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Hubble Stitch: Instructions & Inspiration For This Creative New Lace Beadwork Technique



Synopsis

Join bead artist Melanie de Miguel on a journey of beadwork discovery--into the realms of Hubble! In this book, Melanie presents her beautiful new beadwork technique--Hubble stitch. Whether you are a beginner or an expert beadworker you will easily learn how to Hubble and go on to add this exciting stitch to your arsenal of beading techniques. The pages within form so much more than a book! Packed with tips, all presented in Melanie's fun and friendly style, you will feel as if you're in a creative and dynamic beading workshop. Come and join the party, learning the most basic form of Hubble stitch through to discovering more complex and innovative ways of manipulating it. You will soon be incorporating this wonderfully lacy and extraordinarily adaptable stitch into your beading world. To help you learn and practice Hubble, the book contains 12 beautiful projects including a variety of glamorous bracelets and cuffs, gorgeous earrings, a spectacular vortex necklace for spectacles, Hubble ropes, a sparkly crystal scarf ring, and finally a Solar Flare--a lovely little versatile beaded element using lots of Hubble techniques combined. The book includes: Step-by-step instructions and clear attractive stitch diagrams
Gorgeous, inspirational photography in full color
Bead color and finish suggestions
Ideas on how to use the stitch in your own way and how to adapt the project designs
Workshop tips and ideas to keep your creativity buzzing to the max!

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Customer Reviews

After purchasing and raving about "Let's Hubble" last year I was eagerly awaiting the book two that

Melanie refers to at the end of the book. So I happily pre-ordered "Hubble Stitch" assuming that coming out a year later this would be book two. It's not. It's the SAME BOOK with a different name and some slight differences in photographs and page arrangements, but it covers exactly the same content. There's nothing new here. So if you have the first book you don't need this one. If you don't have the first one I highly recommend that you get one of them. Since I wrote in detail about the content of the book in my review of Let's Hubble I'll only focus on the differences between the two versions in this review. Let's Hubble has a superior spiral binding with a cover over the spiral so it lies flat to read plus has a spine you can read when it's sitting on your shelf. The new book, Hubble Stitch, features a different first page for each project. In the previous book the projects have small page top titles. It is a little difficult to determine where a project begins. In the new book each project is heralded with a bold page title with a large photo of the project. This is a more typical way for projects to be presented and is preferable. Here's a detailed description of what I mean about the project presentation: In Let's Hubble Project 2 - Spex Vortex (or what I call the ruffle) begins with a page size photo on page 24 and no title. You turn the page to page 25 and find a small title at the top of the page. It's white print in letters a little larger than the text on a gray/blue bar, one-quarter inch high, across the top of the page.

What is Hubble Stitch? As the author explains, it began as a blend of herringbone and ladder stitch, with a close cousin of right angle weave (RAW), all rolled into one. There are two phases (or two passes) based on what she calls her "super picot", which remains perky because of the double pass. The biggest difference this causes is that each stitch is individual, "allowing lots of movement and slinkiness to the textile formed". This is what gives the beautiful, lacy quality to the Hubble Stitch, as developed by author Melanie de Miguel. If you like what you see on the cover, this book is for you! The author states in her introduction that each chapter is a progression through the basic forms of Hubble (an astronomy fan, she named her stitch after the telescope, which she hopes will inspire all her readers to more complex and interesting forms of the Hubble stitch). Hubble Stitch, Instructions & Inspiration for this Creative New Lace Beadwork Technique by Melanie de Miguel will progressively introduce the beader to basic Hubble, 2-Drop, 3-Drop, Spaced Out Hubble (both Horizontal and Vertical), Hubble-in-the-round (Circular and Tubular Hubble) and Inverted Hubble. The author mentions that she has been continuing to explore Hubble Stitch, and that we all can look forward to a second book shortly. Having read the names of the progressive stitches she has come up with for this book, I am looking forward to it! Chapter One explains Materials and Terms in a brief but thorough manner, with some very nice photos.

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