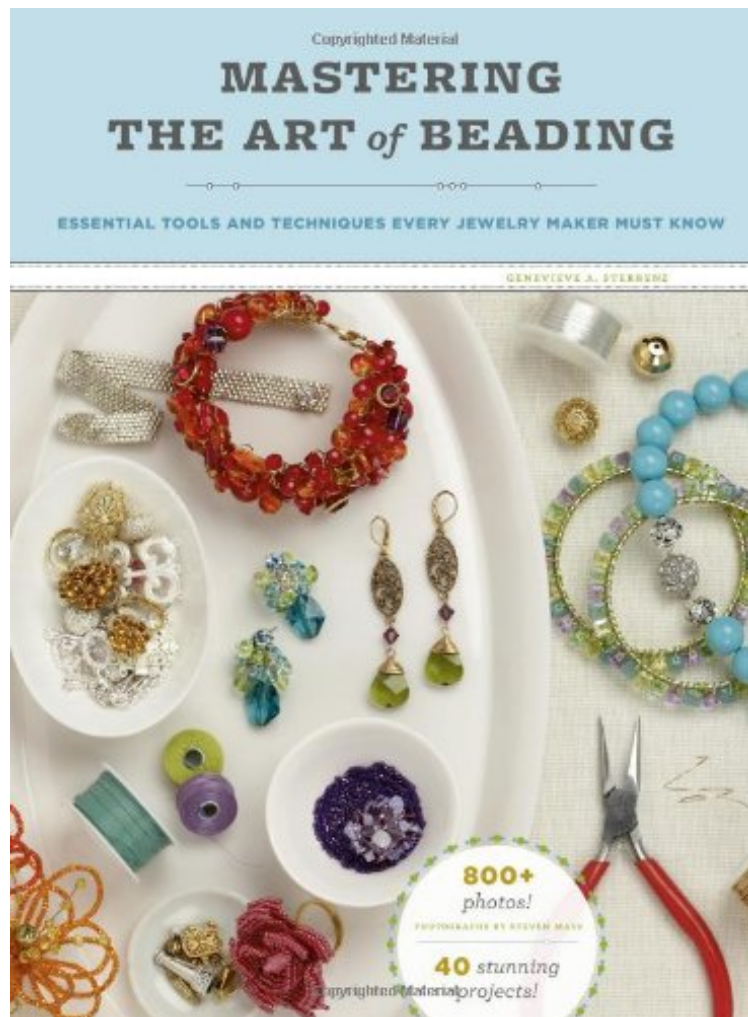


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10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Great reference book! By PARI'I chose those book over several others. I went to Barnes Nobles Borders generally speaking, I look at all beading books wherever I go. This one was the best because of two things. The front reference area has all kinds of detailed info including size charts for bead sizes gauges down to the difference between all sorts of materials. I found the charts to be easier to read than other

books. The same goes for the back which is sort of like a technique reference area. Sometimes you don't quite know what to search for online so I wanted a book to flip through when I needed questions answered quick. The other reason I chose this book for my reference book, as I'm starting my own jewelry company, is because of the jewelry items they selected for tutorials. They include techniques I'm actually planning on using others included too much weaving complicated techniques I don't even find all that attractive. This still has weaving but a little but everything including orienting chain in complicated ways, wire wrapping all sorts of interesting bead ideas. Plus the deal on it is awesome it's huge! 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. The best overall beaded jewelry reference I've found! By Krazy Kindle Reviewer I'm fairly new to creating jewelry with bead stringing and weaving. I set out to find a book that could be my definitive reference on everything I was interested in. Not being able to decide, for sure online, I ordered two. I went with *Mastering the Art of Beading* and *The Complete Photo Guide to Jewelry Making: More than 700 Large Format Color Photos*. I quickly determined that *Mastering the Art of Beading* was exactly what I was looking for. While *The Complete Photo Guide* was also excellent, it spent a great deal of time on things I don't have any current interest in. Things such as Metal Fabrication and soldering, metal clay, polymer clay, etc. I *would* rate that book highly and recommend it if you are a more advanced beader and want to create your own beads, findings, fabricate metal pieces, etc. However, I returned that book as just having too much that I'm not interested in at this point and time. When it comes to *Mastering the Art of Beading*, it is everything I had hoped for and more!! It's a huge 384 pages, chock full of gorgeous pictures of finished projects and each step you need to take to complete the projects is carefully laid out. It's very easy to read and understand, with many things cross referenced in an easily understandable way. It starts with the basics and has the best descriptions of materials, tools, threads, findings, etc. that I've seen anywhere. It covers bead types, sizes, styles and more in an extremely in depth and easy to understand format. A large number of charts, showing most items in actual size, give you a great understanding of bead sizing and more. Further charts help you to determine what type and size of needle, stringing materials, beads and findings will work together. A real help, as it can initially be overwhelming to figure this out. Pro's and con's are given on types/brands of beads as well as all possible stringing materials. All of this wonderful information is followed by several sections of projects. Necklaces, bracelets, rings and hair jewelry are all covered. Each section gives a huge variety in styles and beading methods to choose from. A list of all of the necessary supplies for each is included, though many would be easy to change up a bit for your own look. Each project also has reference pages listed to make it simple to jump to the page that covers the skills you will need in that particular project. The final section covers Techniques. Stringing and Finishing covers nearly everything you need to know about stringing on wire, ribbon, thread, etc. All of the findings used are covered in depth so you'll quickly learn how to use a crimp bead and cover, how to use an end cap on ribbon, how to use a beading disc and so very, very much more. Knotting, stitching and off loom bead weaving fill the last section. Again, all are wonderful. The bead weaving section only really covers Peyote stitch, but it does it so well and shows so many variations, that I'm fine with just starting out with Peyote. If I find I enjoy it, I may add a book that covers more bead weaving techniques in the future. If you can't tell, I cannot say enough about this book. Although I've only done minor beading off and on over the years, I have many other creative pastimes with dozens of craft books covering a large variety of topics. I can say that, hands down, this is the best, craft, reference book I have ever had the pleasure to purchase! And at the ridiculously low price, it would almost be a crime not to snatch it up. When was the last time you got a full color, nearly 400 page book for under \$20?? 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Must Have Book By busybeedsp I checked this book out of the library and found it to be a treasure trove of useful information. Real size illustrations of bead sizes including seed beads, real size for different wire thicknesses, measurements for standard necklaces with an illustration as to how they hang and standard bracelet sizes. Has directions on making beaded jewelry, wire working, stringing, knotting and finishing. I am dragging this book out every time I turn around it seems. Covers all the basics and has 40 projects with step-by-step instruction. It is one of the only two I have allowed myself to buy on jewelry making at the moment and worth every penny and more!

Mastering the Art of Beading will do for jewelry making what Julia Child did for French food. In this definitive guide to all things beads, expert jewelry maker Genevieve A. Sterbenz covers all of the terms, tools, skills, and shortcuts necessary for creating beautiful beaded jewelry. With more than 800 how-to photographs, detailed and illustrated techniques, a photographic glossary, and useful resources, this book is packed to the brim with beading essentials. In addition, Sterbenz presents step-by-step instructions for 50 stunning projects in a range of techniques and styles. An accessible compendium dissecting every aspect of this popular craft, *Mastering the Art of Beading* will be the resource crafters, dabblers and experts alike will want on their bookshelf for years to come.

About the Author Genevieve A. Sterbenz is the author of nearly a dozen craft and decor books and has appeared on national networks such as HGTV, Discovery Channel, and CBS. She has been beading for two decades and lives in New York City.