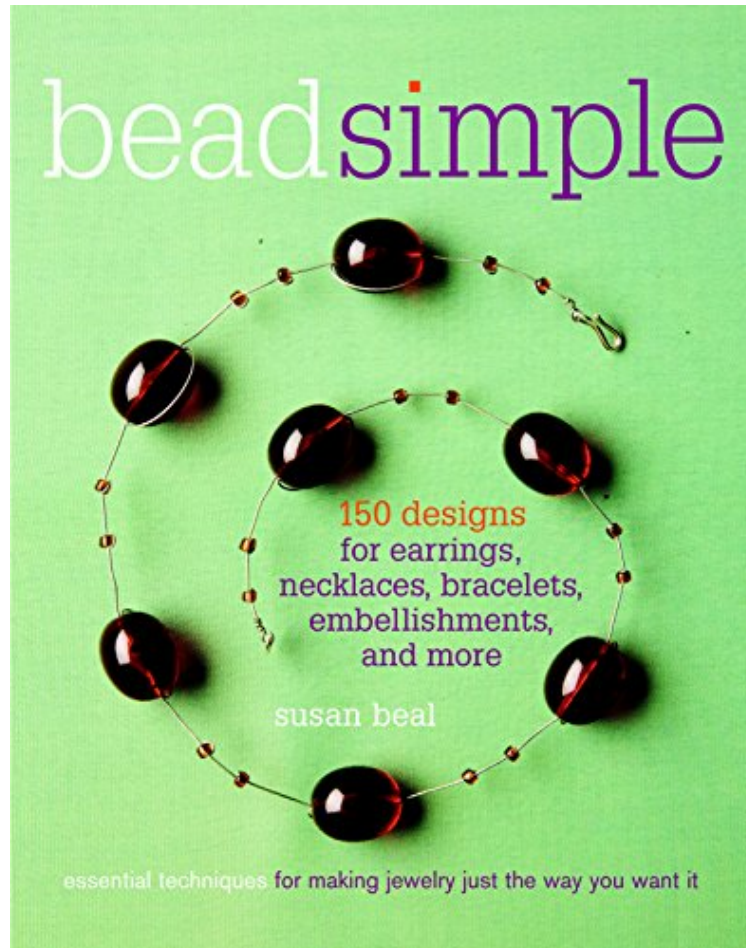


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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Bead Simple: Essential Techniques for Making Jewelry Just the Way You Want It:

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Simple, but tasteful! By Flower Gem Girl As the name implies, Bead Simple is Simple. Not something for someone looking for complex ideas, but if you're a novice in jewelry making or you just want to add an "idea" book to your collection of jewelry making books, this is the book for you! TONS of ideas and designs. Great reference book to fall back on if you've been away from your jewelry bench for awhile too!! Very clear and well written with nice close up photos of each piece. There's even a few ideas in the last chapter about some cute holiday ornaments made from jewelry charms! Several designers included so you don't have one main person's ideas running through the whole book. All in all, a good solid book and worth the price. And it's 220 pages thick! 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Useful beginner's guide By No Ordinary Tomato 'Bead Simple'

is a useful beginner's guide to bead stringing, featuring basic jewelry making techniques and easy-to-follow projects. If you're new to beading or looking to build your core skills, it's a good place to start. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good Beginner Book By gottaread I bought this used and it came in great condition. It is a good beginner book for jewelry making. There are not as many design ideas as jewelry making techniques. The resource guide in the back is helpful.

Most beading books include a mix of patterns but call for very specific beads and materials. So if crafters don't like the beads used in the projects, or don't have them in hand, they won't enjoy the projects, no matter how beautiful they are. But Susan Beal has untangled this knotty problem. "Bead Simple" is the first work of its kind that offers stunning jewelry patterns that can be completely customized with a variety of beads and stringing materials. Based on simple, yet effective beading techniques, this strikingly illustrated pattern guide includes 50 glittering designs, each featuring two bold variations for a total of 150 projects that can easily be achieved with different materials or tweaks. With hot guest designers, including DIY Network's Jennifer Perkins and Megan Nicolay, author of the bestselling "Generation T," here is the one book that finally offers jewelers the versatility to let their unique personalities shine through.

"Bead Simple" is simply fantastic, proving that with a few tools, a couple of easy to learn techniques, and the guidance of Susan Beal's wonderful eye for color and texture, anyone can make beautiful handcrafted jewelry. The projects are absolutely inspiring, and I can't wait to get started myself! -- Debbie Stoller, bestselling author of "Stitch 'N Bitch" "Bead Simple: 150 Designs for Necklaces, Earrings, Bracelets, Embellishments and More," by Susan Beal (Taunton Press, 220 pages, \$19.95 paperback): Innovative (and easy) beaded designs that range from classy to campy. Includes projects from dozens of national designers, including a multimedia charm collage by yours truly! -- "Crafty Chica" Kathy Cano-Murillo, "The Arizona Republic"