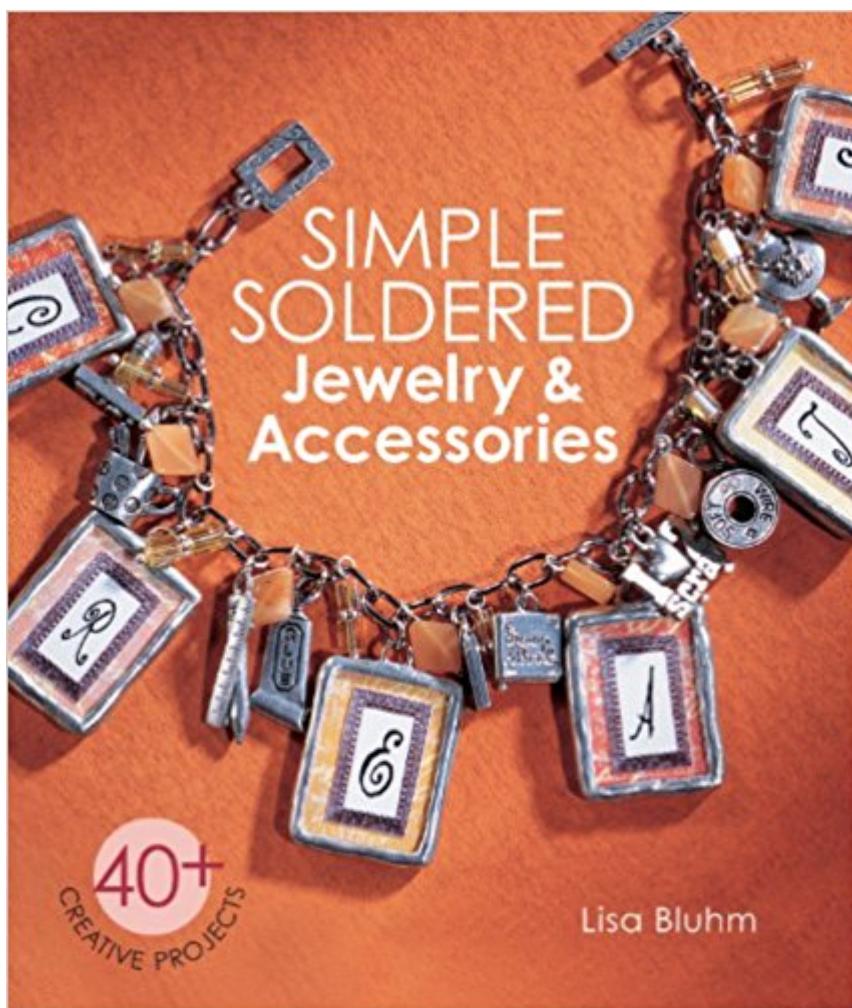


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# Simple Soldered Jewelry & Accessories: 40+ Creative Projects



## **Synopsis**

Soldering has taken the crafting world by storm, and the well-illustrated and easy-to-follow instructions in this comprehensive guide thoroughly demystify the process. Beginners will learn how to master the basics and make 40 projects, ranging from a playful Turquoise Swirl Cuff to a mini-scrapbook foldout frame. Includes traceable patterns with glass-cutting lines, plus a page of pretty clip art to use.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Lisa Bluhm is a creative mixed-media artist who rediscovered the soldering she had learned as a teenager working in a jewelry store. Experimenting with ways to make the craft more cost-effective and safer, Lisa created her own soldered art product line called Simply Swank and currently shares her inspiration in classes and at conventions across the US. Her projects and teaching schedule can be found at [LisaBluhm.net](http://LisaBluhm.net). She lives in the greater Seattle area.

I bought it for the ideas because I already know how to do stained glass. I haven't made anything yet but will in the fall. I loved the price...about half of the store price. The instructions are good for the beginning stained glass artist.

Excellent book! More than I hoped for. I just took a class and this is probably the book the teacher

used because it says exactly what she said.

OK but not easy to find the chisel tipped soldering iron here in Australia.!!!

Terribly repetitive. Not worth a whole book. Booklet maybe so I gave two stars for the effort.

Beginning with a comprehensive look at the essential tools and materials you'll need to get started the author covers everything from setting up your workspace, tools, materials, safety and more. The book then covers the techniques you'll need to use to complete the projects that follow including scoring and breaking the glass, copper foiling, soldering techniques, adding jump ring methods as well as finishing techniques that include sanding, applying patinas, adding color to soldered pieces using paint and ink and more.

Techniques are illustrated with clear, well lit, detail photos of the processes. Once you've read through the first part of the book you'll be ready to jump in and start making the unique, creative and innovative projects that follow. Start with the beautiful basic pieces of Chapter 3 which uses glass slides to create holiday ornaments topped with festive bows or ribbon loops or turns scraps of decorative paper into a beautiful brooch. Chapter four has projects using square and rectangle shapes that include a dichroic glass bracelet, a blue topaz necklace and earring set, an absolutely charming charm bracelet, a monogram choker and others. Chapter 5 includes simple shaped glass projects such porcelain piece chokers, turquoise cabochon jewelry and jewelry pieces created using flat marbles. Two of my favorite projects in the book are the bobby pins accented with decorative brads, metal buttons and cabochons in chapter 6 and the soldered "dancing" figurine project in chapter 7. The last chapter of the book really takes soldering beyond jewelry making with projects such as picture frames, bookmarks, glass boxes and using soldering to decorate tin boxes and candle holders. This 144 page softcover book will become a must have reference for anyone interested in using their soldering iron to create unique jewelry pieces, accessories and home decor items and is sure to inspire solderers of all experience levels.

Excellent directions and stepped out photos so you really can learn the techniques. The projects are pretty and can be a great starting off point for your own designs. Lots of ideas on how to use the pieces you make with other elements and objects from jewelry to home-dec.

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