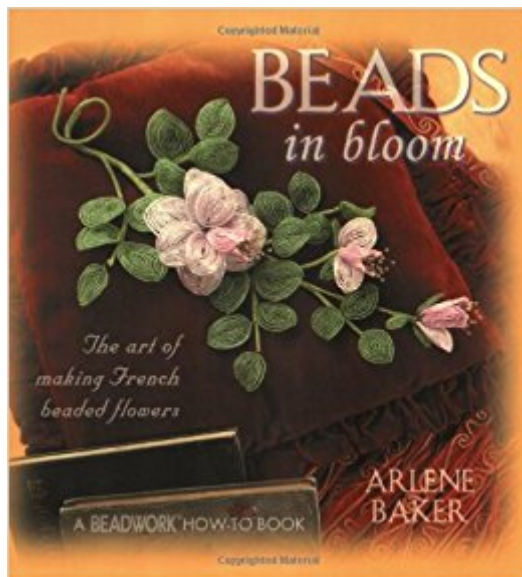


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Beads In Bloom (Beadwork How-To)



Synopsis

Providing all the information beaders need to know to make spectacular French beaded flowers and greenery with wire, this book includes easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions for fundamental and advanced techniques. Each step is illustrated with diagrams and photographs of vintage collectible beadwork. Also included are advice on tools and supplies, helpful creative tips and refinements, simple and complex projects with directions, a gallery of contemporary beaded pieces, and a brief history of the art of French beaded flower making.

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Customer Reviews

Though the origins of French beaded flowers are not all that clear (after all, glass beads have been traced to Venice), Baker gives a more-than-adequate account of their fashioning. Delicate to look at and almost as difficult to shape and work, these faux bouquets, originally revived in the 1960s and 1970s, achieve new prominence in the millennium thanks to the emphasis on handcrafts and to a desire to spend less-than-antique sums of money. Illustrations accompany all of the complicated loops, whether single or multicrossover, yet close-up graphics would have clarified techniques even further. The author assumes some prior beading know-how on the part of the reader; details delivered on every aspect of beadwork, from tools and supplies to different ways of covering stems, are not attuned to rank novices. Barbara Jacobs Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

"An informative resource you will return to again and again for inspirations, enjoyment, and appreciation of this elegant craft." — The Bead Bugle

I have been creating French Beaded work for 4 years. This was my first book. It is true that there aren't a lot of projects laid out, but basic technique is thoroughly explained and illustrated which is an excellent place to begin. With the basic technique taught in this book it is quite easy to move forward into floral self expression. Advanced techniques may be found in other books and a number of project books are available on the market, but I have always held this first book in high regard for helping me master the fundamentals. Pictures of contemporary as well as vintage work provide inspiration. I feel that the combination of good sound basic technique and inspiring photos is a great launching pad for supporting a newbie to explore creating French beaded florals.

I have purchased three books, this one and also "the Beaded Garden" by Diane Fitzgerald and "Bead Flowers" by Minako Shimonagase. I am a beginner beader, and of the three books I must say that "Beads in Bloom" by Arlene Baker is the one that will tell how to do everything from the very opening the thread spool. Expert beaders do not realize that beginners NEVER did this and have no idea of anything, including what to do with the endings of the wire. When they make drawings or pictures, they never show you the endings of the wire but just the loops, and you have no clue what to do with both endings. I wished they showed it. At least this book has very good explanations, also the flowers are made with great taste and the pics will give you endless inspiration. If this is your first book for flower beading, this is the one.

Very clear instructions and beautiful examples. I think that an artist who is used to working in different mediums would get more out of this book than someone who simply wants to reproduce someone's projects.

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