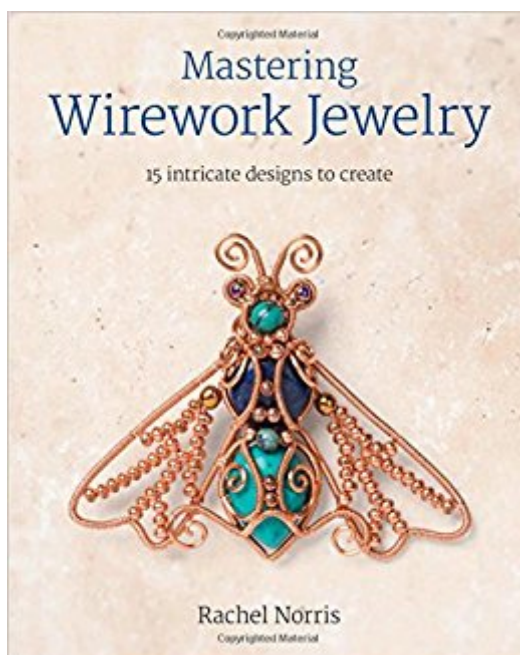




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Mastering Wirework Jewelry: 15 Intricate Designs To Create



Synopsis

If you enjoy making wirework jewelry and are looking for a new challenge then Mastering Wirework Jewelry is the perfect book for you. In this fabulous title by esteemed wireworker Rachel Norris, there are 15 intricate and beautiful wirework jewelry projects to make. Each has detailed step-by-step tips to follow, plus there are fully comprehensive tools, materials and techniques sections to provide all the know-how you need. Projects include: pendants, brooches and necklaces inspired by nature and animals.

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Customer Reviews

Rachel Norris is a specialist in Vascular Ultrasound but is also an accomplished jewelry designer specializing in wirework. She is a Guest Designer for JewelleryMaker TV, has appeared on BBC TV and has exhibited in the Victoria & Albert Museum. Rachel writes regularly for magazines including Beads & Beyond, Bead, Making Jewellery, and Wirework (US). She also sells tutorials and DVDs via her Facebook store page.

My book arrived this morning, and I am very pleased. First off, this is a BIG book. For reference, I consider myself an experienced, intermediate level wire worker. Like most wire work books, this starts off with a section addressing the tools used, and instructions on basic techniques. Jump rings, coils, coiled coils, spirals, wrapped loops and more. The meat of the book is the 15 designs. And trust me, it is meaty in a good way. Each of the 15 designs is broken down into small steps with

photographs to show each step. The moth shown on the cover is illustrated in 77 written steps and a photo for each step. No worries about crowding on the page, the pictures are clear and the picture and instructions are large enough, and have enough space between each step. So if you follow pictures, or follow written instructions, or some of both, this book seems to cover the bases. Most of the designs are of an animals (owl, fish, dolphin, lion, gecko, elephant, moth, cat, horse, butterfly, seahorse) but there is also a daisy, leaves, and two styles of angles. Each incorporates wire and bead elements. In some it is a cabochon, in others stone beads, or pearls. There are a variety of techniques and materials used, so that each piece is unique. Some earthy (the owl), some ethereal (angels)...and a range in between. I think as a collective this book offers very specific directions to make each one, but it also offers the ability to learn the process to create your own designs, along with inspirations and ideas that can be adapted in other projects. For example, there is a wire woven cabochon with a butterfly and a lovely unique bail. I would use the instructions for the cab enclosure and bail, omit the butterfly in the middle, because I have a request from a friend for a dragonfly, which I would design myself (dragonfly not in the book), which would pair nicely with the cab and bail for the butterfly. And then make another, with no butterfly or dragonfly, just to show off a beautiful stone cabochon. At the end, are pages with templates for each of the designs. Now my only problem is, which one do I make first?

Even if you are an advanced wirework jewelry artist... you need this book. Seriously. If you are wavering on whether or not to order this book... DO IT! First of all, it is a lot bigger than I expected. After flipping through the pages I understood why. Rachel has put some incredible detail into the writing of this book. The photographs are clear, as are the written directions for each step of the 15 projects that this book includes. I have had this book in my possession for just over 24 hours, and I've already learned a few things about working with wire... and I've been at it for almost 20 years. For once, I don't feel like the publisher clamped down on the artist when it came to the detail in the steps in the creation of the projects, and for that I am grateful. I can't wait to tackle some of the projects... anything from the moth on the cover to a horse, a cat, and a lion!... and to learn how I can incorporate some of the awesome techniques into my own designs. Much respect to Rachel Norris for sharing these techniques with the world. What... you haven't ordered this book yet? Do it. You won't be disappointed.

I just received the book, and haven't made any of the designs, yet. This woman is a genius! I have never seen so much detail, in a wire working book. The publisher is in England,

maybe that explains it. In England jewelry is jewellery. Her designs are not for beginners. I plan to make a few parts of some of the designs. Jewelry making, is not her full-time profession. She appears on JewelleryMaker TV, in England. You can see that channel on YouTube. It's worth the trouble! Their DVDs cost a fraction of the over-priced DVDs we get in this country. If you don't make any of the jewelry, it's fun to just look at, what a genius has designed!

What a beautiful book!!! A collectible item for sure. I have witnessed Rachel Norris' expertise on JewelleryMaker.com via YouTube, and was delighted when I learned she had created this anthology of marvelous designs in book form. She possesses a truly innovative spirit that comes across in all of the projects, not to mention her thoughtful attention to detail through the wonderful photographs and instructions. I am sure that I will learn many more ways to enhance the wire wrapping skills I currently have. I can already see how I will be able to adapt the designs, and put my own signature style on them. I am truly impressed by her talent, and hope that she develops more volumes to complement this one!

This is by far the most detailed book on wire work jewelry that I have ever seen! There are photographs for every single step for all the projects that are in it! I am super impressed with this author and will be looking for other books she has/or will put out! Definitely a book worth having in the collection of any person who does wire jewelry!

Oh my goodness I can't wait to start using this book. However, unfortunately, I have several projects that have to be done first before I start, but the directions, pictures and everything are fantastic. This is a great book.

Loaded with projects and written well with plenty of pictures for visual learners. There's something for everyone in this book. I consider myself an advanced wireworker and there's still a lot of projects to sharpen skills in this book. I'm glad I bought it. If this author wrote another I'd be happy to buy it!

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