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Earrings 101



Synopsis

It's easy to be a pro! You'll learn all the beading secrets-from a pro! Renowned jewelry designer and instructor Katie Hacker shares her tips, tricks and techniques in this 40-page instruction book. It's packed with over 125 gorgeous earrings with an amazing variety of styles and shapes; there is something for everyone! You'll learn the basics of making earrings, plus how to customize the techniques and make them your own! Full-color, with step-by-step instructions-and tips on every page! Be sure to check out the other books in this series!

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Customer Reviews

This book is well written. It has enough details and How-To photos for beginners like me who need things spelled out in simple terms, but she does it with little side bars and photo instructions apart from the actual directions. That way as you gain confidence and knowledge you don't have to read through all the explanations to find out what to do next. There are a few places where the photo of the finished product is not quite like the instructions, BUT I have never seen a pattern book immune from this problem. I do like that you can look at the pictures and get ideas of how to change it to make it for yourself. I recommend it highly. I don't see where I'll be ordering another one [I take care of my books], but if I need to I will order it again. Her other 'How-To' books are just as good - I really recommend all of them.

Wow I wish I realized this was only 40 pages - I gave it an extra star as that's my mistake. This is basically a pamphlet of pictures of earrings. If you have any experience at all, it's not worth it. I

would have returned but not worth my time/effort/postage.

Almost everyone who creates jewelry comes up against the same two questions: "How do I start?" "I've run out of ideas; now what do I do?" She answers the first question immediately. She begins the book by teaching you about the tools you'll need, plus a few you'll want. She teaches you about the metal pieces known as findings, and about the various components - beads, stringing material, wire, leather and so on. She segues into the second question by showing you how to use all the items she told you about. You'll make basic drops, stacked drops, clusters, hoops, tassels, chandeliers, and nine more. (She gives you 15 different styles altogether.) You'll learn how to make your own components instead of relying on only what you buy. You learn to change the look of any style simply by making a variation of it. Her photos illustrate all the techniques beyond hook and a dangle. Best of all, she encourages you to go beyond the samples in her book. Love the look of that basic blue stone drop (#2, page 8), but would rather see it in a dyed red pearl? By all means, change it! Different look! Like the jasper-stone chandelier on page 25 (#5), but think it looks a bit cluttered? Add fewer stones and break off the unused loops, or attach alternating chains for a longer look. Go for it. It's your style!

Interesting to look at and to see how others have achieved similar designs to my own. Some are extremely simple and it is only natural that you (as I) have come up with the same designs, although colors and supplies may have been different. Has Merit.

I cannot imagine any earring making technique that is not covered in this little book. Lots and lots of color photos for inspiration. Jewelry making techniques that can be applied to other types of jewelry. I first looked through the book at a local craft store but it was less expensive on .

I bought this for my 13 year-old granddaughter. She is just learning about jewelry making and we talked about tools and techniques for a couple of days. What I liked about this book is that when she goes home, she can reference the front pages as to what each tool does and how to use it. It also has gobs of ideas for earring designs.

Just what I was looking for, I wanted to try something new to keep myself from getting bored. I found the book to be helpful, with its many clear & helpful pictures & instructions, & different projects to complete. Thank you. Elizabeth DiDomenico

It is not a difficult book to follow and it will help you come up with your own creations, and have many different techniques.

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