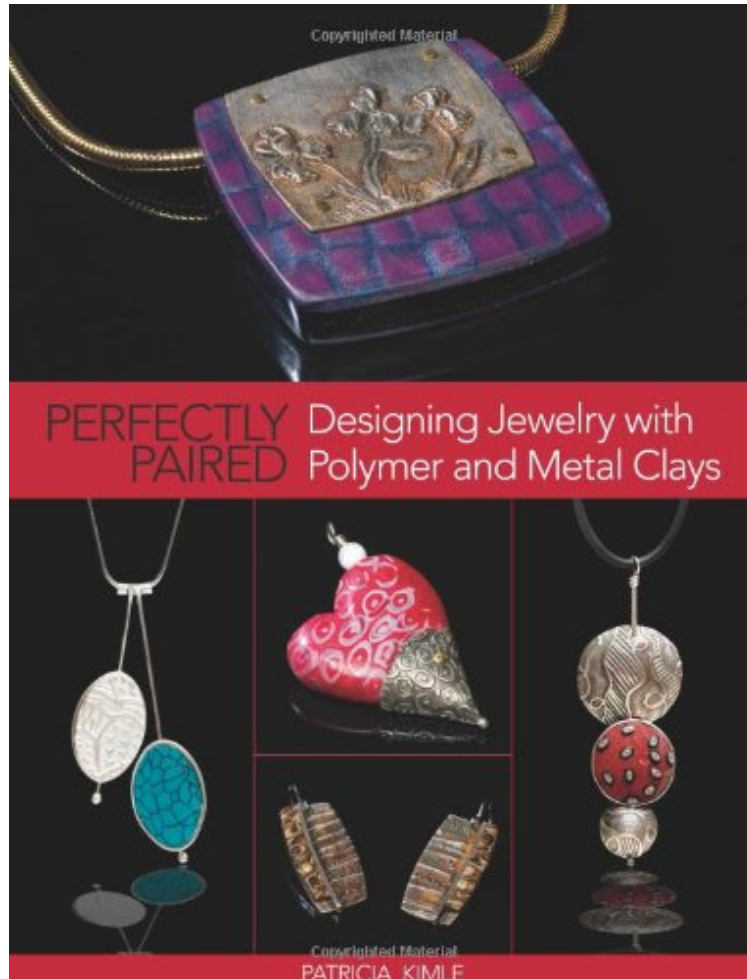


# Perfectly Paired: Designing Jewelry With Polymer and Metal Clays

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**Patricia Kimle : Perfectly Paired: Designing Jewelry With Polymer and Metal Clays** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Perfectly Paired: Designing Jewelry With Polymer and Metal Clays:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful InformativeBy Katherine B.In a word? YUM.Upscale, inventive, classic, fun. I'm new to PMC - although it is similar to polymer clay, the expense of it causes me some anxiety. I don't want to work on new techniques with it - I'm too scared it will dry out before I get the kinks worked out. I love how it turns out (and think the whole process is pretty cool) - but I also want to make it go as far as possible. Perfectly Paired solves these issues for me. I just adore how the tones of the clay play with the silver and work together to create stylish pieces. This book proves it doesn't take a ton of silver to make a design shout - it's more about proportions and combinations. A small piece of well-placed PMC (or silver) can be much more intriguing than an entire piece made of nothing but the metallic substance. Ms Kimle proves this over and over within the covers of

this phenomenally photographed manual. The eye candy factor of this book is incredible - and will provide the reader with a variety of mouth-watering projects. I would hesitate to recommend this book to absolute beginners - a tenaciously dedicated beginner could probably get through the projects with success. I imagine it would be frustrating, though. I have not attempted any of the projects because I don't feel my skills are good enough - yet. I keep this book around to keep me motivated in my "claying", as a reminder of the sorts of projects I'll be able to create with practice. To address the projects made with sterling instead - I like them. I like the freedom to use different materials. I quite enjoyed the plethora of projects presented and the various skill levels necessary to complete these projects. So many gorgeous creations!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Valuable for all Levels  
By Cathleen Craft  
This is informative for the beginner, which I am, and detailed information about metal clay for those more advanced. The author mentions brands of products and the differences between them so you can decide. I will use this book more and more as I explore new techniques and products.

15 of 16 people found the following review helpful. I REALLY like this book  
By Customer  
I have been anxiously awaiting this book. I really love the combination of silver and polymer clay. I think silver by itself can be a bit boring, but when combined with polymer clay, it makes the polymer clay much more upscale and really peeps up the silver. Normally, all the books that combine the two use wire wrapping. This book is slanted in a whole different direction. A previous reviewer was disappointed that the author used sterling in some of her work. I think there enough silver clay ideas so I don't mind that some of her projects contain sterling instead of only silver clay. She has a very nice balance in her projects. There is a "search inside this book" feature. Most of the pages that pop up for me under "surprise me" are her whimsical projects. I think this gives an unbalanced idea of what is in the book. I personally don't care for whimsical projects but there are so many other gorgeous and sophisticated pieces that it more than makes up for the "cute" ideas for me. There is no other book like this available as far as I know. There are a few books that have an occasional project that combines polymer clay and metal clay but this book is devoted to the subject.

Each stunning project in *Perfectly Paired: Designing Jewelry with Polymer and Metal Clays* explores the interplay of textures and colors by combining two beautiful media: polymer clay and metal clay. Clear, concise writing and thorough step-by-step photos make rich inspiration for aspiring polymer or metal clay artists. The elegant jewelry pieces laid out here include pendants, necklaces, earrings, bracelets, pins, and charms. More than 20 sophisticated projects include variations and ideas that showcase each medium at its best.