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## **A Browser's Guide to Art Books**

### **General Overview:**

<b>Library of Congress Call Numbers</b>	<i>Dewey Call Numbers</i>
<b>N</b> (Visual arts in general, not confined to one medium) Used when a book includes more than one medium (ex: the paintings and drawings of an artist)	<b>700</b>
<b>NA</b> (Architecture)	<b>720</b>
<b>NB</b> (Sculpture)	<b>730</b>
<b>NC</b> (Drawing, Illustration)	<b>740</b>
<b>ND</b> (Painting)	<b>750</b>
<b>NE</b> (Graphic Arts, Printmaking)	<b>760</b>
<b>NK</b> (Decorative Arts, Applied Art, Industrial Design)	<b>745</b>
<b>NX</b> (The Arts: Visual Arts in combination with other arts: literature, music, performing arts, etc.)	<b>792</b>

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### **N (Visual arts in general, not confined to one medium)**

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N 400 - 4040            Publication from Art museums, galleries, private collections.

N 5300 - 5306            General histories of art.

    N 5308 - 5310        Prehistoric and primitive art.

    N 5320 - 5940        Ancient and classical art

        N 5350: Egypt.

        N 5630 - 5720: Greece.

        N 5740 - 5790: Rome

    N 5950 - 6311        Medieval art.

    N 6370 - 6375        Renaissance art (15th & 16th centuries).

    N 6407 - 6425        Baroque, rococo (17th & 18th centuries).

    N 6450 - 6465        19th century.

    N 6485 - 6494        20th century.

N 6501 - 7414        Special countries and individual artists.

The countries are arranged in this general sequence:

United States, Canada, Central and South America, Great Britain, Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Russia, Scandinavia, Spain, Portugal, countries of the Near East, Far East, Africa, Australia.

Each country has the following sub-arrangement:

General histories; special periods (arranged chronologically); special regions, states, or provinces; special cities; individual artists arranged alphabetically.

For example, here is the sequence under **France**:

    N 6814    General works.

Special periods:

    N 6842    Ancient.

    N 6843    Medieval.

N 6844 Modern period in general (Renaissance to present).

N 6845 14th to 16th centuries.

N 6846 17th to 18th centuries.

N 6847 19th century.

N 6848 20th century.

Special regions, states, or provinces

N 6849 Special regions or provinces (arranged alphabetically).

Special cities:

N 6850 Paris.

N 6851 Other cities (arranged alphabetically).

N 6852 Collective biography.

Individual artists:

N 6853 Special artists (arranged alphabetically).

N 7475 Art criticism.

N 7560 - 8266 Special subjects of art.

N 7575 - 7639: Portraits.

N 7660 - 7639: Animals, birds, plants.

N 7790 - 8195: Religious art.

N 8010 - 8189: Christian art & iconography.

N 8217 - 8260: Other special subjects (arranged alphabetically).

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### **NA (Architecture)**

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- NA 105 - 109      Preservation and restoration of architectural monuments.
- NA 200 - 680      General histories of architecture arranged chronologically.  
Includes architecture of the ancient and classical world (Egypt, Greece, Rome,  
etc.).
- NA 701 - 1614      Architecture of special countries.  
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countries of the Near East, Far East, Africa, Australia.  
Under each country is the following sequence:  
General histories, special periods, special regions, states, and cities. special  
architects alphabetically.
- NA 1995 - 1997      Architecture as a profession
- NA 2000 - 2320      Study and teaching of architecture
- NA 2335 - 2360      Competitions.
- NA 2500 - 2599      Architectural theory.
- NA 2700 - 2800      Architectural design.
- NA 2810 - 4050      Architectural details and decoration.
- NA 4100 - 4145      Buildings of special materials.
- NA 4150 - 4160      Buildings of special shapes.
- NA 4170 - 4510      Public buildings, government
- NA 4590 - 6199      Religious buildings, tombs.
- NA 6210 - 6589      Commercial buildings, offices, factories, transportation terminals.
- NA 6590 - 6699      Education buildings, schools, college & university buildings, libraries.
- NA 6700 - 6750      Museums, exhibition buildings.
- NA 6812 - 6813      Art centers.
- NA 6815 - 6845      Theaters, concert halls.
- NA 6860 - 7010      Stadiums, miscellaneous sorts & recreation buildings.

NA 7100 - 7880	Domestic architecture: houses, etc.
NA 8200 - 8260	Farm architecture.
NA 9000 - 9999	Aesthetics of cities, urban design.
NA 9070	Public squares and open spaces.

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#### **NB (Sculpture)**

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NB 69 - 169	Ancient.
NB 170 - 180	Medieval.
NB 185 - 198	Renaissance to 20th century.
NB 201 - 1114	Special countries and artists (same sequence as N 6501 - 7414).

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NB 1208 - 1270	Sculpture in special materials (ex: NB 1230: bronze).
NB 1293 - 1895	Special forms of sculpture (relief sculpture, portraits, monuments).

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**NC (Drawing, Illustration)**

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NC 55 - 65	Ancient.
NC 70 - 75	Medieval.
NC 80 - 95	Renaissance to 20th century.
NC 101 - 377	Special countries and artists (same sequence as N 6501 - 7414).

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NC 749 - 750	Perspective.
NC 760 - 774	Art anatomy; figure drawing.
NC 950 - 1003	Illustration; advertising art.
NC 1300 - 1766	Caricature.
NC 1800 - 1861	Posters.

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### ND (Painting)

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ND 49 - 55	General histories of painting.
ND 60 - 135	Ancient.
ND 140 - 146	Medieval.
ND 160 - 196	Renaissance to 20th century.
ND 201 - 1114	Special countries and artists (same sequence as N 6501 - 7414).

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Examples of subdivisions for painters:

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ND 237	759.1	United States
ND 497	759.2	England
ND 553	759.4	France
ND 623	759.5	Italy

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ND 1290 - 1460	Special subjects of painting
	ND 1300 - 1337: Portraits.
	ND 1340 - 1367: Landscape.
	ND 1387 - 1390: Still life.
	ND 1450 - 1452: Genre.
ND 1486 - 1495	Color.
ND 1700 - 2495	Watercolor painting.

ND 2550 - 2888

Mural painting.

ND 2890 - 3416

Illumination of manuscripts.

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### **NE (Graphic Arts, Printmaking)**

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NE 400 - 492          History of printmaking.

NE 501 - 794.5      Special countries and artists (same sequence as N 6501 - 7414).

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NE 953 - 962          Special subjects.

NE 1000 - 1352      Woodcut.

NE 1400 - 1879      Metal engraving.

NE 1940 - 2230      Etching and aquatint.

NE 2236 - 2240      Silkscreen.

NE 2250 - 2529      Lithography.

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**NK (Decorative Arts, Applied Art, Industrial Design)**

NK 600 - 789          History.

NK 801 - 1094.5      Special countries and artists (same sequence as N 6501 - 7414)

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NK 1135 - 1149      Arts and crafts movement.

NK 1700 - 3505      Interior decoration

NK 2200 - 2750: Furniture.

NK 2775 - 2896: Rugs, carpets.

NK 3700 - 9955      Other art industries (ceramics, glass, metalwork, textiles, woodworking, etc.).

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**NX (The Arts: Visual Arts in combination with other arts: literature, music, performing arts, etc.)**

NX 440 - 458            History of the arts.

NX 501 - 596.3        Special countries and artists (same sequence as N 6501 - 7414)

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NX 600                Special movements, arranged alphabetically

NX 600 D3 -- Dada.

NX 600 S9 -- Surrealism.

NX 700 - 750        Patronage of the arts.