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Wire Style ***50 Unique Jewelry Designs***

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Wire jewelry is one of the hottest trends in jewelry making. ***Wire Style: 50 Unique Jewelry Designs*** (Interweave, September 2008, \$19.95), from the editor of *Step by Step Wire Jewelry* magazine, is a collection of fifty contemporary, stylish, and absolutely wearable designs from top wire artists highlighting this versatile design material.

Begin with a primer on the types of wires available on the market, plus the tools needed to get started. Step-by-step technique photos teach the fundamentals needed to create each project in the book, from straightening wire, creating simple loops and wrapped loops, creating loops around briolettes, making coils and spirals, plus making jump rings, links, hoops, hooks, and ear wires. Other techniques are also described in detail, including piercing metal and oxidizing. Projects are constructed with a range of materials, from precious metals to plated and colored wire for an eclectic mix of funky and fabulous designs. Various types of wire and chain are mixed up with stones, beads, and cords for an interesting and assorted collection of designs. Projects include:

- **All Wrapped Up** by Sandra Lupo: Not every stone is drilled to create a bead. Use this wrapping technique to capture a beautiful rock specimen for a focal pendant, purchased or found. You can use this same technique on a favorite seashell.
- **“S” is for Silver** by Tammy L. Honaman: This bracelet makes a common design element, a coiled spiral hook, into a focal piece. When combining wire with leather or other cording materials, oxidize the wire first to avoid dipping the leather into the liver of sulfur solution.
- **Winding Vines** by Denise Peck: These earrings are fast, easy, and unusual! Make several pairs with different beads on the ends to vary the look—they’ll be interesting and fun to wear.
- **Asian Wisdom** by Ronna Sarvas Weltman: This simple necklace is a study in contrasts—between copper and silver and between the undulating bent wire and the symmetry of the beads. It may be helpful to sketch the spiral before beginning and use it as a guide when you bend the wire.

- **Rolling Rings** by Kerry Bogert: Create a chunky necklace of interlocking rings that rolls around a neckline. The size is easily adjusted by snagging any ring with the hook clasp. Oxidizing the wire highlights the handwrought construction.
- **Framed and Coiled** by Jodi L. Bombardier: Coiling adds a nice texture to any piece of wire jewelry. Use this simple technique to create a frame around colorful stone nuggets, then coil some or coil them all to create a lively bib-style necklace.
- **Overwrought** by Denise Peck: Rethink the ordinary! If an earring is usually long in the front and short in the back, why not switch it up? Beautiful top-drilled diamond-shaped beads dangle from the short coil in the front of these earrings while the ear wires extend down behind the ear.

Wire Style has everything beaders and jewelry makers need to know to begin their journey in wireworking or to perfect their skills.

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