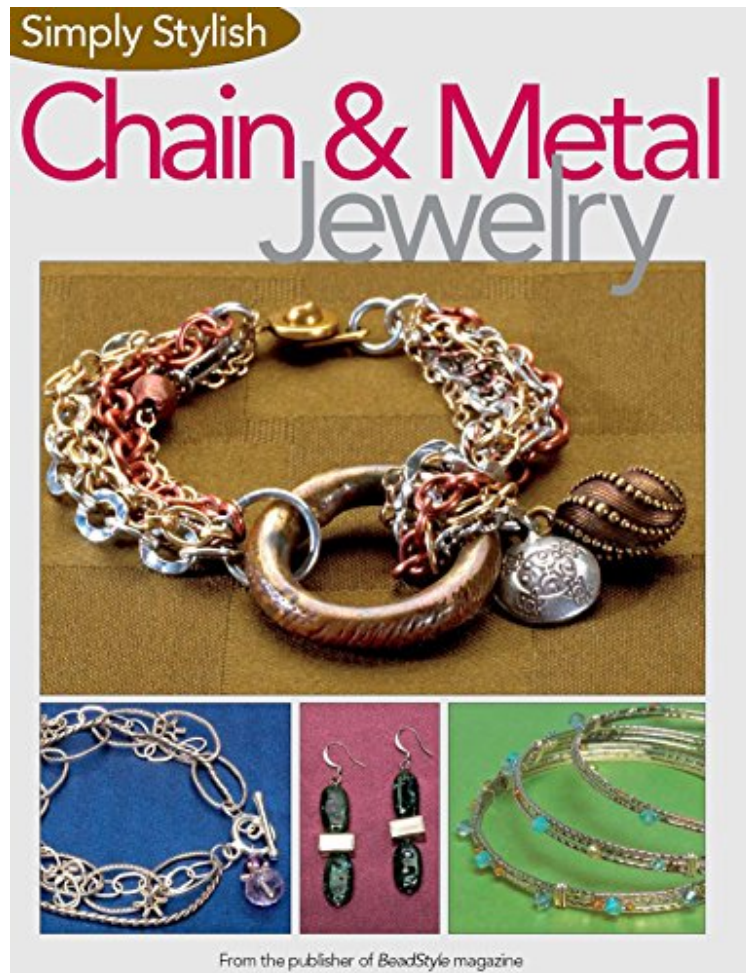


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me! Chain, and anything made of metal, are two of my absolute favorite basics to work with as well as to decorate with when I design. It is like alchemy! Amaze yourself as your designs morph extraordinarily from one style into another. With this book guiding you, you will quickly see that if you just use your own discerning eye, and a pair of chain cutters, along with some other simple tools (handily mentioned in the introduction), you will be delighted with your creations. I have actually already made one of the projects in *Simply Stylish Chain Metal Jewelry*. When it first appeared in *BeadStyle* magazine, I completely fell in love with this charming and innovative bracelet. I wrote the designer, and asked for permission to make her design and post it in my own site gallery, crediting her of course. She said that would be all right. One of my friends wears it now all the time, as a gift from me. Now I want another for myself! The project is called **READY-TO-WEAR HARDWARE**, designed by the wonderful Lindsay Haedt. If you like chain maille, and you have a hankering to hang around in hardware stores, this is one for YOU! Take a look at the cover of *Simply Stylish Chain Metal Jewelry* and you will get a bit of an idea of the diversity you will be finding inside. The largest cover photo is quite a remarkable bracelet which I would guess almost anyone would really love learning to make. The wonderful thing is, although it appears very complex, it is fairly simple to create! The amount of different sizes of the chains combined with the different colors of the chains look exotic, beautiful and absolutely enticing. Add to that the twists and turns this gorgeous bracelet takes, and the charms hanging from the front brass ring and you have what looks like a "one of a kind" designer bracelet coming at you from a mile away! It is so hip, and so chic, I dare you to not to page through until you get to Grab the brass ring, by Brenda Schweder to get a closer look. Do you like color? Quick silver by Carol McKinney, a stringing project, is total perfection, employing stunning turquoise oval nuggets perfectly balanced with sterling rectangles used as the focal aspect of the necklace. It's a stringing project you can alter by using different sorts of beads (like ceramic), and there is a matching earring suggestion as well. Despite the passing thought that you might look like Xena the Warrior if you are wearing loads of chain or metal these days, both are easy to work up into incredibly upscale feminine designs. For example, Rupa Balachandar has a project which is luminous, original, and appropriate for many special occasions. Gemstone chips or Keishi pearls, and round or rectangular coin pearls combine with a delicate golden strand of long and short chain which acts as a longer pendant, accenting its "sister" pearl necklace by finishing with a double dangle of coin pearls and a pair of tiny gemstone chips or pearls: whichever you have chosen for your project. It's lovely. Cathy Jakicic uses a bead board to make another feminine necklace. This one is wire wrapped. It is a triple strand of golden chain, composed of two different sizes, but similar oval shaped links. She cleverly makes the uppermost chain look different from the lowest chain by cutting the lengths between the links differently, then wiring the beads on. The beads are stunning. They are all Venetian and are tones of golds, greens, steely silvery blues, and one focal Venetian bead which is different from all the others. The focal is eye catching: a two tone rectangular Venetian bead on the largest chain. That chain is in the middle, perfectly wired and perfectly framed. I would love to take you by the hand and walk you through this whole book, but I don't want to deprive you of the thrill of discovering what you will find appealing in *Simply Stylish Chain Metal Jewelry* on your own: the gems with chain, the polymer clay with chain, the patinated copper links... I think you will really get energized by what you find here! I expect you will return time and again to learn more about what is just the right style for yourself as you read this excellent book.

Simply Stylish Chain and Metal Jewelry collects the best projects from *BeadStyle* Magazine that feature these popular and fun materials, and presents them in chapters focusing on necklaces, bracelets, and earrings. This book provides an introduction to basics, step-by-step photos, and tools and materials sections. These projects are quick and easy for beginning jewelry makers and appeal to more experienced beaders as well. *Simply Stylish Chain and Metal Jewelry* covers all kinds of projects using chain and/or metal, and most projects use pre-made chain to save time and effort. The designs in this book range from cool and elegant silver chains and beads to fun mixed-metal pieces.