

DVD Review

“Added Dimensions in Marquetry”

by Peter White

Reviewed by Dave Peck

Once you have learned to cut fairly well, the next step is to improve the appearance of your marquetry. A key factor for improving appearance is to make your two-dimensional marquetry appear to have volume. This DVD is spot on for marquetarians because it uses marquetry examples as it explains how light and shadow can be used to create the feeling of a third dimension. You can get similar information from painting and drawing books but it's just not the same. The DVD is divided into two parts.

In Part 1, Shading for Effect (40 min. long), you get a very clear explanation of how shadow patterns are used to tell us whether an object has volume, where the light is coming from, etc. The DVD goes on to explain various ways to achieve volume through selection of veneer and, most importantly, through sand shading. Included are step-by-step cutting and shading procedures and fine examples of both his work and the work of others.

In Part 2, Shadows, Highlights & Reflections (26 min. long), Peter explains how cast shadows give us a clear explanation of what is happening, for example including a shadow under a car clearly tells us that the car is on the ground. Highlights are an integral part of “light and shadow” and provide support to the concepts covered in Part 1. Finally reflections require several considerations which when applied correctly strengthen the marquetry. Again, how-to instruction combined with fine examples clearly get the ideas across.

This DVD will make you a better marquetarian. I recommend it highly. For additional info: http://www.marquetry.org/added_dimensions_dvd.html
A good source for info on other Peter White DVDs is:
<http://www.marquetrymagic.com/tutorials.html>

The DVD is available from Peter for \$30. This includes postage. For US residents send payment to: Marquetry Society, Ernie Mills, 14515 W Granite Valley Dr., #B407, Sun City West, AZ 85375. Mr. Mills is the Marquetry Societies representative in the USA. Make checks payable to “Marquetry Society.” For instructions on how to pay by credit card using The Marquetry Society's secure PayPal account, contact Peter at peter@marquetry.org