

## FreeForm Peyote Beading: Design and Creation of Original Wearable Art Jewelry

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**Karen Williams : FreeForm Peyote Beading: Design and Creation of Original Wearable Art Jewelry** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised FreeForm Peyote Beading: Design and Creation of Original Wearable Art Jewelry:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. InterestingBy Dena BeeI love the free-form peyote art form and I purchased this book as my first how-to book on the subject. I followed the instructions and started my first bracelet (which I subsequently cut up and started over).While I find Ms. Williams' designs to be enchanting, the book didn't really meet my needs and I found better tutorials online for free. Specifically, my criticisms are:1. When starting, she advises you to string all different sizes of beads on your first string. I did this but found it very difficult to work the peyote around them. Other teachers tell you to start out with a few lines of plain old single-size bead peyote, which is what I did the second time, and I found that to be much easier. I was then able to add my bridges and various size beads.2. The book focused too much on choosing colors and beads. Already a rather short book, having many pages

devoted to artistic preferences was a waste. I would much rather see more photos of completed and in progress free-form projects than color wheels and lessons on design.<sup>3</sup> The book should have more photos of free-form peyote stitch projects. The few that were there did not at all satisfy me. It is much easier for me to develop my own ideas by looking at examples than by someone telling me what colors go together. If the author does not want to show her projects for copyright reasons, then she should not be writing books. You can learn from the book, but I found that there are better ways.<sup>6</sup> of 6 people found the following review helpful. Little technical information  
By Lucy by the sea  
This is a strangely superficial book. Lots of colored photos. Very little technical information. This book could have been a treasure trove of freeform peyote stitch but the first 40 or so pages are suitable for real newbies and beginners. Some of the information about threads and needles was dated. I'm disappointed but I like the photos so I'll keep it. I'll have to get another one for the information I need.<sup>21</sup> of 21 people found the following review helpful. FreeForm Peyote Beading-A Fantastic Book!  
By Janice Kay Wilson  
The author has written a very thorough and informative book on the art of freeform peyote beading. Although there are only 85 pages in the book, there are over 160 pictures and diagrams that aid in simplifying the process of creating your own original work. If you would like to attempt to learn freeform peyote beading, I think you will not be disappointed if you purchase this book. The directions and diagrams are easy to understand and her own work is very colorful and very beautiful. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and I would highly recommend it!!!

Lavishly illustrated with over 200 photographs and diagrams, *Freeform Peyote Beading: Design and Creation of Original Wearable Art Jewelry*, goes beyond bead stringing and counted patterns into the exciting world of free-form stitching. Create jewelry so extraordinary they're one-of-a-kind works of art.

About the Author  
First introduced to beading by her then future mother-in-law almost twenty years ago, Karen has been playing and experimenting with them every since. She now resides in Seattle, Washington, where she continues to explore as an artist, teacher and student. She has taught classes and workshops throughout the Pacific Northwest.