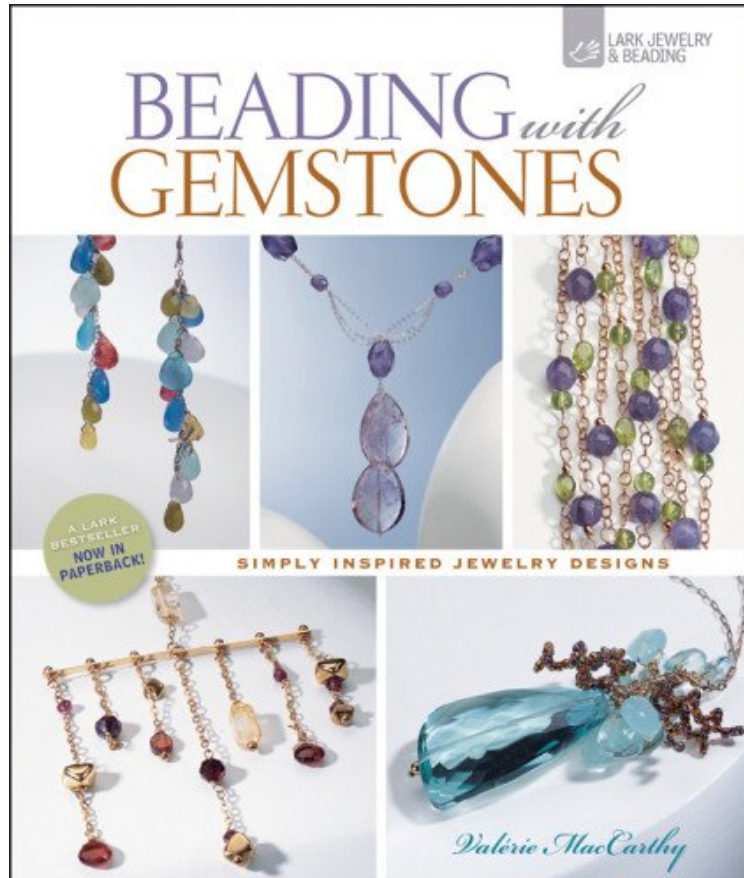


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. great book!By Jeanne "Sweets0143"this great book gave me more ideas with projects i have been working on.5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Gorgeous gemstone jewelry!By MichelleI've always been fascinated with gemstones and I have a secret goal to become a jewelry designer one day! Based on that desire, I really enjoyed Beading with Gemstones, which includes a section at the start about gemstones with interesting information on their features and classifications. The gemstone creations are made using wire or chains and full illustrated directions are included for each one.Each piece in this book is beautifully photographed and has a name that describes it, like City Nights, Fireworks, Snow, Twilight, Grapevine, and Sahara. I absolutely loved the ring called Sea Bundle, which combines pearls, tiny shells and gemstones into an amazing creation that evokes the beach perfectly!4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Beading with GemstonesBy Razine WennekerValerie MacCarthyA Gem of a Yard SaleMy visit to my children's principal's home one day promised to be quite fortuitous. He was gathering things together for a yard sale. The money gleaned would pay the

insurance premium at his daughter's "special needs" school program. The backyard was filled with all sorts of odds and ends. A box of sparkling gemstones caught my eye. Evidently a former beader had donated them for the sale and he hoped they would bring a good price. There were various shades of coral, tourmaline, amethyst, quartz, amber, etc. Inasmuch as I have had experience setting and stringing beads and gemstones, I knew this was my treasure trove. The book "Beading with Gemstones" has been a valuable source of reference for many of my beginning to intermediate beading students. I have shared this book and many of the gemstones I acquired that lucky day. The instructions leave no questions unanswered. The photographs are well focused and a very good list of materials and tools were included in the presentation. Each project has its own special sparkling allure. One doesn't need a yard sale to acquire any of the gemstones. But, sometimes we do luck-out!

Beautiful gemstones in a rainbow of colors are the focal point of Valrie MacCarthy's exquisite wire and chain jewelry in this paperback reprint of a Lark bestseller, with a new lower price and a redesigned cover! Her stylish, organic jewelry designs embrace an eclectic balance of styles, from funky to sophisticated. Valrie shares her secrets and techniques in 30 simple-to-make yet gorgeous projects, including a balloon ring festooned with seed pearls; chandelier earrings with sparkling, dangling stones; and a fireworks necklace of citrine, peridot, and apatite.

About the Author Valrie MacCarthy has been making jewelry since childhood but only recently rediscovered her love for creating colorful and organic earrings, necklaces and bracelets. Soon her creations were being worn on the runways of New York Fashion week and gracing the pages of high fashion magazines from here to Japan. In 2002 she officially established Valrie M Designs. An opera singer by trade, Valrie continues to fulfill the growing demand for her jewelry while appearing on renowned stages all over the world. When she's not globe-trotting, she lives in New York City.