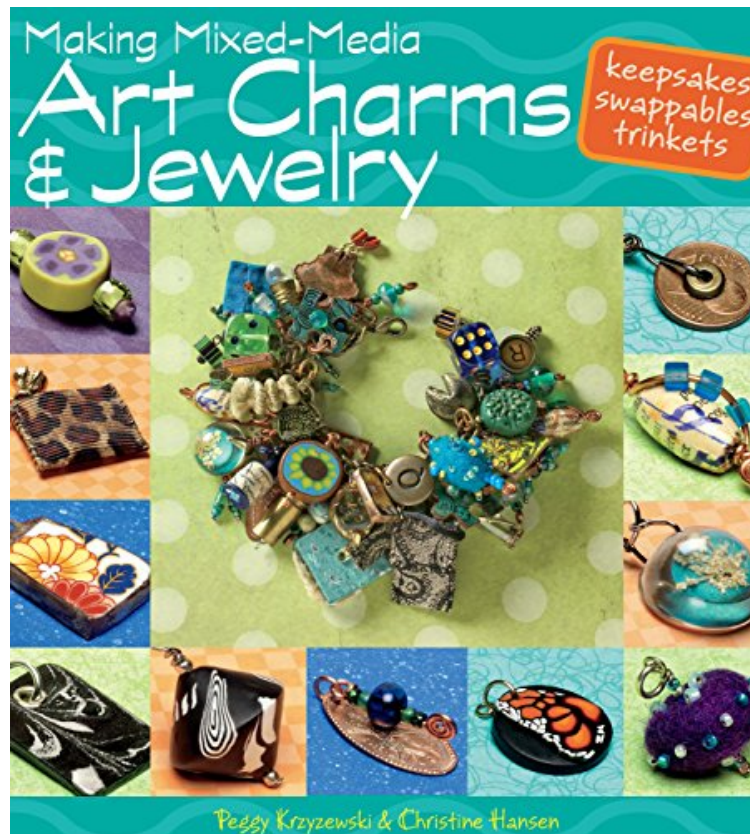


## Making Mixed Media Art Charms and Jewelry

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**Peggy Krzyzewski, Christine Hansen : Making Mixed Media Art Charms and Jewelry** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Making Mixed Media Art Charms and Jewelry:

27 of 28 people found the following review helpful. A Book So Charming it's Actually PerfectBy Katherine B.ATTENTION: Artists interested in fiber, glass, jewelry, wire, trinkets, repurposing, paper, clay, resin, wood, or metal...this book is for YOU!!Usually I like to have a book for at least a week before I review it. I need time with the book - to absorb the information, page through it randomly, read it front to back...and time to soak in the pictures. I need to let the information percolate in my brain - to digest the steps, processes and directions explained by the writer. Whether a book continues to draw you in over a week says a lot.That said, this book arrived in yesterday's mail. After opening the box and seeing the book, time stopped. Dinner did not get made, the kids were allowed to spend way too long playing video games, and I awoke this morning to find 4 new messages on my machine...I didn't even hear the phone ring. It's all thanks to Making Mixed-Media Art Charms Jewelry, by Peggy Krzyzewski and Christine Hansen. Their collaboration is SO good it took about 20 seconds to know this book is "da bomb". Another 3 minutes and I instinctively knew Art Charms wouldn't ever make it to my bookcase - it will be used far too often.I know both ladies due to our mutual involvement in various art groups - and they both have fantastic reputations for being talented,

