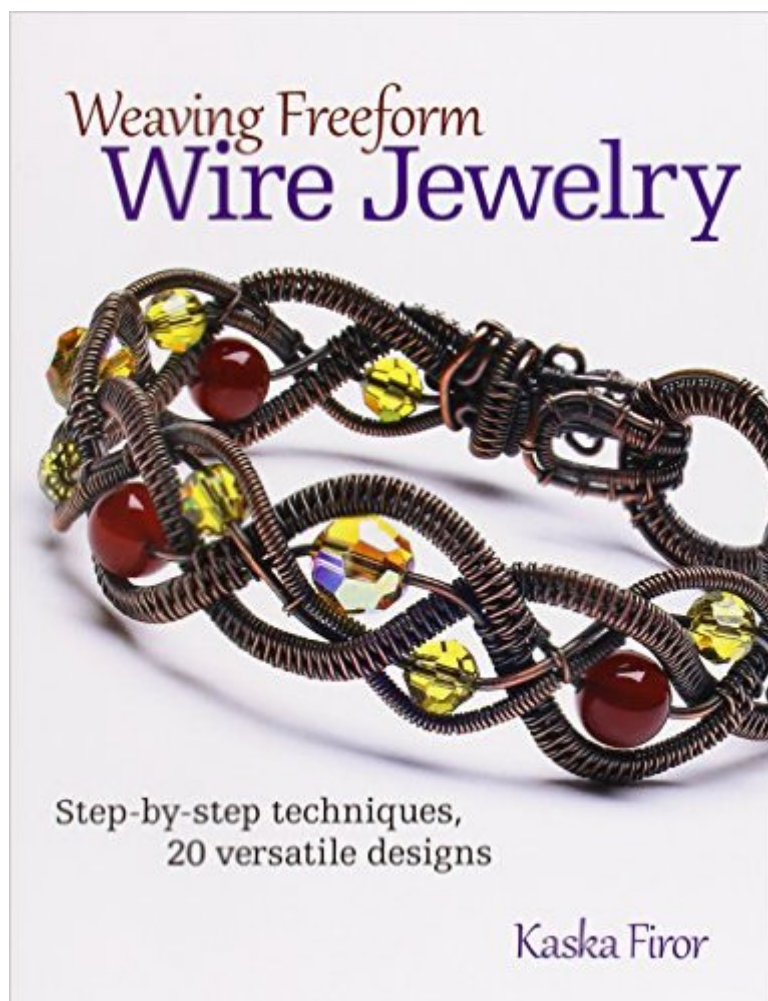


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# Weaving Freeform Wire Jewelry: Step-by-Step Techniques, 20 Versatile Designs



## Synopsis

Weaving Freeform Wire Jewelry is a guide to understanding and using wire weaves to create 20 beautiful freeform jewelry projects. With a tight focus on five wire weaves—over-under, over-over, coiling, looping, and circular weaving—the reader will learn by making rings, pins, earrings, pendants, clasps, and bracelets. Author Kaska Firor offers a wonderful variety of symmetrical and asymmetrical designs to inspire the budding wireworker, in addition to showing the evolution of wirework design from simple to complex for more advanced jewelry-makers.

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## Customer Reviews

Love this book, exactly what I had been looking for!! The weave patterns are wonderful for a beginner or intermediate, with clear photos and instructions. (Not to mention templates) This book also acts as a springboard to your own creativity. Add to this that she teaches wire weaving classes at her studio. Kaska Firor—I am already looking forward to your next Freeform Wire Weave book! Excuse me please..I have some Freeform Wire Jewelry to make:)

Good to show how general designs are put together (i.e. 'how, those wraps make THAT shape?'), but lacking in instructional bits for steps and inclusions. I'm very visual and literal, so when you skip the actual weaving part and only show me before/after, I have to spend a bit of wire to figure it out, especially when you leave out the complex weaving. I understood up to three before this book, but had to mess around on the four and up. Even more, it lacks in showing how inclusions are added

on. Telling me 'add stones for more interest' isn't very helpful.

I had the great fortune of actually taking a workshop with Kaska this past weekend. We made the dagger earrings, one of the more simple projects in the book. She is very detailed in her instructions on how to work with wire in this way and there are a lot of essential and helpful photographs in her book. I highly recommend this book if you are interested in tackling this new form of wire working. However, for literal beginners.. some of the projects are a bit advanced. The Dagger project is a completely doable project to start with and work other stuff from. It is all about patience and the desire to create incredible works of art. I am pretty much a beginner myself.. but I have been playing around with copper wire (much more affordable to start with). But my partner, he is a master jeweler and an artist and has done wire wrapping and other jewelry fabrication so he tackled a project (free form as the stones are unique and different) and he created a very beautiful piece (using 1/2 hard silver for the framing, no less!). He really enjoyed the book as well. Buy this book!.. It is so worth it!

The instructions are clear and easy to follow and the designs are wonderful! The progression of projects is well-designed to get you creating beautiful woven jewelry right off and then gradually progress in the difficulty and intricacy of the designs. I cannot recommend it enough!

I get asked all of the time about wire wrapping a cabachon or found item that doesn't have a hole. I was pleased to see a book that showcases some options for this problem. "You'll learn how to: work with five different wire weaves: over-over weave, over-under weave, coiling, circular weave, and looping, complete 20 beautiful step-by-step projects designed to showcase those weaves, including a 'design your own' challenge pendant, and construct and finish each piece with professional results, following the comprehensive basics." I particularly enjoyed Chapter 1 which showcased the various weaves used within the book. It made me want to break out my Soft Flex craft wire and weave a baby bird nest! If you or a loved one are into using craft wire, this is a great book for learning new techniques to pursue a more complex design.

Wonderful ideas and how to do it. Beautiful pieces to get the creative side going and inspiration to get start. Clear directions and great photos.

I have been wire wrapping for about 2 years now, but have felt limited in my capacity to reach for real elegance in my jewelry. From what I have observed, wire weaving will introduce all sorts of

extra levels to this craft and this book is filled with excellent projects to teach the necessary skills. I compared this with other similar books before purchase and this one is easy to follow, as well as providing classier projects.

I love looking at this book. I am trying to build my skills in wire weaving. I've done the basics for a long time but I want to push beyond that and learn how to create the intricate things I see available. Not a lot of instructions on how to do the intricate stuff but definitely a base on the stitches. I think anyone could learn how to work up to the more intricate pieces using the information in this book.

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