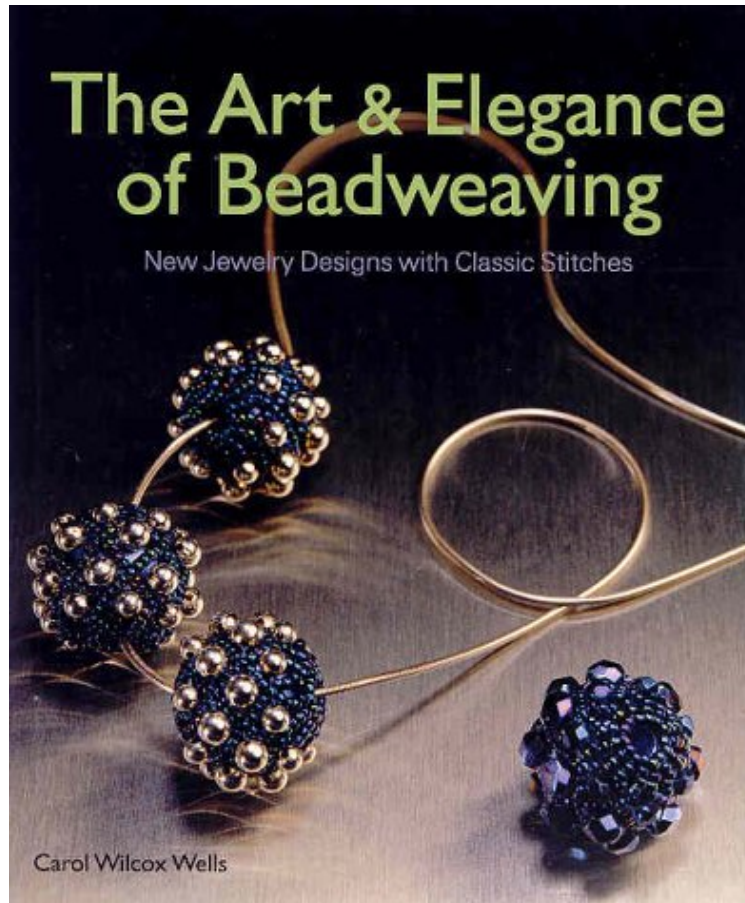


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29 of 29 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful beaded beads, vessels, and jewelry By Anne M. Helmenstine Over 30 beaded projects are presented by Ms. Well's and her colleagues. After a general introduction to materials and tools, the book is divided into color-coded sections. Each section begins by giving the reader an overview of a particular technique. These instructions are followed by a combination of projects and gallery designs. The diagrams are large and clear and the step-by-step instructions are easy to follow. The projects are bold and inspiring. Theoretically, a reader could complete some of the projects with only thread, beading needles, and seed beads. Ms. Wells encourages the reader to try substitutions for materials and explore design options, but if you follow the instructions as written, you will need some specialized tools, beads, and findings. Beginning beaders may find the

instructions too cursory and the projects overwhelming. Also, although the full title of the book is "The Art Elegance of Beadweaving - New Jewelry Designs with Classic Stitches", many of the projects focus on making beads or vessels and not actual jewelry. Overall, I consider this book to be an excellent addition to a beader's library, but probably not an ideal choice for a novice beader. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Book! By Patricia I bought this book as a gift to someone who newer to beadweaving. The book is terrific for the compendium of stitches and the beautiful gallery of projects. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Wiseoldowl Wonder designs

On chokers, chains, ribbons, ropes, jazzing up a basket, adding texture everywhere: you can't have too many beads! The selection is ever-expanding, with beaded clothing, lampshades, belts, and pillows. And off-loom bead weaving is both simple and beautiful. A leader in the field shares her enthusiasm, going through the basics and on to more challenging projects. Decorate purchased beads to personalize them, if you'd like, and then weave a three-bead spiral bracelet, twisted ribbon Ndebele necklace, napkin rings, and more.

From Booklist Some of the most elegant contemporary jewelry includes no precious gemstones, or even gold or silver. What artist-author Wells (Creative Beadweaving, 1996) conjures up in more than 30 bracelets, earrings, and necklaces is nothing short of breathtaking--all with a variety of colored seed beads, occasional larger beads, strong thread, and a flexible needle. The projects are built around five stitches--chevron chain, crocheted ropes, herringbone and peyote stitches, and spiral rope--all of which, the author assures us, can be readily mastered by beginners. Although 100 percent of the fundamentals, from graphic illustrations and charts to accompanying text and great color photographs, are all present and accounted for, it's still a better bet for novices to start with a kinder, gentler, and easier text. Galleries inserted liberally throughout the narrative capture the real meaning of aesthetic bead weaving. Barbara Jacobs Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved From the Back Cover On chokers and chains, ribbons and ropes, jazzing up a basket, adding texture and color everywhere: you can never have too many beads! Carol Wilcox Wells, who has years of beadweaving expertise, shows you basic and advanced techniques for chevron, peyote, spiral and crocheted rope, herringbone (Ndebele), and right angle weave stitches. Use them on dramatic jewelry, from a Graduated Triangle Drop Necklace to Putting Together Earrings. Then expand your creative boundaries when you try wonderful variations on these stitches.