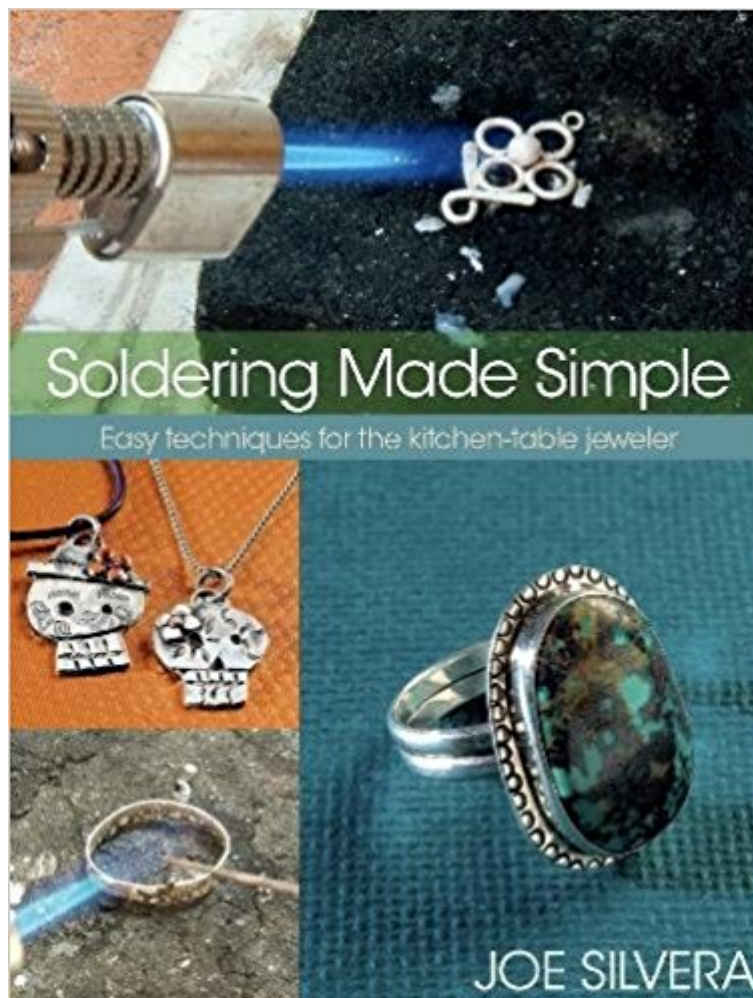




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# Soldering Made Simple: Easy Techniques For The Kitchen-table Jeweler



## Synopsis

This book is the complete guide to simple soldering. Soldering Made Simple takes all the mystery and fear out of soldering so that amateur jewelry makers – even those who have never held a torch – feel empowered and confident. Friendly and thorough instructional text and step-by-step photos help readers build skills gradually, which they can then employ with the included projects. Joe Silvera presents soldering techniques that use a simple setup, a handheld butane torch that is safe and easy to operate, and a few other supplies.

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The subtitle of this book is "Easy techniques for the kitchen-table jeweler" and it is aptly named! This book could easily serve as a self-contained course for new metalsmiths learning jewelry techniques. It contains all the details, with excellent photographs, that can assist a newcomer to learn soldering techniques with real confidence. The fact that the author doesn't insist on an expensive torch set-up but uses butane torches is a real plus for the kitchen-table jeweler. I have paid for courses that contain less information than I gained from the first 25 pages of this book! In addition to soldering techniques, the author includes chapters on sawing, filing, drilling, dapping, polishing and the use of patinas. All of these techniques are also taught in enough detail to answer all the questions I ever had. Finally, there are projects that introduce cumulative soldering techniques that result in hollow metal beads, a box clasp, a bezel-set stone and mixed metal jewelry. These are not trivial projects! I look forward to making all of these pieces and increasing my skills. This is a fantastic book!

I had a friend teach me to solder with a butane torch last year. But after our day together I was on

my own. A lot of questions came up here and there, and so I ordered this book. It is wonderful. Not only does it teach the basics of soldering, but the pictures are good quality, the instructions are simple and to the point and it gives you tips on all aspects of beginning to metalsmith. I loved it, it answered the question I had and has a lot of great references. I just bought a flex shaft for my dremel and there is even two pages devoted to polishing and using them. He offers lists of tools, what they do and how to use them. I just love this book, and I would recommend it to anyone learning to solder.

One of the best books for the soldering newbie - easy to understand directions paired with great photos make "Soldering Made Simple: Easy Techniques for the Kitchen Table Jeweler" the perfect first book on soldering. Perfect for the Stringer that wants to move into making their own pendants, from soldering basics to intermediate level without having to purchase an entire "shop" set up.

I usually read a book like this over time. First I glance through it and maybe read sections of interest. Well I did that and then started at the first chapter and read it one after another, the pictures almost memorized by now and the content is what it says in the title, Easy techniques. The book, Soldering Made Simple: Easy techniques for the kitchen-table jeweler by Joe Silvera is a wonderful read even if you do just use it as a reference and not try to do it all at once. It gives the reader (learner) what he or she is seeking in learning almost everything needed to solder jewelry when you are not a certified jeweler. Get it and enjoy what Mr. Silvera has to offer of his skills and this wonderful book about soldering.

I just got this book recently and haven't read the whole thing yet, but Joe Silvera has already (in the first chapters) reassured me that this book is going to make me a metal worker with knowledge. His writing style is simple. He doesn't assume that you already know a lot of stuff about soldering (which I do not). He carefully guides you through the basics and focuses intently on safety.

I've been looking for a book like this for years. It is precisely for the kitchen metalsmith. As a self-taught glass & metal crafts person, I've gone through many books that seemed to generalize or complicate simple questions that I needed answers to. This one goes straight to the point. It's very hands on. Although I've just gotten into the book, I know from reading the first few chapters, the many mistakes I've been making. Finally! Without fear or uncertainty, I found the perfect book to create many soldered pieces for years to come!

Great book with easy to understand directions and a conversation-like approach. I would say that this book would be a great second book for the beginner metalsmith right behind *Simple Soldering: A Beginner's Guide to Jewelry Making*. I think Joe's projects are a bit advanced for a true beginner (such as myself) but should still be part of every metalsmith's library.

As a beginning jewelry artist, I have worked mostly with making my own chains and beaded pieces. Soldering is the obvious next step to be able to add to my skill set. This book came highly recommended, and it is rightfully so. If you're like me and won't buy the book due to the bad reviews, I beg you to change your mind. The good reviews really are telling the truth. The author has put an abundance of information into this book. From tools to step-by-step instructions, it has it all! No, he doesn't go over the basic pliers and everything, but if you've been making ANY kind of jewelry for even a small amount of time, you should know your pliers and already have some. However, he does have a very good list of the tools you will need to solder and to make the projects in this book. I do wish he had put more into the bit about tumble polishing, but there's more info in here about other types of polishing that it almost negates the need for a tumbler at all. As a person who googles and researches a project to death before taking the plunge and buying the tools and materials needed, I can't wait to get some torches and all the bench tools needed to make the projects in this book. I know one of the first things I will be doing is making my own head pins and charms. Thank you, Joe Silvera, for writing such a wonderful and helpful book. :)

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