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may create your own work afterward. No dead ends here....all great learning.60 of 62 people found the following review helpful. Run, don't walk, to get this book!!!By R. J. BednarekI have been doing kumihimo for years, with fibers, and am also a jewelery maker who uses various media. I have read about and seen Giovanna's work online and always wanted to take one of her workshops. Well, this book, which arrived today although I ordered it last summer, was well worth the wait!!!! She is an incredible artist and this book is a must have reference for anyone wishing to work in kumihimo with wire. Her techniques are clearly illustrated in this book; the projects look fantastic, and this is the first time I have seen kumihimo taken to this artistic of a level. In most circles, this technique is practiced more as a craft; pretty but not out of the box. Giovanna gives solid instruction on the various braiding techniques possible with both the round and the square disk (that in itself is a rare treat!), plenty of good advice on wires and tools to use, and loads of inspiration on how to take this braiding to any level of creativity you desire. Wow! Her examples look completely professional in execution and finishing and she gives clear instructions on how to accomplish that yourself. This is the most exciting book on jewelery making I've seen in ages!!3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great bookBy CustomerThis is a great book for me. It may not appeal to everyone or to those who are just learning to do Kumihimo. My interest is mainly learning how to make the wider bands that are in the book.I have some other ideas in mind for the wider bands and some of the smaller ones than just jewelry or the typical cords and things that Kumihimo cords are made for.I would recommend this book for probably someone who is a little more experienced than a beginner. But then everyone has their own level and speed of learning. I still consider myself a beginner, but I just couldn't resist this beautiful book.Overall it is a very nice book and to help understand some of the moves on the Maru-dai or a Kumihimo disk, watch some of the people manipulating the cords on YouTube. That seems to help me understand things better that may not be so clear in a book. I do google the names of some of the cords that are in my books and then look for a clearer explanation or video to help me see what has to be done to get the look of the cord or project I am working on if I can't quite understand a book explanation or direction.Hope this helps.

Shows jewellery makers how to use the tools and techniques of kumihimo, an ancient Japanese braiding technique. This title features 20 accessible projects. It is suitable for jewellery makers, beaders and wireworkers at all skill levels.