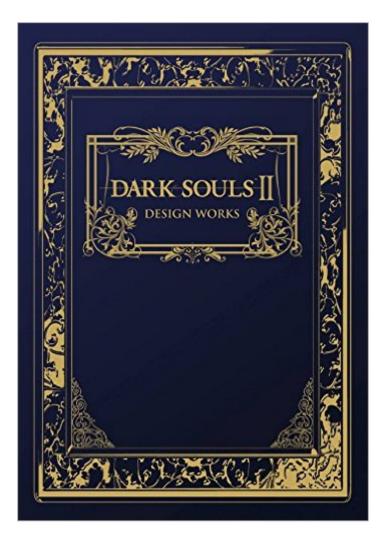
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# **Dark Souls II: Design Works**





## Synopsis

Collecting the dark and haunting artwork behind the critically-acclaimed Dark Souls II in a prestigious hardcover tome. Dark Souls II: Design Works features armor and weapon designs, character concepts, creatures, locations, rough sketches, an exclusive interview with the game's creators, and more!

## **Book Information**

Hardcover: 240 pages Publisher: Udon Entertainment (February 9, 2016) Language: English ISBN-10: 1927925568 ISBN-13: 978-1927925560 Product Dimensions: 8.5 x 1 x 11.9 inches Shipping Weight: 3 pounds (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (30 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #36,024 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #13 in Books > Arts & Photography > Other Media > Video Games #117 in Books > Humor & Entertainment > Pop Culture > Art #138 in Books > Arts & Photography > History & Criticism > History

#### **Customer Reviews**

I am a huge fan of Dark Souls and Bloodborne and like the games this art book is stunning. The first Design Works was awesome but I felt it was quite short on content with only 128 pages. This Design Works takes a major step up and nearly doubles the content and has a whooping 240 pages. The book is very well made with a nice dust jacket, thick pages, and a hard cover. Every page of the book has the pictures numbered with a description saying what each is a picture of. Also throughout the book is there is a little bit of commentary on certain pictures of the creators talking about the art. Another cool thing about the book is that you get to see early designs of things. An example is that there is a picture of the entrance to the Grave of Saints and the description says "Grave of Saints (Entrance: Early Design)" and the picture shows the entrance appearing to look like the head of a mouse (I will include a picture) which is really cool and they should have used that in the game. The contents of the book are:Concept Visuals- 10 pages. This section is just some concept art of various things like a knight fighting a dragon, scenery of a mountain, a knight kneeling in front of a burnt out bonfire, and other various things. The art is very crisp, clear, and very stunning.Chapter 1: Concept Art Dark Souls 2- 146 pages. This is where the book gets good and it

starts out with lots of concept art of various locations in the game such as Majula, Forest of the Fallen Giants, Drangleic Castle, The Gutter, and all the other locations. After that the bosses come in and the art here is amazing. You get to see a front view and a back view of them along with art of the weapons each boss uses. After the bosses you get some very detailed art of normal enemies.

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