**DESIGNER’S NOTE:**

Congratulations! You are about to start your journey into the world of Jewelry Design!

In this book you will learn to design and make all kinds of jewelry, lots of great beading techniques and fun fashion ideas.

Spend some time looking through the book before you begin your first project. This way you will be able to find the tips and tricks that you need quickly.

Don’t be afraid to experiment and have fun!
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WHAT IS ALL THIS STUFF?

- Beading Design Tray
- Barrel Clasp
- Flat Nose Pliers
- Round Nose Pliers
- Beading Needle
- Measuring Tape
- Beading Wire
- Hemp
- Elastic Cord
- Head Pins
- Crimp Beads
Getting Ready

The Place to Bead: the best place is at a desk or table.

Be sure that you have plenty of light!

TIP: Spread out a towel on your work station to keep your beads from bouncing and rolling all over the place.

Additional Supplies

Scissors
To cut hemp, stretchy cord, and ribbon

Tape
Keeps beads on your strand without knots or clasps

Clear Nail Polish or White Craft Glue
A drop will keep knots from unraveling
**Bead Design Tray**

The Beading Tray allows you to see your design BEFORE you string up your project.

You can play around with different color choices and patterns and make changes very quickly using the Beading Tray.

Bead an equal length on both sides of the center.

Example: for a necklace that is 18”, you will need to bead 9” on each side: 9” + 9” = 18”

NOTE: Seed beads take up more space on the tray than they do on your string!

This is the center of your project.

Size 8 Seed Beads: 11 beads = 1”
Measuring Tape

You’ll need this when you use your Beading Tray!

Measure around your wrist, ankle or neck to make projects that are the right size.

Here are some average measurements:
**Flat Nose Pliers**

Use these to finish off any projects that you’ve strung on jewelry wire.

Thread a crimp bead onto the wire.

String on one part of a clasp.
Pull the wire so that you have a 3” tail.

Thread the wire back through the crimp bead. Pull the wire so that the clasp is on a tiny loop close to the crimp bead.

Flatten the crimp bead with your pliers. **SMASH!**
Now the clasp is attached to the wire!

Bead over the tail until it is completely covered.

Make sure there is at least 4 beads covering the tail so it doesn’t pop out. **It’s scratchy!**

**Always test your crimp beads!**
Tug on the flattened crimp bead with your finger nails. If it moves, SMASH it again!
**FINISH OFF**

Thread on a crimp bead and the other end of the clasp.

Thread the end of the wire back into the crimp bead and feed it into your piece.

Pull on the tail until all the slack is gone. There should be no gaps between your beads, and the loop holding the clasp should be tiny.

Flatten the crimp bead with your pliers. SMASH!
All Done!
Round Nose Pliers

Use these to make wire pendants. They CUT wire, too!

Thread the beads onto the headpin.

Pinch the end of the wire with your pliers. Roll the end around the pliers to make a loop.

Bend the wire to lock the beads in place.

Estimate how much wire you will need to make a loop and clip off the excess.

Congratulations! You just made a pendant!

Pendants can be strung onto bracelets or necklaces just like beads.

They also make great earrings!
Earrings are lots of fun because they are so easy and fast to make!

Bend the loop on the earring hook to the side to open it with your flat nose pliers.

Slide the pendant on the open loop.

Close the earring loop with the flat nose pliers.

Other Design Ideas
NECKLACES AND BRACELETS

To make a necklace:
Use your measuring tape to see how long you want your necklace.

To make a bracelet:
Use your measuring tape to measure your wrist. Make sure the size will be comfortable to wear!

You will probably need someone to help you with this!

Cut a piece of wire or string 6” longer than necessary. You’ll need those extra ends to add your clasps.

My Measurements
Bracelet: _________
Anklet: ______________
Choker: _____________
Mid Size Necklace: _____
Long Necklace: ________
**Tip:** Put a piece of tape on the end of your string or wire. This way if you need to adjust the length it will be easy to add or remove beads for the perfect fit!

Lay out your design on the Bead Tray then string it all up.

Now put another piece of tape on the other end of the string and check it to see if it is the right length.

Make any adjustments you need and finish it off!

**Wire:** Look at page 8 to see how to add your clasp.

**String:** You can tie on a clasp or you can make one with a big bead on one end and a loop at the other.

Be sure to add a drop of glue or nail polish to secure your knots on the end!

**BEAUTIFUL!**

**Bracelet Coil:** Use your Round Nose Pliers to make a tiny loop at the end, bead the length of the wire, then close it off with another loop.
**Bead Designs**

Here are a few fun ideas to try!

**Twist It Up!**

**The Braided Bunch!**

**Get Knotty!**

**Go Loopy!**
Everything Is Coming Up Flowers!
1. To make a bracelet, cut one 48" length of hemp and one 10" length. Fold the long piece of hemp in half and lay the short piece in between the two halves as shown.

2. Tie all the strands in a knot so that a small loop, about the size of your pinky finger, remains on the top. This loop will form a simple clasp.

3. Tape down the top knot onto a table to make it easier to handle. Loop strand A under strand B and over strand C.

   **TIP:** Label the ends of the strands with tape to help you keep track of the strands!

4. Now take strand C and lay it over strand B and through the loop made by strand A. Pull strands C & A to tighten. Push the knot up the center strand (B) to keep it tight.
Repeat the same stitch, knotting the opposite side starting with strand A. Loop it under B and over C. Take strand C and loop it over B and through the loop again as you did before. This completes one full macrame knot!

Continue repeating steps 3 through 5 for the length of the bracelet.

You can ADD BEADS anywhere on your bracelet!

String beads onto the middle string!

Or ADD BEADS to BOTH!
EXTRA BEADS....EXTRA DAZZLE!

Don’t let those stray beads go to waste!

When you don’t have enough beads for a jewelry project, sew them onto T-shirts, jackets and jeans for a little extra dazzle!

Cool Collar