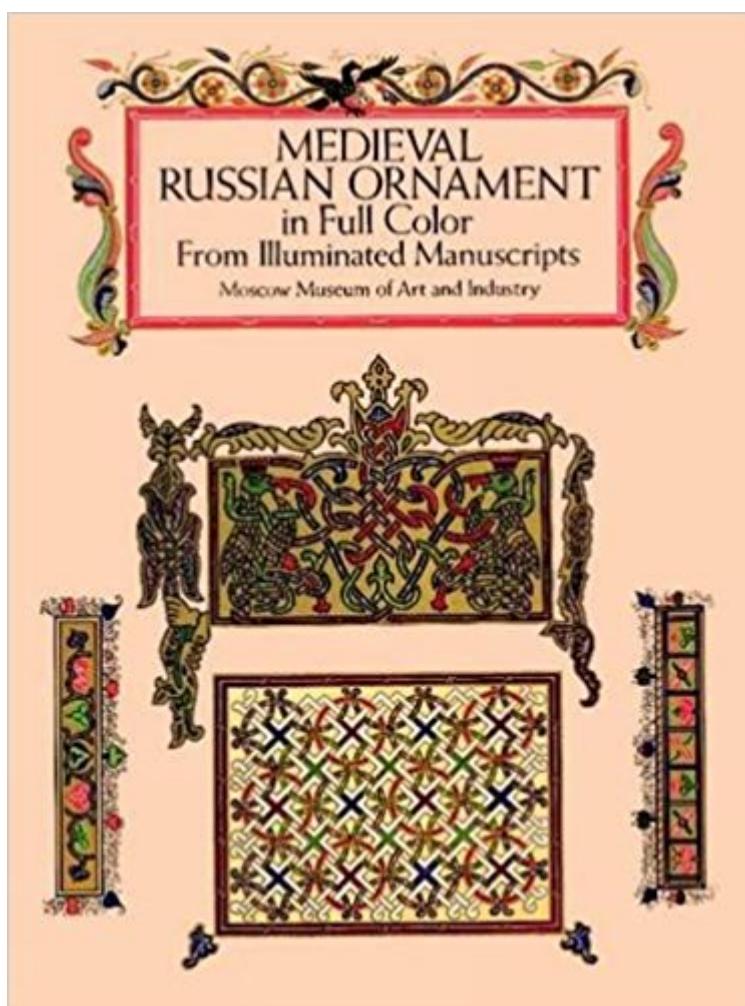


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LOVE, LOVE, LOVE, THIS BOOK. Its fantastic source for any skill level illuminator. I would recommend this for anyone in the SCA who is interested in illumination. All the images have sources and dates. There are so many images and letters and designs! Ranging from geometric, to creatures, to line work and arches. There is something in here for any design you can think of. The pages are large, full color and slightly glossy, high quality images with beautiful detail. The glossy pages do make it a little difficult for scanning, however I would honestly recommend this book for anyone who needs a little inspiration in the scroll making.

Very good examples of Medieval Russian design. Very helpful.

I use this book as a reference for iconography, for the ancillary graphic designs that can be placed on borders of the icon.

The book and CD were very useful in creating the medieval scrolls I create and use in my hobby. I like them very much

My husband and I exchange ornaments every Christmas. His Masters is in Russian History so I gave this to him for our first Christmas along with a Russian ornament and he loved it.

Great resource for Rus' Illuminations. Good printing. The notations of where the pieces of illuminations are from are incredibly helpful. For beginning illuminators, realize that the book only gives portions of illuminations and not the whole manuscript. Also, the color scheme seems to be a

little off when comparing these pictures to the original manuscripts. There are a couple of places where there is a use of one-tone color instead of a two-toned color and the metallics don't come through very well.

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