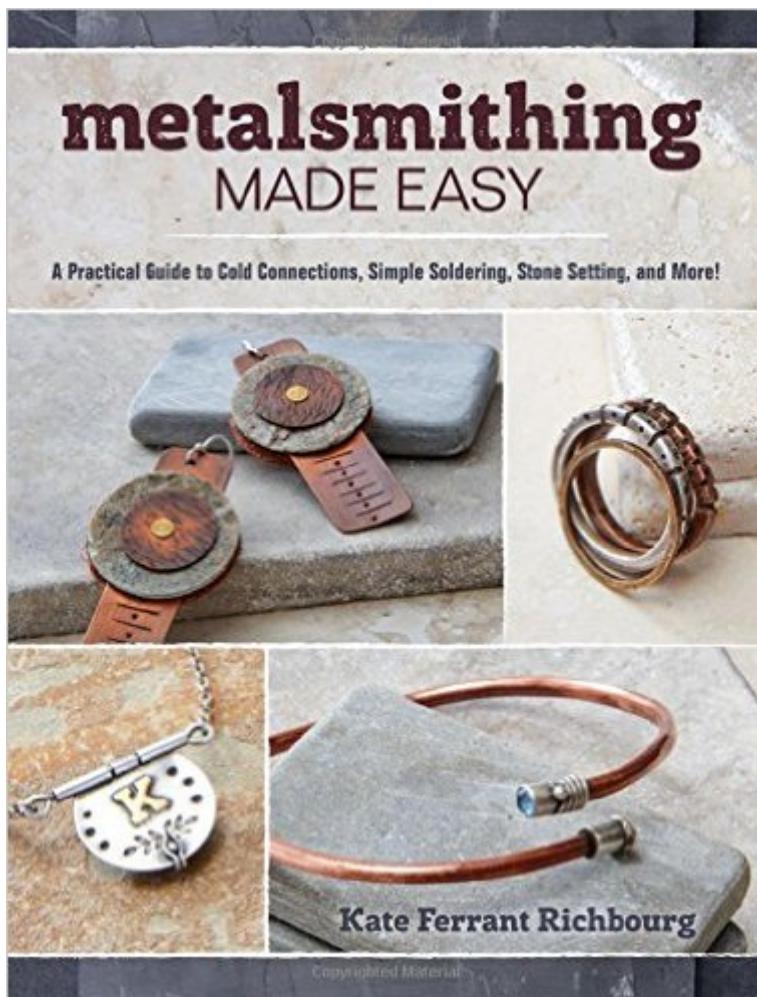


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# Metalsmithing Made Easy: A Practical Guide To Cold Connections, Simple Soldering, Stone Setting, And More!



## **Synopsis**

Following the success of her first book, *Simple Soldering*, Kate Ferrant Richbourg walks kitchen table metalsmiths through the basics and into new territory! In addition to teaching the essentials of soldering, *Metalsmithing Made Easy* demystifies rotary tools and introduces different kinds of hotter small-space torches. In her signature friendly, easy-to-follow style, Kate lays out a lesson plan of techniques to help readers gain familiarity with soldering tools and methods. In the chapter "The Field Guide to the Rotary Tool" you will learn how to quickly and efficiently, with a simple handheld tool and a few select bits, add professional-quality surface effects and finishing to your jewelry designs. A practice sampler of metal tiles, to be worked on step by step, helps to hone skills in surface manipulation, stone setting, cold connections, and more. Once these skills are mastered in the sampler, you can undertake any (or all) of fifteen gorgeous projects included, such as a locket, bail with set stone, prong-set pendant, and much more.

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In her introduction, the author says, "You and I have something in common. We both like to make metal jewelry." She goes on to add, "The more you learn and build on your technique, the easier new or difficult things become. That's why I wrote this book. I'm here to share my tips, steps, tricks, and methods, to answer your questions, and to coach you through the tough spots." With those heartening first words, off we go into the exciting world of metalsmithing. It begins with a brief but thorough explanation of how to use the book, including how to set up your studio. The author suggests that the reader follow the book from beginning to end before a tool is even picked up. This overview will come in handy when you work with this book. The first chapter is titled "Let's Talk about

Solder". This chapter alone is worth the price of the book. It anticipates and answers the numerous questions a reader might have about soldering, torches, the how-tos of soldering, and more. The second chapter introduces you to "Tools". One of the most helpful aspects of *Metalsmithing Made Easy* is that the author explains each tool that the "DIY Metalsmith" might need very well. Because of this, the reader will be prepared and will have all of the tools needed. The few you might not have will be addressed by the author and there will be suggestions for substitutions. This is a wonderful chapter. Chapter 3 covers "Metals and Materials". It includes metals such as copper, fine silver, sterling silver, gold fill and brass and looks at the forms they come in. It also discusses stones, patinas, and polishes. The photographs are excellent. The reader will see and understand how different patinas affect different metals.

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