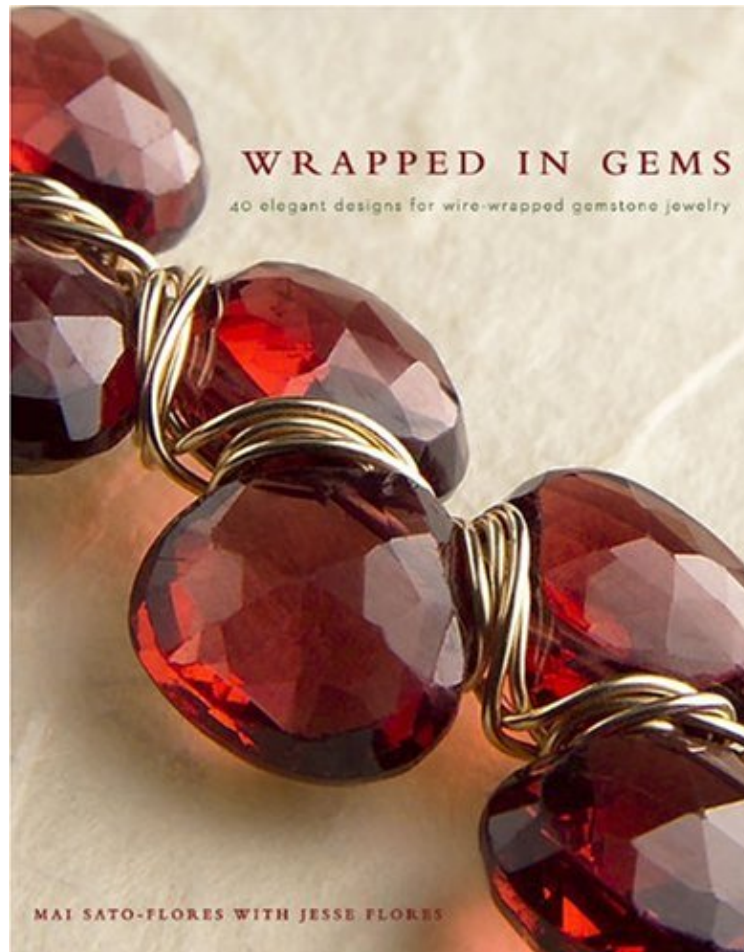


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Could Have Been SO MUCH BETTERBy Rather be at the BeachThis book with the GORGEOUS design on the cover could have been SO MUCH BETTER! Large photos of the projects are in the front of the book, and the instructions in the back. That's kind of a pain. However, the main problem for me is that there are NO pictures of each step of the project as it progresses, as most books have. You can't see what each step should look like as you complete it. You could spend a lot of time and expensive wire on a project before you realize you screwed up a few steps ago. The font in the instructions is very small, too, so it LOOKS complicated whether it is or not.Also, many of the projects are the SAME IDEA used with different metal and

different gemstones. The "Branches and Blossoms", "Tiny Twig Earrings", "Sprouting Sprig Necklace" and "Stem of Leaves Bracelet" are ALL THE SAME DESIGN! Yes, these are beautiful projects, but no one wants to pay for an entire book and only get a few designs used over and over in different colors. I do NOT recommend this book...at all. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fabulous book By Michelle I absolutely love this book. Has tons of great design ideas as well as instructions. Just what I was looking for. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I was very pleased and the book itself is excellent By KO Book was listed as "Like new", but was in "Brand new" condition. I was very pleased and the book itself is excellent.

Few people would argue against the beauty and appeal of gemstone jewelry, but some jewelry makers find themselves intimidated by the thought of working with these precious stones. With *Wrapped in Gems*, even inexperienced jewelry makers can learn to fashion their own beautiful gemstone creations using Mai Sato-Flores' preferred techniques of wire wrapping and working with chain. This method allows gems to hang so that light can shine through and show off their natural beauty. For the jewelry maker, inspiration can be found anywhere, but the exquisite beauty of nature is a favorite source. Take a moment to study the leaves of a tree or plant; the contours of a leaf suggest a shape for a pendant, the perfect combination of colors in the leaves and flowers hint at a color palette of precious gemstones to mimic it. The branches and twigs, the patterns of leaf growth, even the shape of the tree or plant itself can inspire ideas for earrings, bracelets, necklaces, and rings. *Wrapped in Gems* shows you how to interpret all that you see in nature to create jewelry with wire, chains, and beautiful gemstones. New York City-based jewelry designer Mai Sato-Flores is inspired by nature wherever she goes: be it the supermarket, Central Park, or right outside her door. In *Wrapped in Gems*, she shares the secrets of her work and the natural elements that inspire it. After demonstrating how gemstones and wire can be used to recreate the patterns and designs of nature, Mai provides instructions for 40 elegant pieces of gemstone jewelry from her own collections. With a comprehensive guide to gemstones and detailed instructions on innovative wire wrapping, chain, and other jewelry-making techniques as well as an informative resource guide to buying gemstones, *Wrapped in Gems* is a valuable addition to any jewelry maker's bookshelf.

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