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# The Complete Decorated Journal: A Compendium Of Journaling Techniques



## Synopsis

Now two of the most successful books by Gwen Diehn, *The Decorated Page* and *The Decorated Journal*, are bound together into one comprehensive and inspiring volume. The combined contents offer readers an unmatched collection of great ideas and techniques, from the latest supplies (papers, adhesives, paints, pens) to innovative layouts (mandalas, diagonals, cutouts, grids). Sidebars highlight specific genres, such as pillow books, nature journals, and illuminated manuscripts. Plus, newly added content includes journaling artist profiles along with galleries of their work, new techniques, and a new project where readers learn to make a journal from a butter box.

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This is my "desert island" journaling book! I have collected a lot of art, craft, and writing books, including about at least a dozen journaling books. This book contains more helpful and interesting material than any other book I've read. The price is a steal as it is cheaper than many of the 120 page books out there (for some reason craft books are rarely longer than 120 pages) and contains 2 books (previously published separately) plus bonus materials. I love that Diehn has a less-is-more attitude about art supplies and unlike other books doesn't use hers as a platform to advertise products. (Many books and most craft magazines waste a lot of pages trying to convince readers that they need specific brands of art supplies to even start making art.) She even teaches you how to make your own supplies from natural materials! The knowledge presented here is encyclopedic, but also a joy to read and very inspiring. Diehn's examples are beautiful and the contributions from other artists are thorough and inspiring. This is not just a book filled with "recipes" for creating

duplicates of an author's work, as so many other books are, though there are fun projects to follow along with especially in the book-binding sections towards the end. Everything is meant to be customized to one own aesthetic and needs. She gives you technical information, history, and techniques that provide a solid learning experience that will help you make visual journals that are your own creations. You will learn the diverse ways that artists and crafters and writers and even scientists use visual journals as tools, as works of art in-and-of themselves and/or as a combination of both.

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