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Hip to Bead

32 Contemporary Projects for Today's Beader

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Loveland, Colo.: Add some zing to your jewelry box, wardrobe, and home décor with just a few beads and a whole lot of attitude. Beading is one of the fastest growing hobbies in America, and with **HIP TO BEAD** (Interweave Press, April 2006), it's easier than ever to create modern, designer-looking jewelry that doesn't break the bank.

Ideal for beginners but packed with plenty of inspirational ideas for more experienced beaders, **HIP TO BEAD** showcases 32 fashion-forward projects. Helpful step-by-step instructions, tips and tricks, and project variations will keep you creatively inspired. Choose from savvy designs including:

- **Chic Antique Button Bracelet**—the perfect way to use those cool old buttons you've collected from vintage shops and grandma's button box.
- **Stylish Scrapbook**—use just a few beads and some wire to personalize a scrapbook, great for gift-giving or for yourself!
- **Found Object Charm Bracelet**—a hip interpretation of the classic charm bracelet, using found objects like scrabble tiles, coins, dice, and more.
- **Creative Cause Bracelet**—make your colored plastic cause bracelet stand out with this personalized seed bead embellishment.
- **Knotty Hemp Belt**—macrame is back in style, and this knotting technique is easy to master. Just add a few beads for a whole new stylish look.
- **Mod Millefiori Necklace**—use basic wire wrapping and colorful millefiori glass beads to create a totally modern-feeling necklace
- **Glamour Girl Chandeliers**—this hot fashion accessory isn't going anywhere, so learn how to handcraft your own using crystals, chain, and more for a totally unique look.

- **Beaded tank top**—add flair to a store-bought tank top with beads and sequins.
- And much more!

Each chapter focuses on a different technique, and every quick and easy project builds the beader's skill level. Readers begin with a primer on beads, materials and tools, then work their way to stringing, knotting, and wireworking, with a wrap up on bead embroidery and bead stitching. Helpful step-by-step instructions, photographs, and illustrations guide each project along. Sidebars provide color and length variations for many projects—offering even more inspiration—plus more extensive information about stringing materials, types of beads, and essential tools that readers will refer to again and again. A thorough resource section provides an indispensable list of suppliers that will make it easy to re-create every project in the book.

There's no better feeling than being able to say "I made it myself!" **HIP TO BEAD** provides everything the new beader needs to create fashionable jewelry with ease.

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About the author: Katie Hacker is an artist and writer who frequently contributes beading projects to *Beadwork*, *Simply Beading*, and *Step by Step Beads* magazine. She is the guest beading expert on the PBS series "Beads, Baubles & Jewels," and has authored 15 instructional beading booklets that have collectively sold more than 450,000 copies. Katie and her husband live in Keystone, Indiana.

About Interweave Press: In business since 1975, Interweave Press LLC publishes magazines and books related to fiber, thread, needlework, and beads. Throughout Interweave's evolution, its publications have focused on natural materials and processes, a respect for doing, and an appreciation of the fine, simple things in life. Interweave publishes six magazines including *Beadwork*, *Handwoven*, *Interweave Knits*, *PieceWork*, *Spin-Off*, and *Fiberarts*. Interweave is dedicated to creating a resource for its readers to find the best information in their field of interest, the latest news, the best products, the newest techniques, and the history behind the techniques.

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Fun, Crafty... Beady!

Katie Hacker, 31, is one of the country's youngest but most prolific authorities on beading and the DIY jewelry making hobby. An artist and writer who started designing her own jewelry as a teenager when she couldn't find fashionable clip earrings for her unpierced ears, she turned her pastime into a business and now provides her crafting advice to audiences across the country as the guest beading expert on the PBS series, *Beads, Baubles & Jewels* and through her 20 instructional beading booklets that have collectively sold more than 450,000 copies. Katie also is a contributing editor to *Simply Beads* magazine and freelances beading and craft projects to a variety of national publications.

Katie is passionate about demystifying jewelry making and specializes in projects that are fashionable and fun. Her approachable style helps new beaders feel less intimidated and more empowered. "Every beader is a designer, and I love helping people find their source of creativity through beads," she says.

Katie discovered her creativity at an early age. She grew up in a unique crafty environment working for her parents' miniatures and dollhouse distributorship, Dee's Delights, Inc., where she spent her summers making dollhouse samples and working on the company's communications materials. After graduating from college she worked as an editor, and eventually in-house designer, for Hot Off The Press, an instructional craft book publisher and scrapbooking paper manufacturer in Oregon. She also worked for several years at Ten Thousand Villages, a nonprofit organization that provides fair wages for artisans in developing countries by selling their goods in North America.

In 2001, Katie decided that she could make a living doing what she loved best—beading—so she and her husband, Craig Brown, moved back to their homestead in Keystone, Indiana. She helps Craig raise organic vegetables and meat on the 100-year-old family farm and sells them at area farmers markets, while also keeping the farm's honeybees. (Website: www.brownfamilyfarm.com).

Katie decided to introduce her passion for beading to an even wider audience and pairs with Interweave Press in April 2006 to publish *Hip to Bead: 32 Contemporary Projects for Today's Beader*. Loaded with gorgeous, boutique-style beaded jewelry, Katie's book teaches basic beading techniques through fashion-savvy designs created with beads, pendants, and findings that are readily available.

QUICK FACTS

Homeground

Keystone, Indiana

Books

Hip to Bead (Interweave Press, 2006)

16 Booklets on various jewelry and beading techniques, over 450,000 sold (Hot off the Press, 1997–2003)

Simple & Stylish Bead Accents (Krause, 2005)

Magic of Memory Wire,
Sensational Bead Stringing, and
Craft Wire Creations (Beadalon, 2002)
A Beginner's Guide to Hemp Jewelry (Leisure Arts/Hot of the Press, 1998)

TV

Beads, Baubles, and Jewels (PBS)

Find Katie's designs in

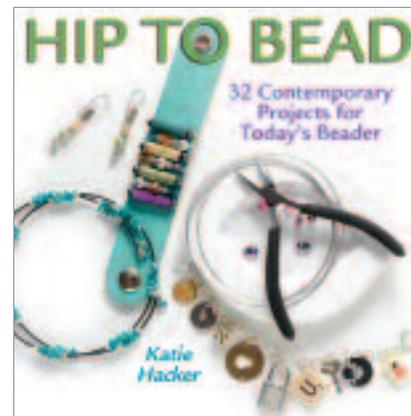
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