

book, you are definitely well on your way to becoming an expert in jewelry making for the confidence you can gain from this book's organization is that strong. This type of organization is just like having an instructor working with you. The DESIGN section (only a few pages, unfortunately, in the first section of the book) give you sound suggestions when you are in the process of developing/designing your own pieces. Unfortunately there is NO information on the safety issues involved (I am big on safety...too much training in my former careers - but necessary) and that is a big mark against this book - hence 4 stars. I believe the book's best quotes to sum up how I feel about it is: "We learn by doing!....Always practice on base metals first before turning to precious metals to make your final jewelry piece." (page 21) This is how the book is organized and for those that cannot find a local instructor, use this book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Informative, thorough and easy to understand. By Beth P in AZ This is one of the most comprehensive books on the subject I've read. I'm an amateur jewelry maker ~ I love making jewelry. This book has helped me improve techniques I already knew and vastly expand my knowledge of techniques I did not know. The book is well organized and easy to understand, not using a lot of jargon. It also talks in specifics about not only the techniques but what tools are needed and how to use them. I highly recommend this book to anyone, from amateur to professional, who wants to learn how jewelry is made or to hone their skills as a maker of jewelry. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Jewelry Making: Tips and Tricks of the Trade. By C. E. Taylor Initially, I borrowed this book from a friend with the idea of making a few of the items and then returning the book. It was such a wonderful book that I ordered one for myself. We do a small jewelry business and the ideas are unique, easy to do and are wonderful. The book provides a complete list of supplies and detailed instructions and sketches along with photos of the finished product. I highly recommend this book for anyone with basic jewelry making skills, or novices who want instruction.

Making jewelry at a professional level has never been so simple with this new guide. Inexpensive materials and cleverly adapted traditional methods make success inevitable. A book for all skill levels, every technique is photographed step by step with thorough explanation of common pitfalls and how to avoid them. Includes more than 50 original and stunning projects such as an octagonal ring, domed ear studs, a forged choker, and a brass bangle. The valuable introduction presents basic skills of simple jewelry making, how to build a collection of tools, types of metal to use and the best design techniques.