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## Maori art for kids by Julie Noanoa and Norm Heke

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*Maori art for kids* is a practical, attractive book that includes many elements of Maori art: legends, traditions, materials used, cultural significance, and the purpose of each object. Striking colour photos showcase the original artwork that the projects are based on, alongside information about the significance of the taonga.

Each piece of art is followed by clear, concise details of how children can transform everyday materials into modern artworks based on the examples shown. The creative projects are presented in pictorial steps with easy-to-follow instructions. Each item uses low-cost, readily available materials such as paper, card, paints, shells, feathers, and a range of recyclable materials found in most homes.

Some of the creations could be achieved by very young children with a little adult guidance. Projects include clay hei tiki pendants, wall hangings, masks and cards using traditional patterns, bright spinning discs and tops, poi made with old t-shirts, colourful kites from plastic bags, waka huia treasure boxes, plus many more eye-catching objects. Kids will have fun using the things they make and be proud to display their work.

At the end of the book, there are brief biographies of the fifteen talented artists who created the featured taonga. The authors have developed an imaginative resource that will be welcomed by teachers, Kiwi kids of all ages, and families.

Reviewed by children's book author, Jean Bennett

