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Cool Beaded Jewelry

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Reviewer: Marsha D. Broadway
Reading Level: Intermediate
Rating: Excellent
Genre: NA;
Subject: Beadwork--Juvenile literature; Jewelry making--Juvenile literature;

A big informational bang is found in this brief, colorful craft book. An overview of beading, from the history, types, shapes, and sizes of beads to the findings, tools, and supplies needed, introduces readers to the basic vocabulary and implements of beading. Step-by-step instructions for seven projects will jumpstart creativity and will have young jewelry makers heading to the bead shop. Enhancing the information and instruction are bold, close-up photographs of beads and details on white background paper, which makes them almost pop off the pages. The book will be a hit among beginning beaders whether in a classroom, at a slumber party or a scout meeting, or during a rainy day at home. A simple glossary and index are included. A disappointing trip to the suggested web site, www.abdopub.com, did not produce the anticipated links to websites about beaded jewelry. These links may appear at a future time; the text states that they "are routinely monitored and updated to provide the most current information available."