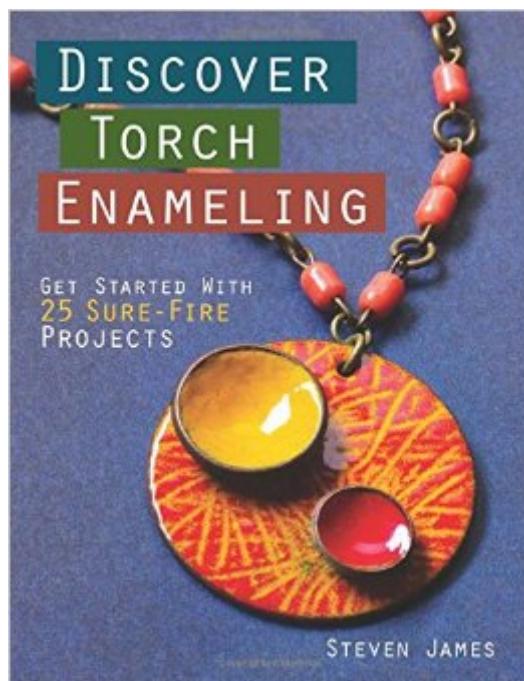


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# Discover Torch Enameling: Get Started With 25 Sure-Fire Jewelry Projects



## Synopsis

After teaching this technique successfully for years, Steven is introducing all-new projects in this book. In a series of 25 small projects (pendants and beads), Steven will explore creating structural metal work (such as hinges) and applying enamel effects such as faux raku. Simple techniques include sawing/cutting/punching; dapping; riveting; lashing; soldering; and enameling. All these techniques are simplified and the only torch needed is a hand-held one that can be used in a home studio.

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Discover Torch Enameling Steven James Kalmbach Publishing May 2016 Discover Torch Enameling: Get Started with 25 Sure-Fire Jewelry Projects is a sure fire guide to everything you need to make beautiful torch fired enamel jewelry. The book opens with a robust and comprehensive explanation of tools and materials along with a thoughtful safety guide. The following chapters progress from basic to more advanced techniques with 25 stunning step by step jewelry projects. Long, long ago when I was a kid, we explored kiln enameling in summer camp. The process and enamel mediums have come a long way since then. Torch firing makes enameling accessible to any jewelry making enthusiast. The book is separated into five chapters, progressing in difficulty. The first chapter, Beyond the Basics features projects that are anything but. From clever scratch art pendants to whimsical comic book inspired earrings, you'll cut, fire, scratch, paint, and embellish plain metal blanks with lovely enameled details. The second chapter focuses on Fantastic Finishes. These projects offer an array of interesting textures and patinas including Raku created with rosemary

leaves and speckled watercolor achieved using table salt. As a wire enthusiast, the Working with Wire chapter is a particular favorite. You'll learn how to make enamel embellished creations using headpins, fine silver wire, copper headpins, and craft wire. The Enamelled-Wire Word Pendants are particularly appealing, as are the more organic Bouquet Garni pendants and the Connect the Dots Earrings. Next you'll explore Manipulating Metal, with more advanced projects featuring materials like copper pipe, layered copper discs, and even scrabble inspired stamped enamel copper squares.

Steven James begins his introduction with one word which says a lot about the kind of teacher he is: "PLAY!" He explains that in our work-oriented culture, we just don't get enough of that. He even invites the reader to contact him if he or she gets stuck and really needs a hand (although his projects are so well explained, I doubt that will happen). Discover Torch Enameling begins with a comprehensive section of basics: tools, materials, and even something the reader will really appreciate later on: the scientific explanation of "COE" which is imperative for understanding how glass melts or softens, as well as its fit with the metal you are using. It sounds confusing the way I have written it, but it isn't, and the reader will catch on fast. I appreciate the mindful way it is pointed out by the author. The five chapters in this book entice you before you even get to them by introducing you to the projects with thumbnail photos and the names of the projects, along with the pages on which they are located. Even if you begin at the beginning (always a great way to learn), you will be able to look forward to what to expect down the road. And the author has an great imagination and tons of artistic energy to inspire you! Love comic book art? Be prepared for your next Comic Con with his very first project, the "Embedded Metal Comic Book Earrings". Although they sound funky, they are extremely chic the way he has designed them. The author repeatedly takes the reader by surprise with his originality and artistic flair. One of the projects I was extremely fascinated by is in Chapter 2: the "Ready to Raku Bracelet". As an art glass collector, I have loved the raku style in ceramics since forever.

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