

Make It & Take It: Hardware Jewelry 101



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- Teens follow directions, work together, problem solve, and share resources
- Teens are encouraged to be innovative, creative, and express themselves
- Provide bibliographies and encourage participants to check out the books for further exploration



**Provide tools for
measuring, cutting, and
crimping**





Ask coworkers to donate “odds & ends” hardware pieces and give teens something special to use as a centerpiece



- wing nuts
- hex nuts
- springs
- o-rings
- rubber grommets
- flat washers
- "square washers" or rivet backs
- star washers (interior and exterior locking washers)
- pop tabs
- bottle caps
- pony beads
- wooden beads
- plastic buttons
- hemp cord
- nylon string
- twine
- jewelers wire



Give participants lots of options

**Recommended sources:
Hardware and hand tools**

McMaster-Carr

www.mcmaster.com

SmallParts

www.smallparts.com



Jewelry findings

Rings & Things

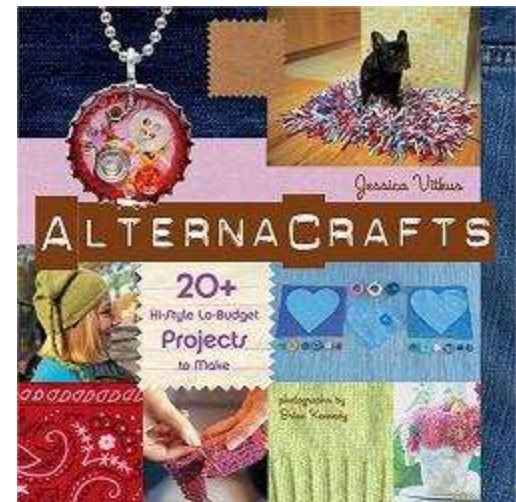
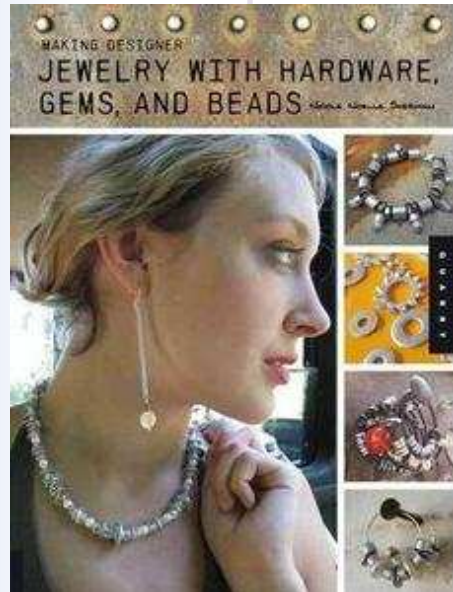
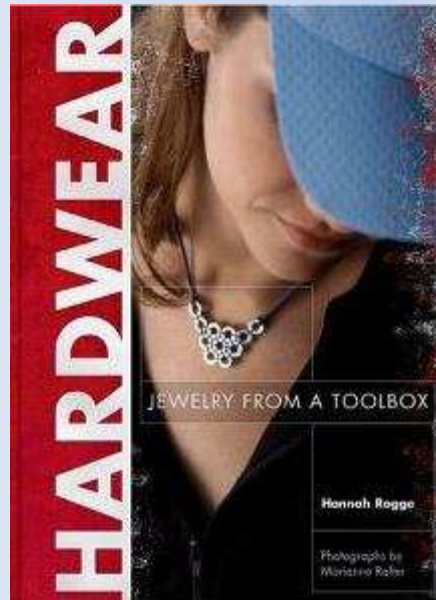
www.rings-things.com

Oriental Trading Company

www.orientaltrading.com

**Opportunity to use
recycled materials
(pop tabs, bottle caps)**





Collection Connections:

Hardwear: Jewelry from a Toolbox by Hannah Rogge and Marianne Rafter

Making Designer Jewelry from Hardware, Gems, and Beads by Nicole Noelle Sherman

Alternacrafts hi-style, lo-budget projects to make by Jessica Vitkus

**Every
creation...**



**...as unique
as the teens.**



Caution!



Do not use recycled internal computer parts, these can contain mercury, lead, and other hazardous materials (exterior pieces, like laptop keyboard keys, are okay)

Be aware of lead content in jewelry findings and other materials (guidelines available from the US Consumer Product Safety Commission)

Keep track of tools (scissors, knives, pliers, hot glue gun), especially with younger teens

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