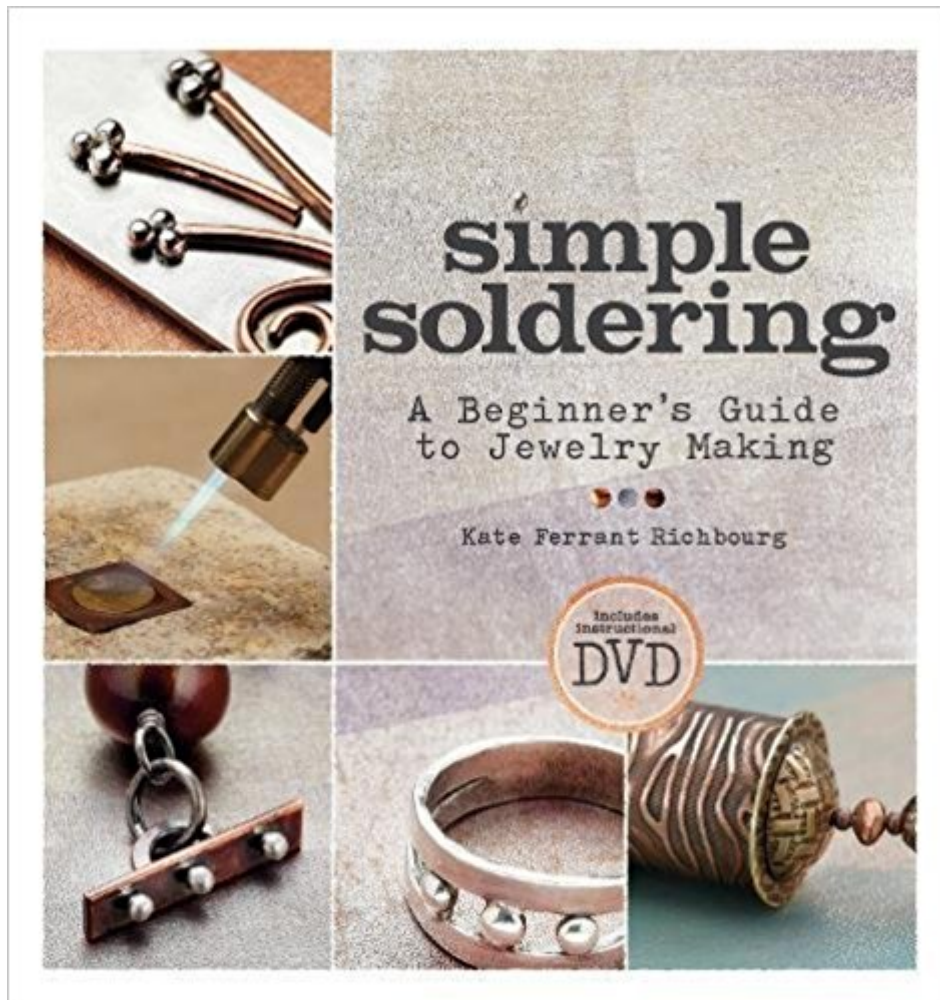


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Simple Soldering: A Beginner's Guide To Jewelry Making



Synopsis

Metalworking is generally regarded as a skill that takes years of dedication, requires a large studio space, and costs a lot of money. Fortunately, *Simple Soldering* proves that does not need to be the case. This handy how-to guide is complete in its exploration of the craft of creating soldered metal jewelry, including tools, techniques, and 20 beautiful projects that beginners and enthusiasts can make at home. Author and teacher Kate Richbourg demystifies basic soldering for any home crafter, showing how to create sophisticated, polished, and professional-looking jewelry pieces through simple soldering techniques. First, she instructs how to set up a jewelry workspace that fits the confines of your budget and living space. Detailed step-by-step instructions walk you through the basic tools and materials you need, plus how to use them. A sample chapter gives a host of introductory exercises that teach solid skills, allowing you to test these techniques on a small scale. Finally, you'll discover 20 finished projects that include earrings, pendants, rings, bracelets, and clasps that may also include bead or wire embellishment. Kate also demonstrates how to combine and layer techniques to gorgeous effect. She also examines common mistakes, shows how to correct or adapt them, and gives advice on when it's time to start over. Most of all, having taught thousands of classes on soldering, Kate has a "you can do it!" attitude that shines through to help even the most reluctant jewelry maker fire up the torch with ease. Paired with an instructional DVD, Kate's expert teaching skills will help projects come alive, right in your own studio. With *Simple Soldering*, the art of metal working one-of-a-kind jewelry is now at your fingertips.

