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Kumihimo Jewelry Simplified: Learn To Braid With A Kumihimo Disk



Synopsis

This is the second Kumihimo book by Rebecca Combs. This book will focus more on the beginner and shares some of the most popular features that made the first book a runaway success: conversational voice, skill-building format, Kumihimo math, and continuing to use the inexpensive Kumihimo foam disk. Kumihimo Simplified includes 5 new braids: 8-warp basket weave, 16-warp rectangular, 16-warp hollow basket, 8-warp half-round, and 8-warp square. Beads will be included within the braids where appropriate, however, the focus will be straight braid. Special sidebars will include Creative Closures - 5 different ways to finish Kumihimo braids, besides the common gluing of endcaps.

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Customer Reviews

Author Rebecca Ann Combs, who wrote an equally wonderful book Kumihimo Basics and Beyond: 24 Braided and Beaded Jewelry Projects on the Kumihimo Disk which came out in 2013, has once again presented the reader with vibrant patterns and beautiful instructions concerning the ancient art of Japanese braiding, kumihimo. It is futile to resist this, her second offering: it's way too illuminating, lovely and fun to learn. Kumihimo Jewelry Simplified is great for the beginner new to braiding or the more experienced learner who wants to extend her expertise. The disk the author suggests you braid with is the Beadsmith Disk. It is a sturdy disk which comes in a 6" size and a 4" size. It is wonderful to read the author's advice on which one to choose and why (and why, if you get really into kumihimo, you might find it good to have both)! The book begins with an explanation of what kumihimo and how it came to be. According to the author, "the techniques go back thousands of years, but the heyday of kumihimo in Japan was during the time of the samurai." She also refers

to her first book and discusses the fact that in that prior book she didn't use the numbers on the Kumihimo disks. This book differs in this way, as the numbers will be used after each sequence, making the braiding somewhat more manageable. She discusses all the tools you will need and gives an overview of the fibers, which are gorgeous and come in all sorts of colors and sizes. There is even a section in the basics on "kumihimo math". Once you get into the book, you will see exactly how wonderfully fulfilling making kumihimo jewelry can be.

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