

Types of European & American Folk Art

In this workshop, we looked at several different types of folk art and how they have been used over the years.

Scherenschnitte

Scherenschnitte is German for “scissor cuts,” and is created by using fine-tipped scissors (*never* a knife!) to create intricate cut-paper scenes. You have probably seen pieces of Scherenschnitte created by Elda & Linda Schiesser here in town. While we are not incorporating paper cutting into this workshop, you may find inspiration in the scenes and silhouettes of this art.



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Rosemaling

Rosemaling is a type of decorative painting that originated in Scandinavia. It first rose to popularity in the 1700s. Samples of Rosemaling can often be found on antique furniture and other household objects, including cupboards, trunks, bowls, & platters. It typically features stylized fantasy flowers with much scrollwork, flowing patterns, and vibrant colors.



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Bauernmalerei

Pronounced Bow-urn-mall-er-eye (bow rhymes with cow), it translates to “peasant painting” or “farmer painting,” and it is a type of folk art that originated in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Stylistically it has many similarities to Rosemaling, including stylized flowers, birds, scrolls, and other pastoral scenes. In America it is commonly referred to as Bavarian folk art. You can find examples of it adorning both wooden furniture and objects as well as the walls of barns and houses.



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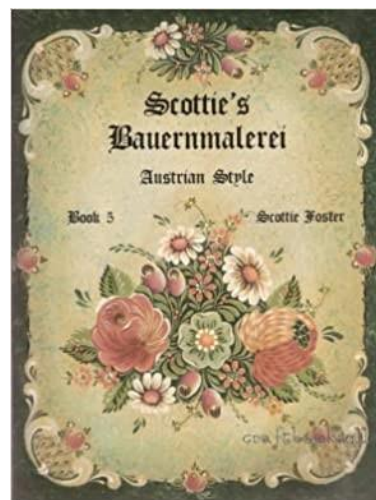
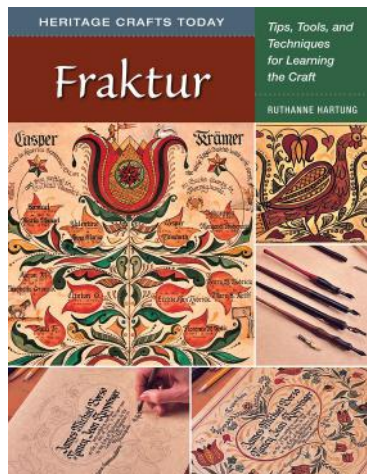
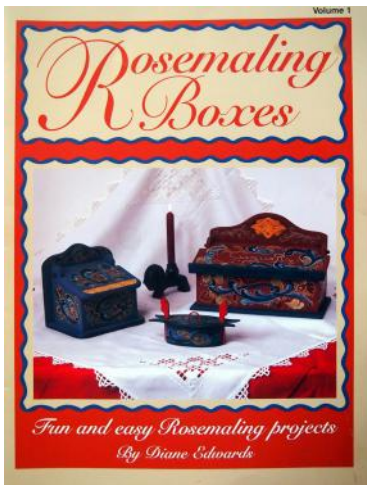
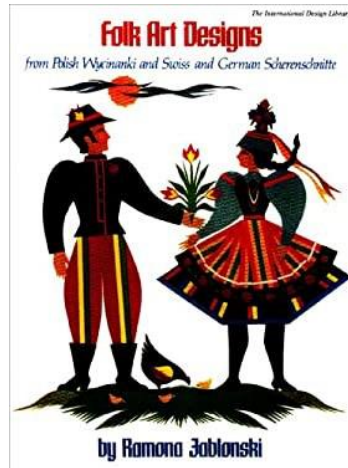
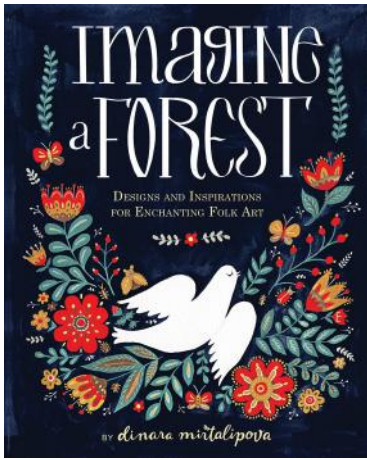
Hex Signs

Also known as Barn Stars, this is another type of folk art that originated with the Pennsylvania Dutch. Hex signs draw upon celestial imagery blended with floral geometry, and typically include six-, eight-, or twelve-pointed stars, with varies border styles.



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