smart, skilled artisans. I eagerly anticipated the arrival of this book - I knew it would be good. I had absolutely no idea this book would totally blow my expectations out of the water. This book is so much better than good. It's...it's...PHENOMENAL. It has everything one looks for in a good book: the pictures are beautiful, the writing is clear, the colors are luscious, the layout makes it super easy to learn new techniques and find old favorites. This will PULL you to the studio...you will long to be closer to your materials - and making really great art - just by holding this book. (Yes, that's a lot for a book to live up to...but it's so true!)The Table of Contents says it all: Charm School, Paper, Found Objects, Polymer Clay, Plastic, Wood, Fiber, Resin, Metal, Glass, Putting It All Together, Swaps and More. These gals covered every base imaginable. Any material you want to work with is included in Art Charms. Peggy and Chris have generously shared all the tips and tricks they've gathered over the years with us - meaning the frustration and trouble shooting will be minimized, while the number of beautiful pieces you can create in a finite amount of time is maximized. The hard work has been done - it's time to grab your supplies and jump on their creative train. These two will expertly guide you through all sorts of cool approaches, lending you confidence and cheering you on to great creations. This will be one of the best trips you've ever taken, with or without sunscreen.Making Mixed-Media Art Charms Jewelry is a MUST HAVE. There is truly something in it for everyone - of any age - at any level. Follow the ingenious examples Peggy and Chris have come up with - or use their techniques as a jumping-off point. The tips, design tricks, materials lists, basic tool kit, review of techniques, and introduction of new ideas will have you reaching for this book again and again. The information presented is not limited to art charms, either - you can easily apply any of their rockin' ideas to infinite other projects. You may open this book wanting to learn more about art charms and jewelry...but you will walk away with a whole new arsenal of brilliant art techniques. If you are looking for a book overflowing with great information - jam packed and bursting at the seams - this is it. Whether you are just beginning your art adventure, or are well-versed in altered art, this is one book you definitely want in your collection. I highly recommend this book to anyone - and wouldn't consider a library complete without it. Revolutionize your creativity - get Making Mixed Media Art Charms Jewelry.I promise, it's bound to be a classic!3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Truly Inspiring and AchievableBy J LarsenThe book is beautiful and well organized. I am a book junkie and have been doing some form of artcraft or craftart for many years. I live where there aren't many bookstores that carry extensive craft books so you'll find this review written for those who would really like to evaluate the book. I have no connection to the authors or the publishing company.Overall Impression: The materials in the projects are available and the pictures are detailed and great. The projects will appeal to those with many different styles except those who are into strictly primitive or folk art. The techniques and projects could be adapted but those who like primitive and folk art won't find much eye candy.Best Feature: One of the best features is that they actually list or recommend brands they use. I completely understand why some books list things like "white glue" or "clear sealer" or cylinder beads, but I really would like to know a brand name or two so I know what I am looking for. These authors list both the generic "sealer" but then actually tell the reader what brands they prefer and sometimes why they prefer them. The two authors frequently use different products. I feel like if I am going to buy a book to learn to make something, then please don't make me go through trial and error just trying to find the right glue or sealer, just tell me one or two to try first. I'll move onto trial and error if they don't work.The book is organized by chapter with each chapter introducing a material and then 3 projects using that material. The chapters (along with the introductions, materials, and comprehensive projects )are:PaperFound ObjectsPolymer ClayPlasticWoodFiberResinMetalGlassOne thing to note: the book is physically short. It's 95 pages long but the dimensions are roughly 9 inches tall by 8.5 inches wide. It is not the dimension of a traditional book that is the size of notebook paper (11 X 8.5 inches).Overall, I'd recommend this book to anyone. The beginner and advanced alike will find something inspiring.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Simple instructions, Great Pictures, Great Variety of PendantsBy Samantha McGuireI am very happy wi this book. It discusses tons of different types of charms and pendants to make with good large pictures and simple instructions. I am glad to have this book!

Art charms are easy to create from nearly any material imaginable and fun to use in creative jewelry pieces. This book presents nine chapters organized by medium including paper, found objects, polymer clay, plastic, wood, fiber, resin, metal, and glass and gives directions to make three charms in each category. Step-by-step instruction and clear photography are helpful to beginners, while the innovative designs make a great refresher for more advanced crafters. Making Mixed Media Art Charms and Jewelry focuses on the technique and constructing the charms so that everyone can create their own personalized art charms.