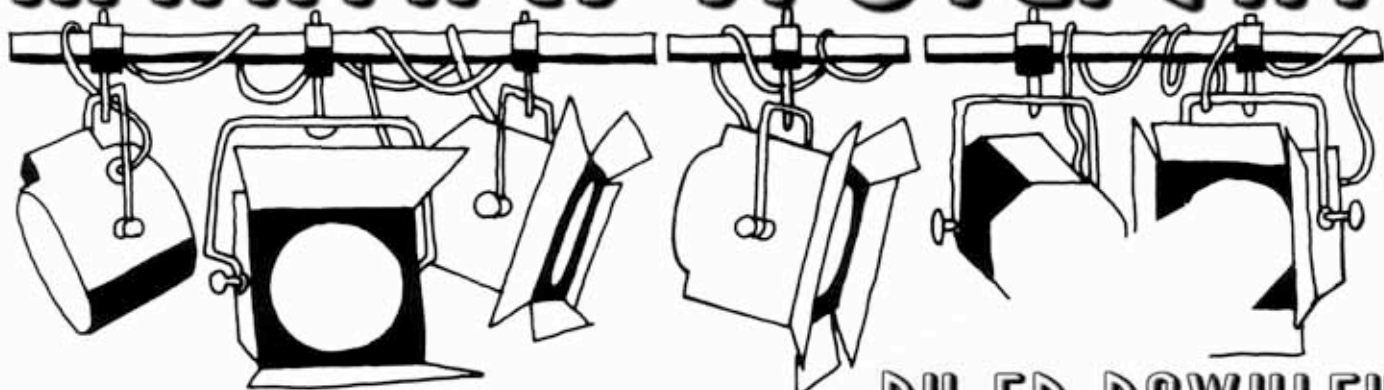


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Mark Alfrey's Sculpting Videos

Mark Alfrey's name should be recognizable to most modelers and fans of Movie and TV Special Effects. Mark is a talented sculptor who's lent his talents to films like Men in Black 1 & 2, From Dusk till Dawn and Tim Burton's Planet of the Apes. He's also worked on a few TV series that you may have heard of like Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Babylon 5 and Angel. Somewhere in that mix he also found the time to sculpt a few garage kits! But most importantly to the readers of this here magazine, Mark came out with 3 different sculpting videos. Sure we have some very good videos aimed at the hobby

when it comes to building and painting, but often the sculpting part has been overlooked. On numerous Internet boards I have seen a great many requests for videos on how to sculpt. Well friends right here is what you've been looking for.

Recommended by acclaimed SFX pioneer Dick Smith, Each VHS tape is approximately 45

minutes long and shows how to go about sculpting from start to finish! The 3 tapes I received are: Sculpting the Nude Figure where Mark shows you how to render the female form using a real live model. ... Yeah Baby! The second tape is Sculpting the Human Head. In this tape Mark shows you step by step on how to create the human head from armature to the final detailing. As an added bonus, this tape also teaches you how to photograph your sculpture to create your own portfolio! The last tape is titled Sculpting Movie Monsters. Right before your own



beady bloodshot eyes Mark will create not 1 but 2 ORIGINAL sculptures!

Not being remotely inclined to begin sculpting myself, I figured I still need to watch these tapes before I review them. I will say that the tapes are VERY interesting and I learned a few things that I never knew and saw first hand how the sculptor's tools are used and why. The photography is clean and crisp and shows everything close up. The narrative is a bit monotone for my personal likes but this could be so as not to detract from seeing the sculptor's hands

and focusing on what he is doing. The biggest problem I had with these tapes is the background music. I mean I liked the film The Omen, but that's the type music that is constantly played and it REALLY started to get on my nerves! But if that doesn't bother you, then you will be more than happy with these videos.

The price of the tapes average between \$23.00 and \$29.00 depending where you

buy them. But if these sound like just the thing you've been looking for, and they are! Or if you've wanted to try your hand at sculpting and were afraid or didn't know where to then these tapes are MUST HAVE'S! To order these tapes you can easily find them online from the following retailers. www.makeupkits.com and www.creaturefeatures.com.

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