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The Complete Photo Guide To Making Metal Jewelry



Synopsis

With beautiful illustrations and step-by-step instructions, this how-to book includes all the techniques involved in crafting metal jewelry, including: •Cutting and filing •Cold connections •Soldering •Texturing •Forging and forming •Setting stones •Applying specialty finishes The book's clear organization provides easy access to information with straightforward directions and hundreds of full-color photos. You'll also find easy projects for trying the techniques, as well as a stunning gallery of metal jewelry pieces by experienced designers. Find beautiful jewelry examples and gain skills and inspiration with The Complete Photo Guide to Making Metal Jewelry!

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Starred Review If any crafter has reservations about learning to make metal jewelry, first-time author-artist Sartin knocks those reservations out of the water. In a very savvy approach to the subject, which can, to be honest, involve no little expense and space, he takes the reader through the basic techniques using close-up photographs, textual directions, lists of materials and tools, and lots of safety reminders. Even though such processes as sawing, drilling, and piercing seem simple, all are carefully explained, and all include details about working safely. There are new vocabularies to learn, such as sweat soldering, roller embossing, and dapping. His 10 projects—for instance, stretched diamond earrings, a yin-yang pendant, and a forged spiral pin—are designed elegantly and simply, with more than enough instructions and pictures to yield success.

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Great book for the bench jeweler. Showed me a few tricks I didn't know. I have been making jewelry on and off for about 4 years. One of the best jewelry books I have purchased. I still consider myself a beginner.

So far, so good. Well illustrated and informative.

Such great information to be gotten from this book. Photos are amazing and his explanations clear.

I am taking a silver smith class. One of many that I will be taking. This is an excellent beginners book. I love the detail that's been put in it.

Love this book, strongly recommended. Will reinforce my private classes. Will try the projects

included. Thank you for this book

This book is exactly what I was looking for! The photos are explicit as are the instructions. I appreciate that John goes over the basics and moves you forward to more intricate designs. A great reference book for most folks. Highly recommended.

...I really enjoyed reading this book. There were many tips I hadn't read anywhere else. In fact, I've gone back and read front to back several times since it has arrived and have completed many of the projects even if I didn't like the design. I learned more just by doing the projects.

This is a wonderfully written comprehensive book. Anyone who makes metal jewelry will find something in it. Get it for your library of jewelry making books. Great photos, clear descriptions and fun to look through. I learned so much from it. I read it from page to page the first few days I got it.

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