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**Nicole Noelle Sherman : Making Designer Jewelry from Hardware, Gems, and Beads** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Making Designer Jewelry from Hardware, Gems, and Beads:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fun at the hardware store!By Darcy WishardI have been making jewelry for several years and the one thing I have found is that you can make jewelry out of just about anything! With everything Steampunk being popular right now, this how-to book is definitely one that you want to pick up! Not familiar with what is in your local hardware store? That's okay! I suggest you go and take a look but the author has also provided a page of various pieces that she uses so you can just order them off the internet if you need to! But like I said, half the fun is going to the hardware store, looking around and picking up little pieces of this and that to play with! There are also pages of beginner how-to's and what's, what in regards to traditional jewelry materials and tools too. Forgot or need to know to wrap loop? You're in luck...the book also provides a few basic wire how-to's! Earrings, bracelets and necklaces...25 projects that will make you say "Wow, I never thought of that!" Everything from copper washers to tiny light bulbs...yes, light bulbs! A fun one from beginners to intermediates...Enjoy! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fun and delightful!By GingerThe book arrived exactly as predicted and in perfect, new condition. The designs are beautiful, the photos are enticing, and the materials are easily attainable. The projects require some skill at jewelry design or general crafting, but the instructions are very clear. I have not yet had an opportunity to complete a project, but I felt compelled to write a review because I was impressed with the book, with

the level of instruction, and to the creative details. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Creative and surprising results

By CLGAs my late father-in-law had JARS full of bits of hardware that I knew would never be used by my husband, I decided to clean them up a bit and think about using them in my multi-media art projects. Yet, when I saw this book available through , I decided to check it out and now I know what can be done with all these bits when I design some of my jewelry pieces with gemstones and various beads (not always a necessity as some hardware can easily stand alone in a design). The author provides great projects, many for the beginner and some intermediate. I also believe that this book is a great starting point for all interested in this form of jewelry design - yes, it has been around for awhile, but this book provides clear descriptions on how to go about getting the proper equipment, combining typical jewelry techniques, and using hardware to produce surprising results. I love all the "Jeweler's Tips" scattered throughout the book. I also am pleased that the author gives the versatile Dremel tool its place in developing designs - you DON'T have to have a flexshaft to make jewelry. Also, her love of a standard drill press is very apparent as she uses it frequently in various designs and her experience has shown how quickly projects can be completed if one uses a drill press vs a Dremel/Flexshaft. Unfortunately, she only mentions the fact that one of the earring designs could be too heavy for comfortable wearing. I feel this should always be the first consideration when designing earrings, especially with hardware as brass can be quite heavy along with other hardware (same could be said for some beads). Safety is another factor she brings up from time to time and adds to my approval of the book as safety can be a BIG issue when working in an art studio (formal or home) especially when using power tools. The designs shown can be modified to fit you mood or someone else's and the items designed are complimented with great photos of the finished project...just wish there were more images of variations of the project. I think Men's Jewelry should be considered more in jewelry design books, for I know my husband is always looking for the unique piece to wear (honestly) but the offerings are limited. Only two were provided in this book ALTHOUGH several of the designs can be unisex. Nevertheless, this is a good jumping point for jewelry artists to go off on a tangent when designing men's jewelry. Give this book a try and then see what you can come up with after spending a few hours in the hardware store. I was quite surprised at what I came up with after walking a few isles of one local hardware store...and the prices were very reasonable. Fishing tackle is another source of supplies...the author has one design that focuses on fishing tackle with very interesting results! Now I know what I can do with all those jars of hardware - and look forward to doing creative jewelry design with them. In summary: 1) very creative designs; 2) use of unique materials from a hardware store; 3) tips and safety recommendations; 4) recommended tools (not too many so one can get started in this sort of design rather cheaply IMHO); and 5) all of these provide results in a very useful and idea developing book by the author. I strongly recommend this book for all jewelry artists as it helps to inspire one to look at other items for use in design (repurposing items).

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Interest in beading and jewelry-making continues to grow. Making Designer Jewelry from Hardware, Beads, and Gems offers DIY crafters and jewelry-makers a fun, funky approach to jewelry constructed from not only glass beads, pearls, and semi-precious gemstones, but shows how to incorporate simple stainless steel, aluminum, copper, brass and tin hardware, such as nuts, bolts, washers, and tubing, into stunning, innovative, and modern jewelry pieces. Using hardware in jewelry has become popular, and features an aesthetic twist that mixes "high" and "low" --inexpensive and common metal hardware with favorite bead-store jewels.

About the Author

Nicole Noelle Sherman (Charlottesville, VA) designs and creates jewelry in her studio in Free Union, Virginia. Her work grows out of a family tradition of art and architecture; her aesthetic exhibits complex patterns on a geometric structure with careful attention to detail. Nicole is also the author of Making Designer Freshwater Pearl Jewelry.