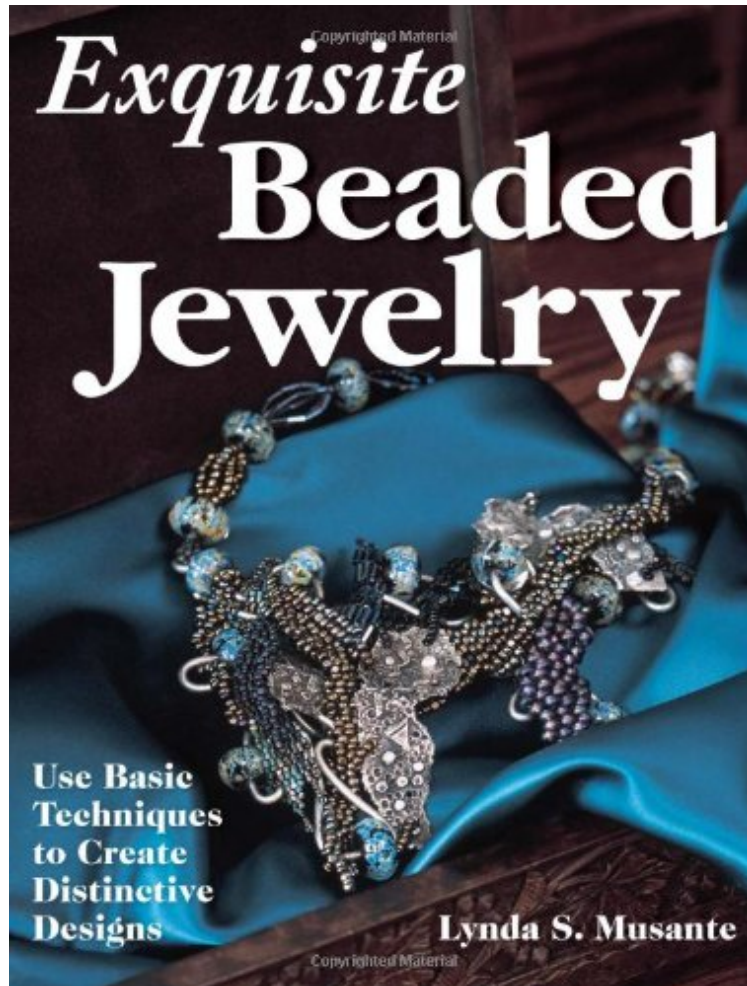


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Lynda Musante : Exquisite Beaded Jewelry: Use Basic Techniques to Create Distinctive Designs before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Exquisite Beaded Jewelry: Use Basic Techniques to Create Distinctive Designs:

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Great Book for those interested in basics and the unique By CLGI wish I would have wrote this review much sooner than now as I have had it for two years. I pulled it out the other day as I needed a review on a particular bead 'fabric' that I wanted to create and knew that this was the book to use. Then I checked it out on again to find out when I actually purchased this book...this was followed by reading the nine reviews posted. I can see how one can be VERY undecided as to whether or not this is a book for them. First off, I feel the first 78 pages have great guidelines and information plus simple to intermediate projects for all. I gained more out of the

first four chapters that would have been derived from at least three other books in comparison. Images are great, too. You can actually see what the author means when she describes the finishes of particular beads, plus learn some unique wire work designs that can only motivate one to try their "hand" at one of their own favorite designs by using wire. Very nice. Now here is where those that HATE the book should have explained better...the pages 79-124 show numerous images of what I call "Creative Beading" - very random, wild, bizarre, and yet interesting to look at in order to actually see various types of beadwork patterns. Yet, if you would READ the text and follow some of the simple diagrams, you will gain the knowledge of standard beadwork - like how to do peyote other stitches; to replace a broken bead or thread; adding a new thread; and one of my favorites in the Embellish Your Beadwork - fringe variations (plus lots more). The schematics for these and other patterns to follow when practicing are excellent. I think many beaders/jewelry designers may get turned off by the sculptural beading...maybe if it wasn't so frequently "dark" color-wise, this may not be the case. Yet these images show how one can move outside the typical beader 'box' and attempt something new and can lead to increased creativity and design production that no one else does. It may even make your own work more marketable. No these designs are not for everyone, I definitely couldn't get away with wearing one of these - both job-wise and my personal taste - but some folks really like this stuff. So beginning on page 99 the information on how to produce specific elements within these sculptural pieces are given. These CAN be useful in rather "tame" designs, not so much with the sculptural aspect, but in other beadwork or jewelry design. I have found the information garnered by doing "open spaces and texture" very useful with my more natural and various gemstone designs. So consider this book a way to get important basic information and to see what other beaders are doing creatively. We can't all be making tubular peyote stitched necklaces!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful.
Outdated
By Alis'nWonderland
This is an "old" book, which I didn't realize when I ordered it after a friend recommended it. No detailed patterns or instructions. Projects are not my taste. Bead weaving and wire work has come a long way and the work being done nowadays is much more sophisticated with instructions to match.

31 of 32 people found the following review helpful. This is an AMAZING BOOK!
By Karen Delaney
I've always wanted to make jewelry like this, but could never figure out just how to begin. This book is perfect for that, giving basic as well as advanced instruction, and a number of really gorgeous and easily adapted-to-your-own-style projects. The projects go from relatively simple (peyote stitch bracelet with wire accent) to complicated and totally AMAZING (Meteoric Shards Necklace). I think this book is extremely well written, and is an excellent addition to any beader's library!

This fantastic guide to creating jewellery with beads will intrigue crafters of all skill levels. 15 projects for creating gorgeous earrings, necklaces, bracelets, pins and more are included, ranging in difficulty from beginner to advanced. Each project is designed to challenge the crafter while teaching new techniques and encouraging creativity. Clear, step-by-step instructions along with fantastic photos and illustrations guide the reader through each project with ease. The variety of projects included demonstrate the versatility of beading uses, and readers will be inspired by the photo gallery of top beaders' projects. A resource guide in the latter part of the book includes information on where to find crafting materials, books, magazines and classes on beading.