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JEWELRY FOR ALL SEASONS

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24 bead and wire designs to make, inspired by nature

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Over the past few years I have had the pleasure of working with Linzi Alford in various publications that I have edited. Her ability to write clear and concise practical instructions for 'how to make' projects focused on the beautiful jewellery that she creates is consistently top class. Through the lens of her camera she captures nature at its best and then translates these amazing shapes, textures and colours into her designs. How exciting for us to be featuring her first jewellery making book in this issue of CLM! From cover to cover it is a feast of colour and stunning imagery. If you are a jewellery maker looking for inspiration or someone wishing to explore a new skill, this book is the perfect resource to fire your mojo and get you making. The stunning photography makes this a coffee table book collectors 'must have'. Congratulations Linzi, it's sure to be a winner! Joan Gordon

About the book : Jewelry for all Seasons, published by GMC Publications Ltd on 7th March 2014 in UK, 28th March 2014 internationally, available on Amazon sites and many other online retailers.

FROM THE COVER

Brighten up your wardrobe, mark the changing seasons and make your own fabulous jewellery using nature as your guide. In this imaginative new book, stunning photography provides the inspiration for 24 unique and stylish pieces of jewellery that capture the beauty of nature throughout the year. Most projects are easy enough for complete beginners but intermediate and advanced jewellery-makers will also be inspired by these strikingly original designs and gorgeous photography.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Linzi Alford is a jewellery designer and creator and a trained silversmith who lives and works in the English Lake District. Formerly with a background in retail she is a relatively late-developer to jewellery-making and has been designing for over six years being predominantly self-taught.



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She runs the online designer jewellery business 'MagPie In The Sky' www.magpieinthesky.co.uk and has a penchant for making jewellery out of shiny pretty things. Photography is also a passion and she likes to use her photos as part of her jewellery creations. Linzi has written several online tutorials and is proud to be part of the B'sue Boutiques Design Team and has had many projects published in UK magazines on jewellery-making. Jewelry for all Seasons is her first book.

"The idea of writing this book came to me after several years of taking photographs cataloguing the changing seasons and capturing the flowers and scenery around me. I always have my camera in my bag or pocket "just in case". I am lucky enough that where I live there is no shortage of natural beauty for inspiration. I wanted to show the progress of the seasons by designing a range of jewellery that reflected the natural world throughout the year, complete with my photographs that influenced them.

To me jewellery making is an obsession rather than a hobby and I never tire of dreaming up new designs. Translating these designs into something wearable, from the concept through to the actual construction and having the satisfaction of seeing an imagined piece made into an item to be worn or given as a gift is very gratifying.

In my book you will find a comprehensive step-by-step guide and will learn how to master the techniques that will enable you to produce unique and fabulous pieces of jewellery as beautiful and exuberant as the natural world that inspired them. Tools, materials and basic techniques such as wire-wrapped loops are also covered. Different media used include ICE resin, Swellegant patinas and Apoxie sculpt clay along with beads and wire of course! Most projects are easy enough for a beginner to tackle, but hopefully will also spark the imagination of the more experienced maker.

"I hope you will be inspired by your favourite photograph or the view from your window to make some beautiful jewellery."

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