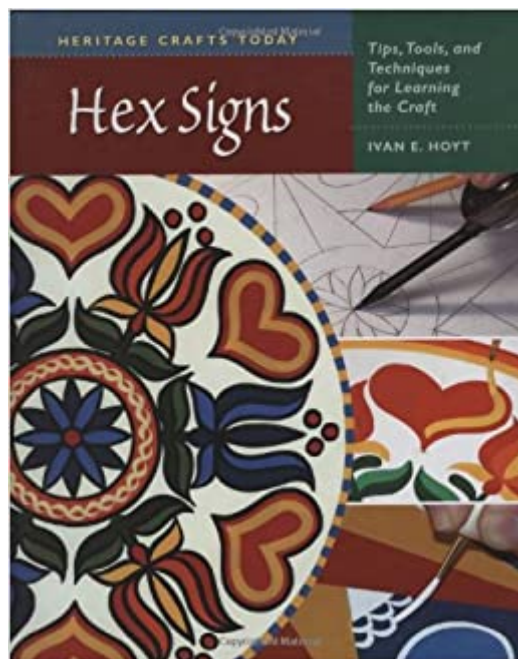




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# Hex Signs: Tips, Tools, And Techniques For Learning The Craft (Heritage Crafts Today Series)



## Synopsis

The traditional Pennsylvania Dutch folk practice of painting colorful, round geometric designs directly on barns was adapted to a detached disk format in the mid-twentieth century. Ivan Hoyt is one of the most celebrated artisans of hex sign painting, and in this detailed how-to book he shares his knowledge, providing information on tools, detailed step-by-step instructions and photographs, design ideas, painting tips, a variety of projects, and more. Hidden lay-flat spiral binding for easy use.

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## Customer Reviews

Hidden Spiral binding allows book to lay flat. 169 color photos.

Ivan E. Hoyt lives in Wapwallopen, Pennsylvania, and is a professional folk art craftsman, best known for his hex sign disks. He is a juried member of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen and has been selected as one of the top 200 traditional American craftsmen by Early American Life magazine. His work is in the collections of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History and the Balch Institute of Ethnic Studies in Philadelphia.

Enough background and history to learn about hex signs, their use and how they can be crafted. For anyone interested in this folk art it is a wonderful introduction. Probably a bit more than the average crafter is interested in doing but can be scaled down (or up) depending on your interests.

Having been born in PA Dutch country but leaving before age 5 this has always had bit of fascination for me and was glad to learn more about the history and art form. Like the fact that the book lays flat making it easy to work with if you want to try some of the designs.

This is by far the best book I have seen for learning how to paint Hex Signs. Very detailed instructions for making five specific Hex Signs and general principles for making your own designs. It is heavily illustrated with photographs and step by step instructions. On page 12 there are photographs of three Hex Signs. One of the signs has a hole in the middle. The photographs are so detailed I had to flip the page back to make sure there wasn't an actual hole in the page. The hardcover version looks like a normal hardcover outside but inside it is spiral bound so it will lay flat while you are working.

A great Book. It gives you the "how to" with just enough history . A great reference book. Go get it.

I love this book! Hex signs are colorful, imaginative designs that were painted on barns by the Pennsylvania Dutch. The book tells how to create and paint designs. I like to use the hex sign figures (for instance, birds and flowers) in folk art. They make great drawings. They are reminiscent of Norwegian rosemaling.

I've been having great fun with this book! It is a very practical way to get started if you want to paint hex signs. It opens and lays flat when you are practicing the painting strokes and there are many wonderful examples of designs that can be applied to these circular works of art. I am so pleased with this book!

A great book to get you started in painting your own hex signs. Easy to use while practicing the designs. The only thing that I think this book needs is some more design examples, there aren't really that many, I thought there would be more. Overall, this book is great for the beginner.

This book was very helpful. It has several step-by-step projects that can successfully be completed. Clear, numerous drawings and photographs. Highly recommended!

many nice ideas.

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