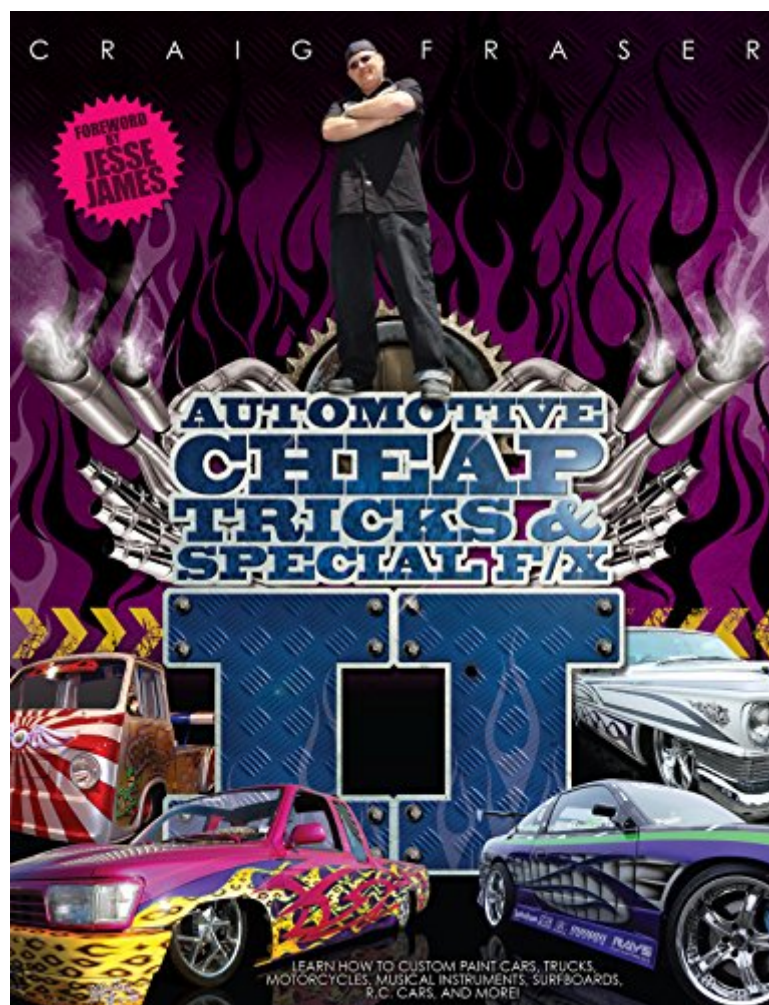




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# Automotive Cheap Tricks & Special F/X II: Learn How To Custom Paint Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, Musical Instruments, Surfboards, Radio-controlled Cars, And More!





## Synopsis

"The New Gold Standard in Automotive Step-By-Step Books Automotive Cheap Tricks & Special F/X II, the ultimate book of automotive custom painting has been released. Automotive Cheap Tricks & Special F/X II is a compilation of step-by-step instruction by Craig Fraser, one of the greatest forces behind the popularization of automotive custom painting. In fact, Special F/X II far exceeds its predecessor, F/X I, in superior design, nearly double the content (31 chapters, including 11 introductory sub-chapters and a comprehensive glossary), and size (212 pages). The subtitle, Learn How to Paint Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, Musical Instruments, Surfboards, and R.C. Cars, really says it all, and lives up to its promise with some of the most cutting-edge work dissected for your reference and execution. This amazing visual smorgasbord tutors on how to achieve stunning graphics, special effects, murals, pinstriping, and more for beginners and pros. It's especially fascinating how perceptually difficult effects (bullet holes, fire, water droplets, old school flames, and tons more) and textures (alligator and dragon skin, chrome, cheetah fur, faux f/x, and many others) are so easily rendered with stencils, freehand shields, a variety of tapes, vinyl, and even a torch! It almost seems as if the author gave away too much, like a magician who would surprisingly reveal his secrets with impunity. Fraser was thoughtful enough to include enough editorial and instruction for newbies that includes a Back to Da Basics chapter, and some great articles on self-promotion, the zen of custom painting, how to photograph your artwork (the importance of this cannot be overstated), the paint and equipment you'll need to get started, and the business of custom painting. In great, painstaking detail throughout, the book also addresses critically essential information on the proper sequences and steps to working with urethanes and clearcoats, among other things. The fact that improper methods can lead to catastrophic results on, say, a \$100,000 vehicle makes this book even more important. Chapters include: Flamin' Out A Killer Skull (skull and flames on a motorcycle tank), Steampunk Guitar (mind-blowing; gorgeous), Formula Drift (classic graphics with stunning results), Dragon Drums, Da Kine Surf-Tiki (Craig proves that you, too, can paint a bitchin' surfboard), Rice Fink (sure to be a big favorite), RC Car (you better read this before you attempt one), Donkey Frog, and Homage A Giger (H.R., that is). Automotive Cheap Tricks & Special F/X II is beautifully printed in full color and on heavy paper stock, and it's obvious that the publisher spared no expense in producing it. At \$34.95 this volume is a steal. And it is, without question, the new gold standard for books on automotive custom painting and will remain so for years to come."

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