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Customer Reviews

"Simple Soldering: A Beginner's Guide to Jewelry Making, by Kate Ferrant Richbourg is a complete course in soldering... It is taught with all the clarity and enthusiasm for which the author is famous. I was knocked out by the method of learning devised by the author. I have never seen anything like it. It is wonderful... Each project has the charm of artisan style. The hand crafted look is very evident and completely appealing. None of the designs are anything less than keenly beautiful. Kate Ferrant Richbourg is not only one of our greatest instructors, she is one of our greatest designers." --Pretty Kitty Dog Moon Jewelry

Kate Ferrant Richbourg is the former Director of Education for Beaducation and has led classes and workshops around the world and online. She has more than 16 years of experience teaching jewelry techniques, including beading, wirework, and metalsmithing. Simple Soldering is her first book. Kate lives in California.

I took a soldering class from Kate this past summer and bought her book to have on hand as a reference. It is simply fabulous!! If you've never soldered metal to make jewelry, you can pick up this book, get your tools and supplies in order and get started. Kate begins with the very basic step of setting up your soldering space. Every tool or supply you will need is listed, along with a clear picture of each item and a description. This style is continued throughout the book, with detailed instructions and clear pictures for each step. Her pictures truly show what you need to know and do, from the perspective of a person attempting to make a piece, not all that easy to accomplish. I love that she's set up "sampler squares" that show specific techniques that are later referenced in the projects. These go beyond the basics of soldering and include extras like sawing, riveting, forming domes and more. If that's not enough, a DVD is included for we visual folks. This is an awesome book for learning and to use as a reference - I highly recommend it!!!

Even those I'm not a soldering beginner I purchased the book to see if there were any tips I might not know. There was. I'm enjoying returning to the basics and simpler jewelry making projects inside.

Great book for true beginners. Has a comprehensive list of everything needed plus more for when you become comfortable. I also loved the exercises described to give a beginner some experience. The projects were cute and explained well. The included DVD was a great bonus as I learn better by seeing than reading. I would definitely recommend this to anyone starting to learn.

I took a "cold connections" jewelry class and was hoping to move on the next class in soldering. Unfortunately, I wasn't feeling well and would have to wait almost a year before I could take the class again. In the interim, I bought this book and worked through most of the samples. This weekend, between the book and the DVD, I learned to solder! Simple Soldering is a fantastic book! I used it to develop my supplies list, ordered them from Rio Grande and I was on my way. I highly recommend this book for someone who is new to metal working and wants to learn how to do things properly. Kate is a great instructor who builds your skills systematically and also spends enough time talking about what may not work on the first attempt. I am so pleased that I bought this book / DVD set. If Kate was here, I'd give her a huge hug of appreciation. Today, I set my second stone in a soldered bezel for practice! Who knew you could learn so quickly without a live instructor!

I love this woman! The book is just fantastic but the DVD is really the best part! I think I could be very good friends with Kate. She's very personable and explains things to a "T". I worked in a factory for 12 years soldering components on ceramic electronic plates using wire solder and a soldering iron. While I thought I knew exactly what I was doing and could easily transition my soldering knowledge to jewelry. Not so. I'm so glad I got this book and the bonus DVD!!!

This book has great photos with clear, well written instructions. I just wish it didn't use so much silver. I teach high school and we only use base metals (copper, nickel, brass) so a lot of this isn't as applicable as I'd like because silver acts so different. But if you want to use silver, it's a great book!

This is the best soldering book I have in my collection for beginners. It has the basic section which explains how soldering works. Types of solder with their flow points plus the tools needed. True most soldering books cover the basics. But, I especially like how she has set up the work portion. There are sixteen samplers that focus on techniques plus twenty-four projects with photos. Some things covered by the samplers are shaping and soldering domes, and forming bails. The projects use the techniques practiced in making the samplers. The samplers are made on 24-gauge copper squares measuring 1" x 1" Great for practice and review. All in all I found this book "Simple Soldering" by Kate Ferrant Richbourg to be an exceptional find.

Helpful information to fill in some gaps on various details that include not only soldering, but riveting

and how to hand-make many things needed for jewelry purposes. This is a good first book for me with pretty easy instructions on many things.

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