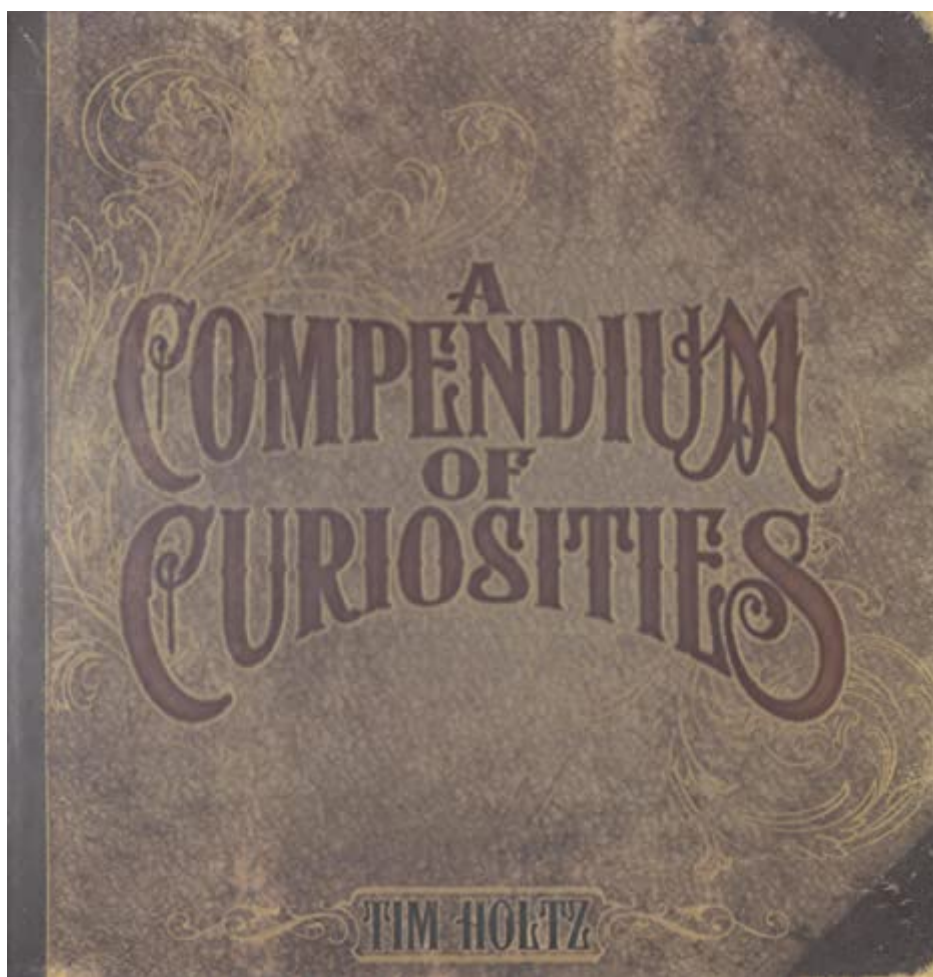


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# A Compendium Of Curiosities By Tim Holtz Idea-ology, 76 Page Book, TH92826



## Customer Reviews

This book is filled with mixed-media porn. I loved looking through it very much. HOWEVER, there was not much instruction contained in this book and I felt compelled to buy more product. I don't open this book much anymore and it would have been better to check it out from the library. It won't be a reference for you. Tim's videos are more helpful. Loved beautiful pictures a full scope of Tim Holtz products. Did not love insufficient instruction as to how to use the tools and products seems more like a catalog. I still like having it around - it is beautiful!

If you want to know what Tim Holtz has for sale and how to use it, this is the book for you! I found out what to do with most of the products he sells, and it was informative. Better was the part about how to create using his inks and powders. However, the instructions lasted one page maybe, and I felt that they were abrupt and not descriptive. These two parts to the book, the description of his products and the very abruptly written instructions for using his inks, etc, are why I perceive his book to be more of a catalog than a book. I was disappointed with the book. I expected a real compendium of curiosities that would inspire me and get me going with my art. This did not happen with this book. Frankly, his videos are better. I would not buy this book if I had it to do over again.

If you've ever bought some of those metal trinkets or plastic goodies to add to your scrapbook pages, and then got home with them and didn't know what to do with them, this is the book for you. It covers everything!!!! You'll enjoy all the easy-to-follow directions and step-by-step photographs. This book works for all experience craft lovers -- from beginner to intermediate to pro. Spend some time with this book and then run to your craft room to use some of the techniques yourself!!

While I thought this was more of technique tutorials, this book didn't disappoint. The first 4 pages lists tools of the trade and what they are used for. Next is a section Tim refers to as "artful thoughts". Basically, this is a section that gets your creative juices flowing. Use your imagination to add unexpected items to your projects such as spinners, plates, gears, clasps, link chains, foliage and much more. Ample samples are provided to get you started. Next comes 36 wonderful pages of technical 1 page tutorials. This is fantastic for a newbie scrapbooker and more! He ends with the 7 pages of sample work. This ranges from tags to frames to book covers to jewelry. You have unlimited possibilities! Overall, in my opinion, really good book for the beginner.

I am thrilled with this product. It looked absolutely NEW, and all the information within was more

enlightening than expected. It is best used as a creative diving board; a "jumping off place" if you will, to inspire, encourage and quick start the creative imagination. Between the products offered at the local craft stores, and this book, I have taken my art to a whole NEW and Improved level. Thank you Tim Holtz and company!!! Intristingly I need to notate that I have not copied anything within the book. I have only been encouraged by it!

OK, I'll admit it...I'm a Tim Holtz groupie. I love his designs, love the fact that his products really deliver and I love the way he helps to unlock one's creativity. His new book, Compendium of Curiosities, is just amazing. The clear directions, excellent photography and off the hook creativity will make your fingers itch to get in your studio and create! This is a real how to guide, not just a pretty picture book. It is heavy on demonstration and step by step process. It's not just a book filled with projects for you to try and duplicate. It is all about technique...how to use papercrafting technique to achieve that much desired shabby-chic/vintage look on tags, altered art and decorative items. It is not cutesy. It is not cut and paste. It is designed to awaken your own muse and give you the know how to go to that next level that you've been longing to reach. The spiral binding makes it easy to keep open on your desktop. The covers wipe clean easily. I love the formatting, the weight of the paper, the text style. All were thoughtfully employed to draw you in and open the creative side of your brain. Can I say more? Buy it. Use it. Get ink on it. Let it take you on a creative journey.

Anything Tim Holtz is good for me. He is a gifted artist and this book offers the reader a recipe for recreating something that looks amazing. I have tried many of the techniques in this book and they come out looking super. The directions are clear and the photos are helpful in showing what to do and what to expect for your project.

I love the definitions and explanations for each Tim Holtz item. I would have liked more project instructions and plans.

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