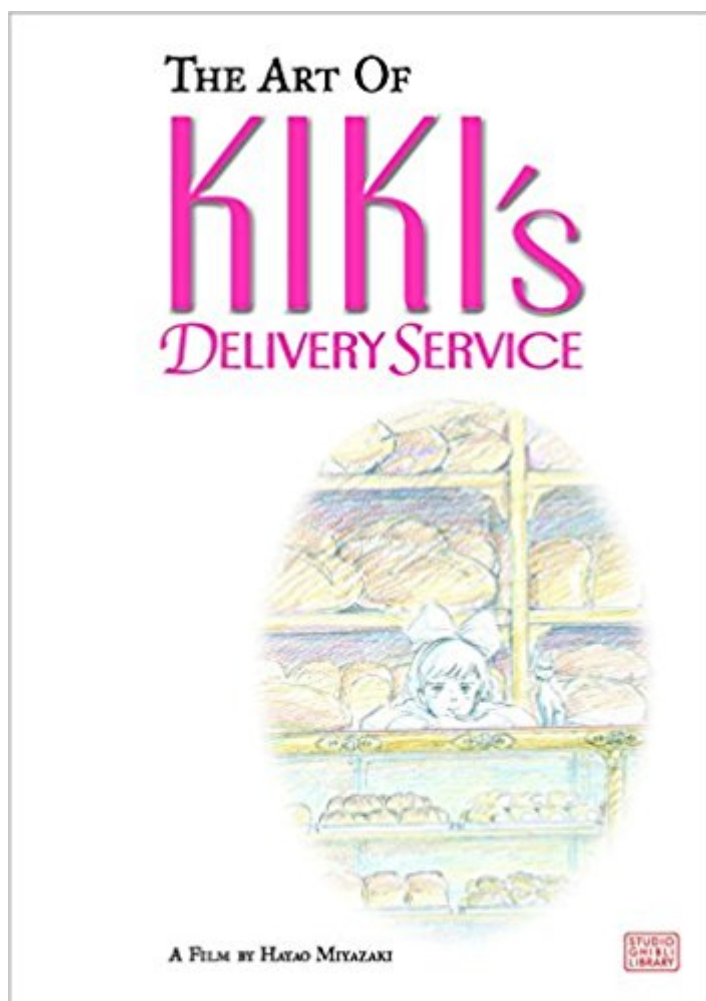


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# The Art Of Kiki's Delivery Service: A Film By Hayao Miyazaki



## Synopsis

A 13-year old girl sets off on a journey to become a witch. In the process, she learns how to be a woman. Based on the movie of the same name, this prestige format, lavishly illustrated hard-bound book gives fans a rare glimpse into the creative process of Academy Award-winning director Hayo Miyazaki.

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Hayao Miyazaki is one of Japan's most beloved animation directors. In 2005 he was awarded the Venice International Film Festival's Golden Lion Award for Lifetime Achievement, and his Studio Ghibli received the festival's Osella Award for overall achievement in 2004. Miyazaki's films include *Spirited Away*, winner of the 2002 Academy Award<sup>®</sup> for Best Animated Feature Film, as well as *Castle in the Sky*, *My Neighbor Totoro*, *Kiki's Delivery Service*, *Princess Mononoke*, *Howl's Moving Castle*, and *Ponyo*, all of which have received great acclaim in the U.S. Miyazaki's other achievements include the highly regarded manga series *Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind* and *Starting Point: 1979-1996*, a collection of essays, interviews, and memoirs that chronicle his early career and the development of his theories of animation. Both are published in English by VIZ Media. "

The Art of *Kiki's Delivery Service* is a charming art book companion for the movie. Even though Miyazaki's the director, screenwriter and producer for this film, his art is surprisingly missing in this

book. This time round, the main contributing artists are Shinji Otsuka, Yoshifumi Kondo and Katsuya Kondo. The art is still created using watercolours and they are very beautiful. The character designs by Katsuya Kondo are really cool. You can see the different variations of Kiki, her hairstyle, flying poses, expressions and the little mannerisms all captured. His lines and colours are very simple but he can create a really appealing cast of characters. Together with the two other artists Shinji Otsuka and Yoshifumi Kondo, they contribute the majority of the concept art in this book. And they all seem to draw in similar style for the storyboards. The background paintings for Corico are also marvelous. I love the idyllic setting. Much of the designs are actually inspired from Visby, a city on the Swedish island of Gotland. Looking at the paintings instantly triggers holiday mood. Unfortunately, these unsung heroes of background art aren't credited directly to their work, although a list of names are included at the back of the book. Most of the art have interesting comments by Miyazaki and the other artists. At the back, there's a section on basic camera techniques and how they are used in the film. And finally, there's the complete screenplay. Highly recommended for all fans of the film and Studio Ghibli. (There are more pictures of the book on my blog. Just visit my profile for the link.)

Kiki's Delivery Service is my favorite Ghibli film, and I've been eyeing to get this for a really long time now. It's full of amazing art and takes you through their character design process (you get to see many versions of Kiki and her hairstyles). It also provides you lots of insight on their work process through the entire film; which includes all kinds of fantastic work. Each page is just awesome to look at and take in, especially if you're an artist too. Highly recommended for artists and Studio Ghibli fans; and a must have for both!

Great book, love the illustrations

My daughter the college artist loves any of these books especially anything to do with anime.

I LOOOOVE this book. It shows in great detail how the movie was made and has beautiful illustrations. a MUST for Miyazaki fans like me

"Kiki's Delivery Service" is honestly one of mine (if not my absolute favorite) of the Studio Ghibli films. I'm very glad that I own a copy of this "Art of" book. I love being able to see the many great early sketches of Hayao Miyazaki and his team, which are masterpieces in and of themselves.

Beautiful pictures, and lots of behind the scenes goodies. Lots and lots of prototype artwork, sketches, models, as well as some stories behind how the characters became what they are. Definitely worth it for those that love the artwork of Hayao Miyazaki and company.

great book, corners had been dented a little bit, and shipping left it out in the rain unfortunately, but i was able to dry it without permanent damage. It's really cool that the book has the entire movie script in it with keyframes showing the scenes.

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