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Denise Peck, Jane Dickerson : Wire + Metal: 30 Easy Metalsmithing Designs before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Wire + Metal: 30 Easy Metalsmithing Designs:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Gorgeous, modern, mixed media and fun...great photosBy Amy E. HenryWow. All I can say is wow. I have almost every jewelry making book out there: beading, copper foldforming, wirewrapping, cold connections, soldering, everything (except enameling). Of the majority of them, they are good but not really great. This is great. I would actually make virtually any of the projects in this, and likely will. The creative use of found objects, etching, and wire work is unlike the stuff I've usually seen. I subscribe to Belle Armoire Jewelry that has gorgeous pieces: these projects are THAT kind of high quality pieces that are just gorgeous. And many of them don't seem so difficult. A couple perks: many projects only use a few focal point beads. This matters to me as I always have a few leftover focal beads that need a home. Another perk is that ordinary things, like bails, are shown made with etched copper and in a larger than average size. This alone really dresses up a piece and seems so obvious: so many times I would work with copper and then fight over how to add a bail. Now I see ideas on how to rivet or wire a focal bail on and make it an integral part of the design instead of "just" a bail. The cover shows a textile and bead

strand holding a copper bail and copper cone with assorted beads hanging out of the cone. So simple but SO pretty. There's also a gorgeous ring with riveted pieces...love it. All the techniques (which I basically already know) are explained without going overboard. Just like a refresher course. But the biggest deal? By far was the materials. The last jewelry book (it who shall not be named) had some great jewelry ideas but they all required special order beads and findings which were often really expensive. When I make jewelry, I want to sit down and do it, not place an expensive order and wait for it to arrive. In fact, the book was more about the unusual beads than the designs. This collection is full of items you probably already have in your studio. Fair warning: this is not a book with dainty little styles of jewelry. These are bold, a bit bohemian with mixed media, and definitely eye-catching. And I'm not even a paid spokesperson!!! 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Pretty cool from Peck as usual. By drc536 I think this is a terrific book by Miss Peck. What I like is that many of the projects include a lot of cold connections, which is nice because my home is not set up for things that require torches and such. The book does include directions on annealing and making headpins with the beaded end, but I just ignore that demo. Outside of that, most of her projects showcase cold connections, which is a real joy. There were a couple projects where I wish there were more detailed illustrated steps (like how to anvil the prongs on the top side of the project without messing it up). Really cool projects worthy of trying. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Great for beginners, intermediates, and if you are stuck and need a little boost in your own designs! By NCB Great for beginner and intermediate to gain the skills .. Great for experienced because the designs got the juices flowing.. I think I drew 30 designs after browsing this book! The instructions were crystal clear.. a lot of pictures which for me is important .. I am a visual hands on learner... This book works for learner a of all types

Easy-to-do techniques at the comfort of your kitchen table! Authors Denise Peck and Jane Dickerson introduce simple wire- and metalworking techniques that have big impact. Working with pre-cut metal blanks and thin gauge sheet, as well as with inexpensive and readily available tools, you can produce results similar to much more complex metalsmithing techniques. Explore lashing, stitching, simple weaving, coils, spirals, twisted wire, and incorporating beads with wire. You'll be exposed to metal pieces being hole-punched, dapped, hammered, textured, colorized, and patinated. This book features thirty step-by-step projects that require only basic jewelry-making skills, but will result in stunning contemporary jewelry. Wire + Metal covers a wide range of styles that will appeal to beginner to advanced jewelry makers.