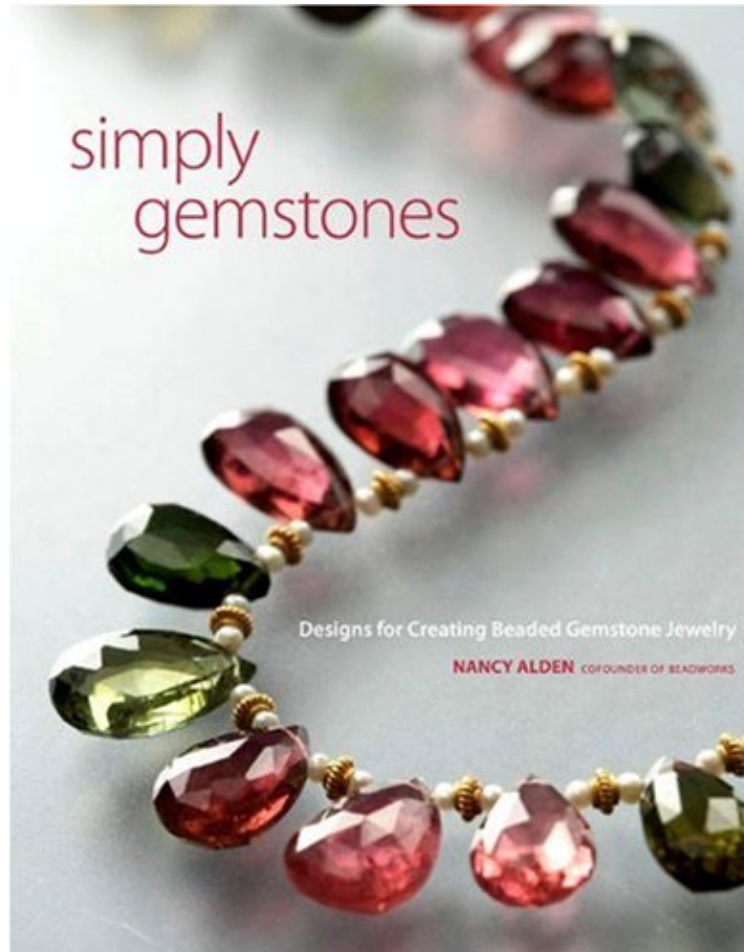


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**Nancy Alden : Simply Gemstones: Designs for Creating Beaded Gemstone Jewelry** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Simply Gemstones: Designs for Creating Beaded Gemstone Jewelry:

13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Simply GreatBy Linda LeeAlready owning "Simply Pearls" by Nancy Alden, I was very interested to see that she had published "Simply Gemstones". I was pleasantly surprised with my purchase of this new book. It has some very inspiring ideas just like the earlier publication and again it attempts to "stretch" the reader/beader by encouraging him or her to try new combinations and seek out new discoveries such as Larimar.I must admit that I have never really followed her designs to the letter, but instead have been inspired by them to develop my own approach. The author encourages her readers to do just that. I have already made a lovely necklace with lapis lazul using the cover design as my inspiration. I am very pleased with the result.The earlier book had a gallery page showing all the designs covered. This section has not been included in the current publication and I think it suffers as a result because you cannot see all the designs at a glance.I would recommend this book as a source and

inspiration to people like myself who enjoy stringing and want to be challenged rather than to stay in their comfort zone! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. FabulousBy pianoLove the book. Beautiful inspiring designs. Very many styles for many different tastes, from delicate to bigger beaded. The book could benefit from including more instructions and pictures, although those are widely available online. Graphical representation of projects could help also, similar to those that are used in beading magazines. Overall, the book is inspirational, educational, and enjoyable, and each piece is beautifully presented on photos. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Photos to inspireBy Jay DeeBeautiful projects that inspire me to new heights! Transaction was very smooth also.

Celebrities and fashion runways are glittering with gemstones more than ever these days, and chances are that if you're a lover of jewelry and accessories you've lusted after a gem at some point in your life be it turquoise, emerald, ruby, sapphire, tourmaline, or, of course, a diamond. Now Nancy Alden returns with her popular Beadworks series, this time introducing readers to what can seem like a daunting project, creating jewelry from gemstones. But in her typical fashion, she takes the anxiety out of the process, showing anyone how to create stunning gemstone earrings, necklaces, and bracelets. Today, precious and semi-precious stones are available in many bead stores and online at a range of price points, making what had once been exclusive, expensive projects completely doable. You'll also be introduced to stones such as the Peruvian Opal, Pink Sapphire, Rutilated Quartz and Peridot, among a slew of others that you may not be immediately familiar with, but with which it's easy to fall in love. From humble hematite chips to sparkling sapphires and uncut diamonds, in *Simply Gemstones* there's a gem and a corresponding project that is sure to complement your look or make a special gift.

"Nancy Alden's gorgeous book offers over 50 simple designs that you can create using magnificent, colorful gemstones--and at a fraction of the cost of those department store beauties! The best part: No fancy techniques needed! If you know how to string and crimp, make a wire-wrapped loop, open and close jump rings, and knot thread, then you can make every piece in this book." --Bead Design Studio Magazine  
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