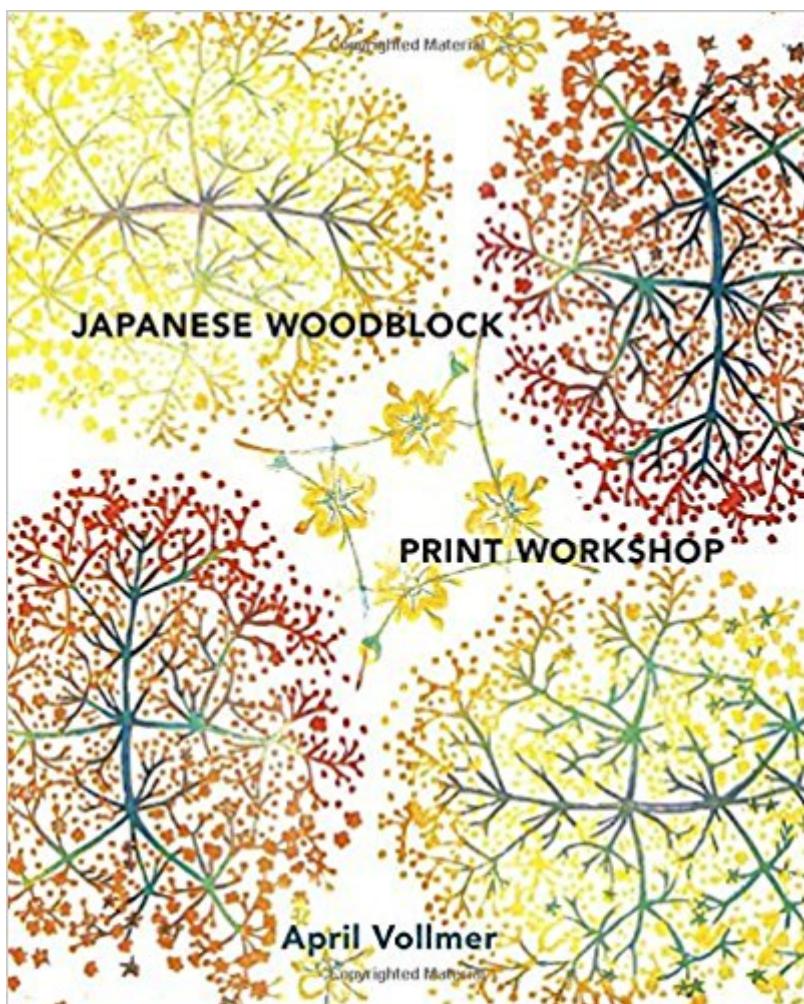


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# Japanese Woodblock Print Workshop: A Modern Guide To The Ancient Art Of Mokuhanga



## Synopsis

An inspirational how-to course on Japanese woodblock printing's history and techniques, with guidance on materials and studio practices, step-by-step demonstrations, and examples of finished works by modern masters of the medium as well as historic pieces. A Modern Guide to the Ancient Art of mokuhanga An increasingly popular yet age-old art form, Japanese woodblock printing (mokuhanga) is embraced for its non-toxic character, use of handmade materials, and easy integration with other printmaking techniques. In this comprehensive guide, artist and printmaker April Vollmer— one of the best known mokuhanga practitioners and instructors in the West— combines her deep knowledge of this historic printmaking practice with expert step-by-step instruction, guidance on materials and studio practices, and a diverse collection of prints by leading contemporary artists. At once practical and inspirational, this handbook is as useful to serious printmakers and artists as it is to creative people drawn to Japanese history and aesthetics.

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APRIL VOLLMER is a New York artist who studied mokuhanga after receiving her Master of Fine Arts in printmaking at Hunter College. Her work has been shown widely and she teaches regularly at the Lower East Side Printshop. She has participated in many residencies, including the Nagasawa Art Park in Japan; and was on the board of the first and second International Mokuhanga Conferences.

I am very happy to have this book. I am just beginning a nontraditional wood block printing project and was looking for a good source of basic processes that might be of use as I plan for my work. This was perfect, clear and detailed information about materials and process, and a guide to many additional resources for information and sources for printing materials.

This is a thorough but accessible lesson in a beautiful art. It's like taking a class with the author, as you can hear her voice come through in a coherent compendium of many workshops. It's a must-have for students and established artists in the medium.

A great book, loaded with pictures and descriptions. Well worth the money.

Absolutely beautiful book. I will treasure it forever. Lots to learn from this book - it is full of information, beautifully presented and illustrated. It is lovely in every way and an enormous resource for getting started and advancing in Japanese woodblock techniques and processes. I will keep this book forever and use it well!

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An incredible book which will tell everything one wants to know about how to create a wood block

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very complete on cultural and historical details little light on "how to"

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