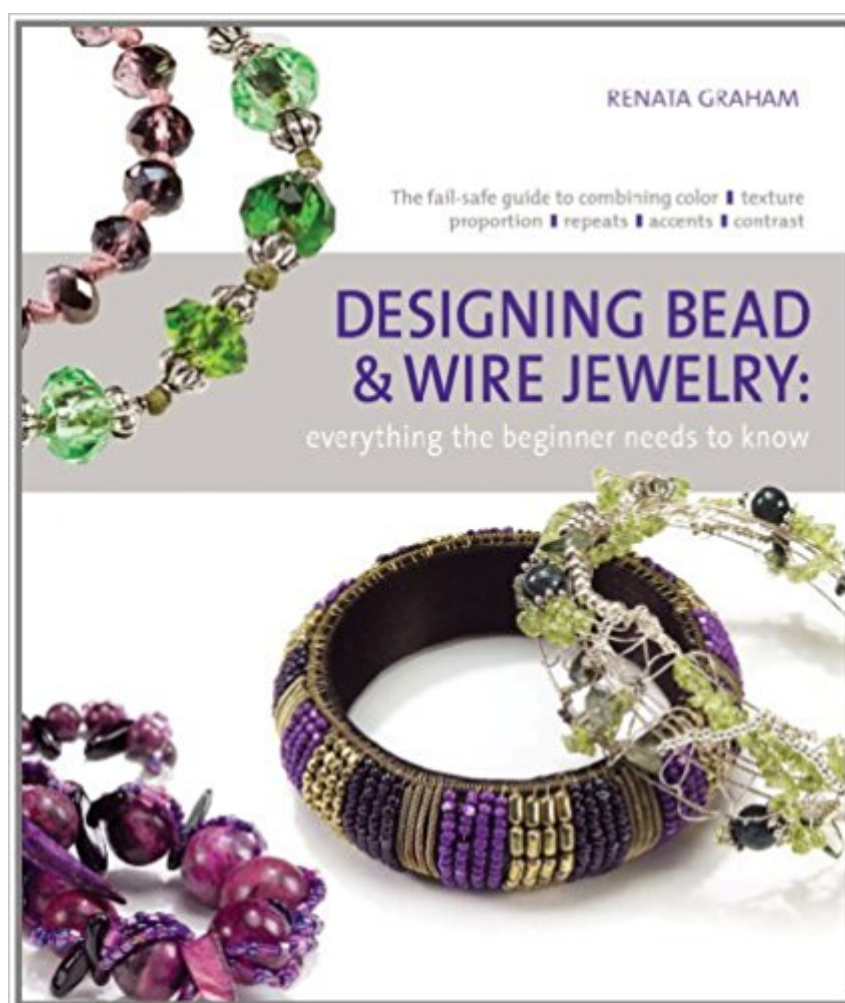


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# Designing Bead And Wire Jewelry: Everything The Beginner Needs To Know



## Synopsis

Every beader knows the seductive pleasures of the bead shop. And once you've got your purchases home: what then?—How do you put it all together to create a beautiful piece?—What shapes fit?—Will crystal work well with wood?—Malachite with metallic?—Can you set luster against luster, or will luster against matte work better?—How many spacers between state beads?—Should your design be symmetrical?—And what about the rhythm of the piece?—Will it sit still or shift and sway?—Do you want glam or boho?—Drama or harmony?—Big clasp or small clasp? *Designing Bead and Wire Jewelry* answers all of these questions, and many others that bead jewelry designers are likely to encounter. It is the must-have guide to the key design principles for beautiful beaded jewelry. And what's more, the book lets you test all this out with 20 wonderful patterns and projects.

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## Customer Reviews

• This is an absolutely wonderful book for any beginner who needs to learn the basics, or for the seasoned beader who wants to learn a few extra tricks. Beginners, you're in able hands. Renata has been a teacher for over 20 years, and it shows: the bounty of information (such as how to use a color wheel and how to sketch and plan your designs, and very thorough technique instructions) that she supplies makes this book an invaluable resource!

• Bead Design

• Jewelry-making books for absolute beginners are difficult to come by; Graham's expert approach makes this one a handy addition to library collections.

• Library Journal

RENATA GRAHAM is a qualified teacher and a professional jewelry maker specializing in bead jewelry. She has taught both in the U.K. and abroad for over 20 years. She also runs a successful jewelry class business, teaching several hundred beginners and improvers every year how to design and make their own beautiful bead creations. In addition to teaching, Renata also makes and sells over 400 pieces of jewelry a year.

I ordered this book used, but it arrived NEW! I am so happy! As a relatively new jewelry maker, I still look at many photos before I attempt something. This book has MANY photos! What I like the most are color combination ideas. Some of the colors and textures the author has combined never occurred to me - and they are beautiful! Included are the requisite chapters on supplies, bead types, stringing materials; the techniques chapter includes many beginner level projects. Personally, I have a lot of trouble with size and proportion in my designs, this book addresses those issues as well. Overall, I love the book, I expect to refer to it often!

great book.

I am sure this book is fine for many, but for some reason the format and instructions were not to my liking. I had already bought one book and I did not find this a necessary addition based on the contents. I will keep searching for that just-right read to enhance my skills.

This book is great! Explains many things with words & illustration.

Great beginner book easy to follow instruction. Has picture hat explain and shows one what to do, and what the end product looks like. It explains that there is more than one out come depending on the designer.

I would recommend this book to anyone who loves beads. I found this book to be an excellent starting point for those learning how to make wire jewelry. It contains photos and explanations that I could relate to and it heightened my own creativity.

Great illustrations and easy-to-understand directions!

Excellent book. Very well written with clear, usable directions and information. I recommend to

anyone starting out in jewelry making.

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