Design and Applied Arts Index – DAAI - ProQuest

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DAAI covers both new designers and the development of design and the applied arts since the mid-19th century, surveying disciplines including ceramics, glass, jewellery, wood, metalsmithing, graphic design, fashion and clothing, textiles, furniture, interior design, architecture, computer aided design, Web design, computer-generated graphics, animation, product design, industrial design, garden design, and landscape architecture.

Research articles are covered, along with topical news items, conference and seminar reports, and book, video and exhibition reviews. DAAI contains more than 177,193 records. Each reference includes full bibliographic details and a brief abstract. The index covers from 1973-01-01 to current with some older records.

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Searching

You can use the following:
- Basic Search
- Advanced Search
  - Field Search using Boolean Operators
  - Field Search using Field Codes
  - Command Line Search
  - Thesaurus
  - Look up Citation
  - Recent Searches

This index uses the Boolean Operators which make it possible to combine search terms by using the operators AND, OR and NOT.

**AND:** retrieves references, which include all the search terms chosen

**OR:** retrieves references, which include at least one of the search terms chosen

**NOT:** does not retrieve references, which exclude a specific search term

Basic Search

The Design and Applied Arts Index (DAAI) opens automatically in Basic Search but the Search Tips give a guide to how to search here.

1. The example below shows a search query created by following some of the Search Tips suggested. Here quotation marks and the Boolean OR have been used.

   ![Search Query Example](image)

   Note the search tips here.
   - The default search is an AND search.
   - Quotation marks can be used to search for phrases.
   - The Boolean OR can find any terms entered

2. It is possible to search without using quotation marks, but this will result in a less precise puren free text search. The database provides you with an auto-complete option. It is also possible to use the * sign to truncate with. eg. wood* will return all records with wood. This search will find woodcarving etc.
3. Click on **Search** and a list of results will appear. Should you wish to retrieve Peer reviewed articles click in the box and click on the magnifying glass to modify your search.

4. Always let the database search by relevance unless you wish to find the newest citations first.

5. There are various limiters you can use to narrow your search further.
6. To show the full citation with abstract and indexing details click, either on the the article title, or on the Citation/Abstract hyperlink.

If you run your mouse over the Preview icon/link, you will see a short preview of the citation which can be used to judge its relevance to you.

8. By clicking on Find a copy the following box will appear. Click on Check VIAUC for Fulltext to see whether VIA University College subscribes to the journal in question.
Advanced Search

Advanced search offers various search options.

- Form search
- Look up Citation
- Command Line
- Field Codes
- Thesaurus
- Recent Searches

The Advanced Search option allows searches to be built up more systematically and where the Boolean options are plainly visible.

1. Both full text and phrase searches used in Basic Search are used here, too.

2. Should you wish to search in article abstracts click on the roll down menu under Anywhere.

3. It is possible to add and remove rows.

4. Clicking on Clear Form clears all search forms.
Search limiters

The Search options are visible on the same page and can be chosen prior to making a search.

1. The limiters you have chosen are shown underneath the form containing your search query.

2. Remember to check your limiters when starting each search and especially when searching for a new subject. They will remain as your default settings during your search session. Click Clear Form if you wish to start afresh with new limiters.
Command Line Search

1. Start your search by deciding which field you want to search in from the options in the roll down menu.

2. Click on Add to form to select your search option.

3. Write your search term or phrase in the brackets in the search form below.

4. Choose your operator for the next search. Here OR is used to search for both terms. Then repeat step 2 and 3 above.

5. Click on the search button below the form to complete your search.
Thesaurus

It is always worth your while to learn how to use a thesaurus. The advantage with thesauri is that they have a hierarchical list of controlled subject words. It makes systematic searches far easier. All citations are given keywords which they are indexed under. This reduces the need for guesswork when trying to find synonyms or related terms and minor and major subheadings.

1. The thesaurus uses a new browser window where you can select which terms you wish to look up.

2. Note the default setting Contains word(s). Leave this setting as it is.

3. Follow the instructions under Using the thesaurus. A search for wood carving shows the following result.

4. Select the subject term and then check which type of Boolean search you wish to make.

5. Your search query is sent back to the Advanced Search page.
6. Click on the thesaurus link again and fill out the form in the thesaurus with a new subject term you wish to search for.

7. Repeat step 3 and 4 above.

8. It might be necessary to check the form under advanced search to see whether the correct Boolean operator has transferred over from the thesaurus.

9. Then click **Search** to complete your Boolean OR search.

10. The result list will be shown and it will be possible to narrow your search by using the facilities provided.
Recent Searches

Recent Searches is your Search History. It is possible to combine searches using the Boolean operators and the numbers of your searches in the form. Searches can be saved or deleted.

To save a search, select Save search from the Actions menu. Learn more
Search Subject Areas

1. Click on Search Subject Areas to narrow your search to a specific subject area.
Look up Citation

1. Use the form to locate a particular type of document you wish locate.
Additional Features

My Research

My Research is an Account offered by Proquest as part of our subscription.

1. Make an account and use it to store searches and articles.

2. Mark the article(s) in your search result and choose which folder you wish to save it in.

3. Under Recent Searches you can find your Search History. See the explanation above for how to use the save search facility and folder options.

4. Under the banner searches your old searches can also be rerun.