING* covers tools, techniques, and tips for dozens of beautiful projects, including printed fabric for curtains, pillows, linens, quilts, and clothing; stationery, cards, and invitations; nature journals; and more. The book includes instructions for decorative finishes and frames, and it offers nature printing projects for children.

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Since ancient times, humans have sought ways to preserve the ephemeral beauty of nature. The centuries-old technique of nature printing yields some of the most exquisite results, appearing something like a cross between pressed-flower pictures and rubber-stamped designs. And the process itself somewhat resembles a hybrid of the two crafts: plant materials are gathered and pressed for a few minutes, then inked and covered with a sheet of paper or fabric to transfer the image. Unlike pressed-flower pictures, which require relatively flat blossoms, nature prints can utilize more extravagant blooms like roses and carnations, which can be printed without pressing. Other natural materials also work: fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, leaves, seashells, feathers, even fish and spiderwebs. Laura Donnelly Bethmann provides solid background on the basics of the technique, as well as an interesting history of the craft. She explains how to gather and prepare specimens, offers a variety of printing methods, and discusses design principles. The final chapter

comprises about a dozen simple projects, including gift-wrap, notecards, and T-shirts. Bethmann's own nature prints as well as those of several other artists are scattered throughout the pages; one wishes that more of these lovely, delicate artworks were more prominently featured in this otherwise worthwhile book. --Amy Handy

Nature prints are made by inking natural objects and applying them to cloth or paper in much the same way as taking fingerprints. In this wide-ranging manual of nature-printing techniques and projects, Bethmann explores a variety of techniques using inks, paint, or natural plant juices to decorate stationery, herbals, fabric pieces, and garments. A section on design and layout as it applies to leaves and flowers is included, and some unusual natural objects such as mushrooms and garden vegetables are also used. There are even instructions for traditional Japanese fish printing. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Nature printing is fun, easy to do and celebrates the beauty and wonder of the natural world. I am often asked to teach classes on nature printing to children and adult groups and this book is the perfect springboard and inspiration for projects with beautiful end results. I don't have higher praise for any 'how to' book I own. The materials used are common household materials easily found or made, the directions are simple and complete and the finished product is artistic and lovely. Her hints, photographs and illustrations explain as well as inspire. I have used, recommended, or given this book as a gift many times and look forward to her new book arriving on the market in September. You can't go wrong on this one!

I have always wished I had artistic talent but I think my left brain has been atrophied since birth. My mother always said all my taste was in my mouth and she was right... I'm an excellent cook. Still, I wanted to create something pleasing to the eye, and this book has helped me to do just that. The hardest part about this project was looking for that elusive hammer to hang my beautiful art work on the wall. You know those crocheted toilet paper covers you were planing to make as Christmas presents for friends and family? Forget that! Nature prints are going to be the hot ticket item this year. Even the book alone would make a nice present for the artistically challenged. This book will take you step by easy step through the printing process. There are plenty of helpful tips and suggestions, and it is also beautifully illustrated. I think this would make a good project for children too. Exercise that left brain while they're still young

My grand daughters and I have enjoyed putting into practice several of the methods for printing from nature. Very worth while.

Beautiful book with instructions that are easy to follow. Such a lovely layout. Laura Bethman rocks! Can't wait to try some more of these ideas.

Although not as accomplished as her book, "Hand Printing from Nature", this is also a valuable book to read for the nature printer. Laura Bethmann. is indeed an accomplished artist.

Really good projects, and it's well organized with nice photos. I like the spiral bound, it's easy to work with it open on the table.

Arrived in a timely manner. Good information.

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