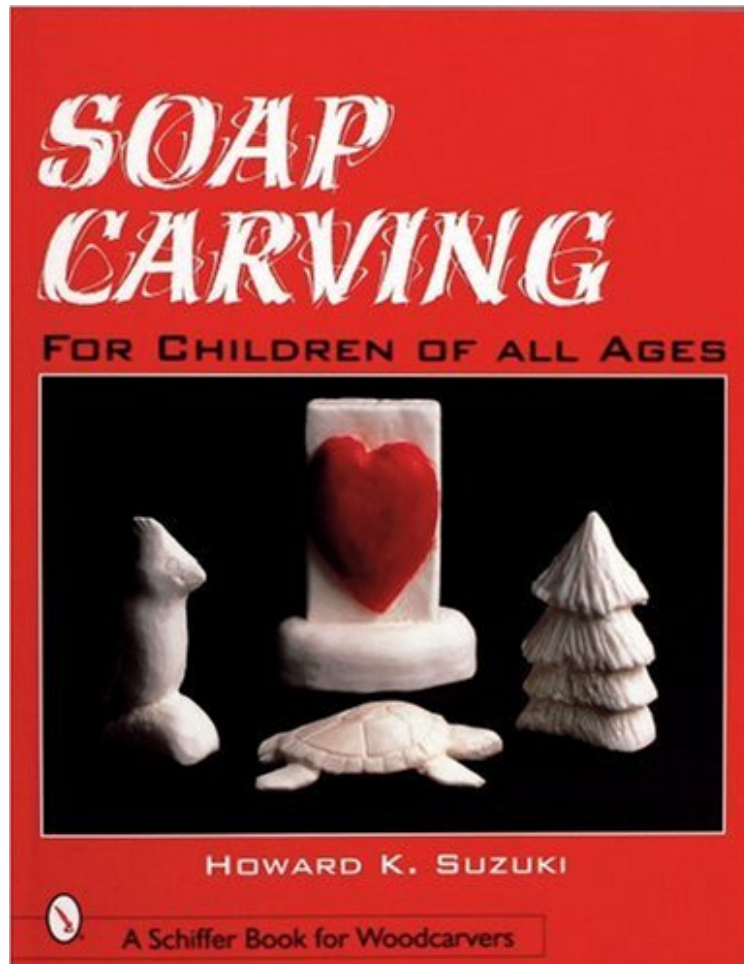


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Great teaching tool for young children who want to learn to carve. By Dona B. Mathis Exactly what I was looking for. I am intending to teach my granddaughter how to carve. As a carver myself starting at the young age of about 10, I know that the initial problem with carving was the strength in one's hands versus the density of the material being carved. I started out with soap, but with no instruction, didn't use the right kind of soap and became quickly frustrated. I then went to Balsa wood, which became even more frustrating due to the absolute requirement for SHARP tools. Had I had this book back then, I would have been able to learn a great

deal more about how to work in three dimensions. I loved the part about making your own tools from popsicle sticks. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good Starter Book to test your interest
By Thomas Coffey
You'll find more examples with patterns on-line by googling, but this is a good starter book to test your interest in soap carving simple items yourself or with your child. That's worth the 4 stars to me; if it had a good number more patterns, I'd go 5. Ok price, quick delivery... a bit thin against what you may expect... good about of info about making popsicle stick carving tools, though... not sure I'd take the time to do that - a dull paring knife, or metal and/or fiber board nail file might do just fine. A sharp Swiss Army Knife would do, too, but if working with a child parental oversight and hands-on instruction would obviously be important. Kids would love to have an Owl or Bear or Fish from soap as a gift or to make themselves. And to think that the mess that's made cleans itself, too!
3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Soap Carving for Children
By Diana Dolecki
This was an excellent book. The directions and illustrations were clear and easy to follow. I bought this book because my seven-year-old granddaughter wanted to learn to carve. We started with the first project, a raised heart, and progressed to an abstract version of a cardinal. Her little brothers enjoyed carving with her, even though their creations were more, shall we say, "free-form." As the tools were made of wood, I didn't have to worry about injuries. Three days and 20 bars of soap later, the project was a huge success.

When first invited to give talks and demonstrations on carving techniques to school children, Howard K. Suzuki quickly found out that wood was not the most suitable medium. It took too long to show much progress in the limited time available. He decided to use bars of soap to demonstrate basic techniques on carving and sculpturing. Soap is an inexpensive and very desirable carving medium. Soon demonstrations developed into hands-on experiences for his students. In this book, Dr. Suzuki describes and illustrates with color photographs how to make safe and simple wooden carving tools. He demonstrates basic soap-carving techniques using several stepwise how-to examples, from a simple heart to a more complex turtle. Dr. Suzuki integrates art and science into his instructions and combines them to produce a super learning experience for children (of all ages) who do learn to carve through his methods.

About the Author
Dr. Howard K. Suzuki is a biologist living in Florida. He has written many books on soap carving with Schiffer Publishing,