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*Elegant beaded jewelry has never been so attainable!*

**Bella Beaded Jewelry:  
Artful Italian Designs with Wire, Thread, Cord & Ribbon  
Donatella Ciotti**

Loveland, Colo.: Beaders, wireworkers, and jewelry makers will love **BELLA BEADED JEWELRY** (Interweave Press, October 2006, \$21.95), a combination of beautiful retro styles and current fashion trends. Italian crafter Donatella Ciotti showcases 20+ art gallery-worthy pieces that use basic techniques like stringing, simple knotting, and wire wrapping. All readers need are a few simple tools and materials, and the desire to get started!

**BELLA BEADED JEWELRY** begins with an introduction to the pearls, beads, and crystals used throughout the book, then moves on to tools, supplies, findings, and stringing materials needed to make each project. Beautiful color photographs lead each section. Basic techniques are introduced with written instructions plus step-by-step photographs for further clarification.

Ciotti then explores projects in the compositions of pearls and mother-of-pearl; glass, silk, thread, and cord; wires; and wood and buttons. Inventive patterns include:

- An Egyptian collar made from safety pins and pearls
- The Squiggle necklace and earring set made from flexible beading wires, silver wire, and hundreds of crystals
- The Colors of the Sun necklace featuring large glass barrel beads knotted on orange silk thread
- The Hot Peppers necklace made from layers of red waxed cord strung with flexible wire wraps and red and yellow glass peppers

All projects are accessible to the beginner, using basic techniques like stringing, simple knotting, wire wrapping, and wire crochet with basic tools like flat- and round-nose pliers, wire cutters, and beading

needles. A comprehensive suppliers list at the back of the book shows readers where to find the all materials used throughout the text.

The elegance of art gallery jewelry is at any crafter's fingertips with **BELLA BEADED JEWELRY**, *the* guide to creating designer pieces using unusual beads and materials. Wearable beaded art has never been so attainable!

**BELLA BEADED JEWELRY: ARTFUL ITALIAN DESIGNS WITH WIRE, THREAD, CORD & RIBBON**

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**About the author:** **Donatella Ciotti** lives in Pavia, Italy, where she owns a crafts store. She teaches courses on Styrofoam, beadwork, silk ribbon, and flower compositions made with Venetian beads. She has written more than twenty books on these subjects.

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