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Ready, Set, Bead!: 25+ Quick & Easy Stitching Projects



Synopsis

Jewelry makers are always on the lookout for quick, easy projects they can create to give as gifts or teach in on-site classes. In *Ready, Set, Bead!*, popular teacher and designer Jane Danley Cruz offers more than 25+ projects that can all be created in less than four hours, some with variations and alternate colorways. The projects are arranged by time to completion, from quickest to longest. All the instructions and photos for each project are contained within the projects, so the reader does not need to refer to a separate section for basic stitch guidance. The projects are suitable for beginning stitchers or more experienced jewelry makers looking to create quick, unique gifts or teach classes. Stitches include herringbone, netting, and right-angle weave, and all beads, findings, and materials are readily available in bead and craft stores.

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Customer Reviews

Jane Danley Cruz is a well-known jewelry designer and teacher with more than 20 years of experience. She is a former associate editor of *Bead&Button* magazine and lives in Grayslake, Illinois

As usual, the author begins with information on basics: Beading tools and Materials, Beading Techniques, and other items you may want to have on hand, like bead mats or bead boards (which I recommend), bead dishes and task lamps. The beading technique section covers basic stitches and techniques, but what I like most about this release is that the author guides us through designs taking one hour and, as we get more comfortable with the process, pieces that are progressively more involved. All of the jewelry designs in this book are absolutely stunning and can be easily

redesigning incorporating your own concepts and colors. One look at the cover of this release will give you an idea of the exceptional designs included between the covers, but I have my favorites: The *Arabesque Earrings* (featured on the cover, 1-hour project), the *Little Black Dress Ring* (2 hours), the *Chevron Chain Bracelet* (3 hours) and the *Fishnet Stockings* (4 hours), the latter of which is reminiscent of vintage jewelry pieces. See my full review on MyShelf.com.

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