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Step-By-Step Jewelry Workshop: Simple Techniques for Soldering, Wirework, and Metal Jewelry Nicola Hurst

For the complete newcomer to jewelry making, ***Step-By-Step Jewelry Workshop: Simple Techniques for Soldering, Wirework, and Metal Jewelry*** (Interweave Press, April 2008, \$24.95) is a multi-technique guide covering a range of all the basics needed to create great-looking jewelry. From setting up a workplace and planning designs to basic filing, sawing, and soldering skills, this guide has it all covered. A comprehensive tools and materials section reveals how to choose metals and stones, select and store useful materials, and start a beginner's tool kit. With step-by-step photography of every technique—teaching everything from how to pierce metal, then file, solder, pickle, and clean and finish professionally—this comprehensive resource makes creating jewelry accessible and affordable.

Techniques are interspersed with projects so that enthusiasts can create beautiful jewelry as they learn, from simple silver rings to elegant stone-set pendants. Diagrams give clarity for tricky stages, and there are examples of what can go wrong and how to fix the problem. Advice on practicing with inexpensive materials until skills are honed and tips on designing unique pieces are also inside, plus handy tips are scattered throughout.

Projects include a simple pendant, simple chain necklace, simple silver ring, forged ring, fretwork brooch, textured earrings, textured bangle, domed bracelet, riveted cufflinks, pendant with rub-over setting, strung necklace, and a multistrand necklace. The projects are interspersed with a variety of techniques including piercing, drilling, filing, soldering, finishing and polishing, annealing, using wire,

twisting wire, forging, bending, texturing, doming, riveting, making findings, and using beads. The book is rounded out with a resource section that contains an idea file, a directory of gems, advice on purchasing materials from shops, dealers, and online, metal conversion charts and ring size charts, and a glossary of commonly used terms, plus suggestions for further reading. ***Step-By-Step Jewelry Workshop*** explains all the basic jewelry-making techniques with creative projects for the beginner.

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