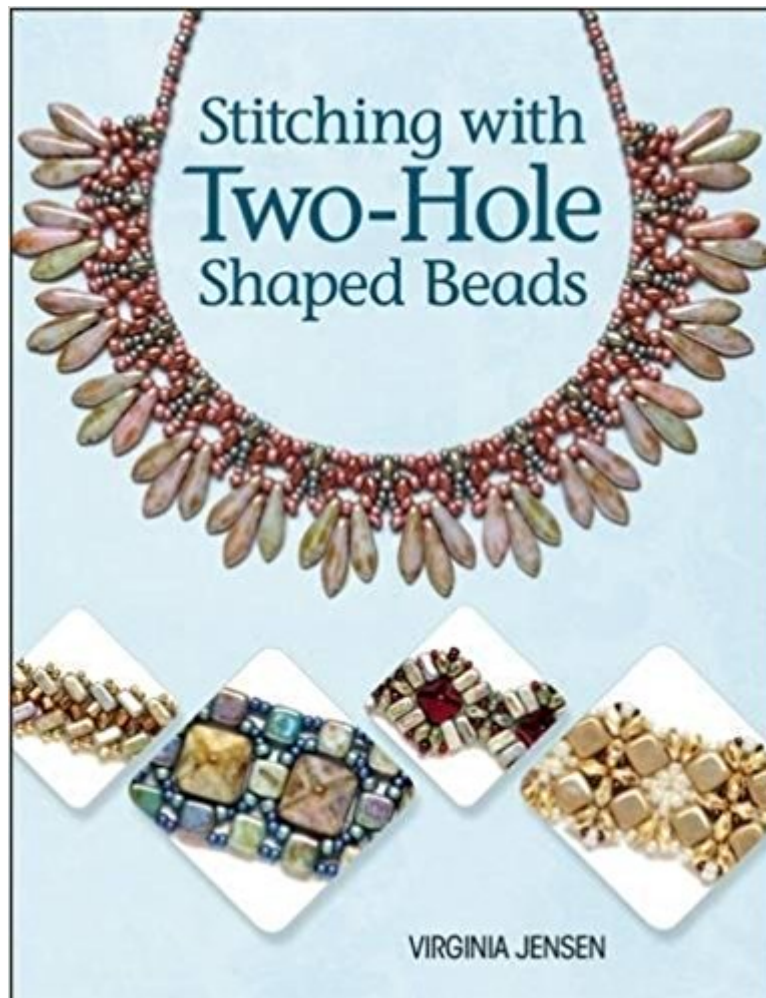




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Stitching With Two-Hole Shaped Beads



Synopsis

Stitching with Two-Hole Shaped Beads gives jewelry makers new ideas for using popular two-hole beads. Stitchers will learn how to use squares, Tilas, SuperDuos, rullas, bricks, disks, and more to create over 25 beautiful, geometric projects. These gorgeous bracelets, earrings, and collars are made with five stitches including herringbone, peyote, square stitch, right-angle weave, and Virginia's unique new stitch, the 'cluster stitch'. As always, Virginia's clear illustrations and instructions help all beaders understand and execute each piece with success.

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Customer Reviews

Virginia Jensen is a designer/teacher of bead weaving and the author of Cube Bead Stitching and Contemporary Cube Bead Designs. Her beaded designs have appeared in many leading beading publications, including Bead&Button magazine. Virginia is co-founder of her area's Art Jewelers Guild and shares her talents for beadwork through her own website. She lives in Grand Junction, CO.

While there are some very pretty items in this book, the some of the directions are not very clear. I would not recommend this book for an inexperienced beader. I had to flip back and forth between different directions to figure out how to make a bracelet. I have been beading over 5 years and found the directions confusing.

The designs are beautiful. The directions are very hard to follow. I am an experienced beader and find the directions are not user friendly. I would not suggest this book to my friends.

The projects are very nice in the book and seem to be for the beginner. However I made two bracelets and the diagrams are limited leaving you lost in the pattern and also one bracelet there wasn't enough information on what thread to use. So I had to guess. Doesn't show you how to attach the toggle and loop to the piece either. I just did whatever and know it wasn't the best way to go about it. The pretty bracelet in Chapter 7 called Right Angle Weave Bracelet with Super Duos was a real problem one. It should have suggested using a thick thread because it didn't hold its shape. Instructions was not on this one to help you size it either. So I had to make the bracelet twice. After wearing it the bracelet rolled and didn't keep its shape I am done with making this again. I plan to make a few more projects out of this book to see what comes of it. However I am not going to buy any of Virginia Jensens books again. I don't like my time or supplies wasted like this.

I like this book because it made me experiment with some of the newer bead shapes. Since I am an experienced beader, the directions were easy to follow. Not sure beginners would find it so. My biggest complaint is one that I thought we had finally overcome in the seed bead world --- listing the number, instead of (or in addition to) the weight of the beads needed for a project. The number of beads is only helpful if they come on a string eg squares, studs, and daggers that can be easily counted. Superduos, Bricks, Tilas, etc. are sold by weight. I have no idea how many Bricks are in 10 oz. or how many superduos are in 24 grams when buying in a store or when ordering online. At least I can return to the store if I run out and hopefully they will still have some in the same dye lot. Not so easy online. I admit that the online stores could also do a better job with this as well. So, please authors, list the weight of beads that sell in tubes or packages. I really do not want to count out 164 superduos in the bead store.

I was really pleased with the patterns in the book. There are many combinations of beads in one pattern. For instance, one necklace pattern uses the square, the super-duo and dagger; another necklace uses Rullas and SuperDuos. Changing one bead can change the appearance of the piece. It really stretches your imagination. Thank you, Virginia Jensen, for sharing your talent and creativity with other beaders. I have several new patterns now, to use for birthday gifts.

I love this book. There is a wide variety and skill level for projects. The book is nicely illustrated. This

is the first time I wrote a review for any item but I thought it was such a wonderful book I needed to leave a review.

If you love SuperDuos and other 2-holed beads then I think you'll enjoy the patterns in the book. I've done several so far. Patterns have good instructions to follow which I have difficulty reading most patterns. I'm glad I purchased this book even though I hadn't found any reviews on the book and bought it regardless.

What can I say about this is that it is exceptional!! I have written the author and let her know that all my Senior Citizen students think this book that they all bought, has become one of the newest favorites! Great designs and concepts. Look forward to another from her soon!

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