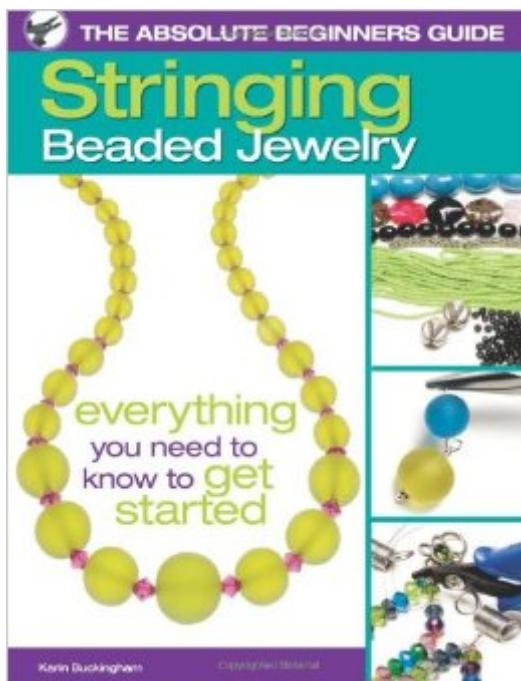


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# The Absolute Beginners Guide: Stringing Beaded Jewelry



## **Synopsis**

Absolute Beginners Guide: Stringing Beaded Jewelry, the first book in the Absolute Beginners Guide series, is a comprehensive introduction to stringing. Presented in a warm, reassuring tone, this book provides easy-to-follow instructions designed for someone who is just learning the craft. Readers feel informed, but not overwhelmed, by the explanation of the basic tools and supplies for beading, how to choose them in a bead store, and by suggestions for setting up a simple working area. The first projects are very easy, teaching stringing a repeating pattern and using graduated beads. Then it moves into more complex projects including using connectors and knotting techniques. This true introductory manual is written with friendliness and approachability.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Where was this book when I was first trying to learn to make jewelry with my lampwork beads? Life would have been SO much easier! One thing I love is that Karin Buckingham, the author, stresses selecting beads based on what you love, and your budget rather than trying to recreate the exact pieces in this book. The point is learning the basics, learning the basics, learning the basics. So, how is this accomplished? First, you need to learn and acquire the basic tools, beading supplies, and most importantly, beads. Then you go to project #1 and you start. All you need is beading wire, crimps, 4 spacer beads, clasp, and a single strand of all the same beads, plus wire cutters and needlenose pliers. The point is to learn the basics of stringing a necklace. This can seem daunting the first time, this book is written in such a way as to make it seem super easy and fun. The book is

divided into four main sections with a total of 35 projects after the basic tools and supplies are covered. The first section is Stringing Projects, then Connecting Projects (basic wire techniques), third is Fiber Fun, and last is called Extra Goodies. Many of the projects include extra tips and design alternatives. Each section of this book begins with the easiest project and each project builds on the previous project. This is particularly obvious with the Stringing Projects section. Again, project #1, you string on all the same beads and add a clasp. Project #2 you learn to string an alternating pattern of 2 different beads, one big, one small and learn the small beads set off the larger beads. Project #3 builds on the alternating pattern. #4 shows how to string graduated beads, #5 shows how to add a focal section and build off that.

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