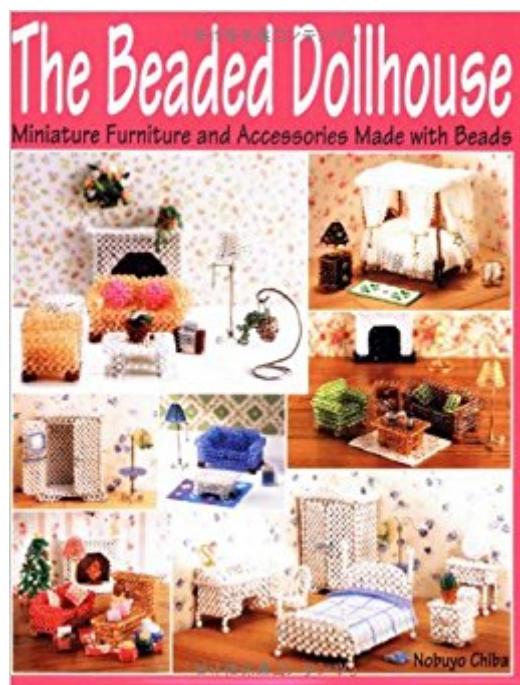


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# The Beaded Dollhouse: Miniature Furniture And Accessories Made With Beads



## **Synopsis**

With meticulous instructions and beautiful, full-color photos, internationally-renowned bead artist Nobuyo Chiba shows readers how to create charming miniature furniture and accessories out of beads. Here are directions for six complete rooms (four living rooms arranged by season and two different bedroom styles--classic and casual) including couches, floor lamps, chairs, tables, beds, bureaus, mirrors, fireplaces, chandeliers, even potted plants and a Christmas tree. Each piece is astonishing in its detail and 1/24 of actual size. In addition, the book features an extensive, illustrated equipment list.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Nobuyo Chiba's interest in beading started with jewelry, especially Swarovski crystals, and she began creating her own pieces shortly thereafter. Chiba has been gaining international acclaim for her work, which has been featured in Beadwork Magazine in the U.S.

As a girl, I spent many hours furnishing a dollhouse to absolute perfection (or so I thought). Once it was finished, there was little for me to do with it but store it away, a treasure that rarely saw the light of day. I saw this book online and had to have it -- here might be a way for me to combine my adult hobby with my childhood one. I put the credit card number in so quickly it practically burnt up the wire getting to .When the book arrived, I was thrilled. Like most Japanese bead books, there are no instructions, other than the absolute basics. What you do get are very detailed drawings of the

thread paths, so an experienced beader can identify the stitch and start following the book. The stitch used in "The Beaded Dollhouse" is 99% Right Angle Weaver, a time consuming but simple stitch. I'm just beginning making the first project: a sofa from one of the three living rooms in this "house." And therein lies my only tiny complaint: Although the author designed three living rooms., a dining room and two bedrooms, the poor residents of this dollhouse have no kitchen, and no bathroom. As a woman who keeps take out food places on her speed-dial, I suppose I could live without a kitchen, but a bathroom? I hope that the next book will include those two very important rooms in her beaded dollhouse, and that they are as charming and filled with whimsical touches as this slim volume. I'm sure that I'll be among the first to purchase it! P.S.: The author is also kind to our beaded wallets during this time of financial craziness. She makes her projects with three and four millimeter fire polished beads instead of the usual cut crystal. If I ever get to meet her, I'll give her a great big Thank you!

If there is a doll collector in you life, then this book is a must have! Every room is detailed in beaded furniture. "Real" beading techniques are used, not just French wire, which I personally can't stand doing. Highly recommended!

Very useful book for me. Prompt delivery.

The Beaded Dollhouse: Miniature Furniture and Accessories Made with Beads I am somewhat disappointed as not so much with the beautiful projects in the book but for the beads...not only hard to find but expensive. Not like the beads I use to purchase a good number of years ago. Think it would cost a small fortune to make anything or all in this book!

I am basing my star rating on the mere fact that I think the beaded projects are not very interesting and look tacky. Other people may love to try the projects in this book and find the whole thing thoroughly rewarding. I checked it out of the library and am very glad I did. Now I know not to purchase it for myself. If you can get a bigger picture of the front cover you can see what the projects look like. If you like them then I'd say go for it.

Offering meticulous, methodical, 'reader friendly', fully illustrated, step-by-step instructions, internationally-renowned bead artist Nobuyo Chica shows anyone how they can create charming miniature furniture and accessories out of beads in "the Beaded Dollhouse: Miniature Furniture And

Accessories Made With Beads. Directions are provided for creating six complete rooms (four living rooms arranged by season and two different styles of bedrooms) that include couches, floor lamps, chairs, tables, beds, bureaus, mirrors, fireplaces, chandeliers, potted plants, and even a Christmas tree. All the items are on a ration of 1/24 in actual size. Of special note is the extensive and illustrated equipment list for the beading enthusiast. "The Beaded Dollhouse" is the perfect instruction guide and a very strongly recommended 'how to' manual for the novice seeking to make dollhouse furnishings out of beads.

I got this book thinking it was just a few patterns for beds and chairs. Wow, totally wrong! You also get lamps, rugs, ceiling fans, plants, even a birdcage, and much, much more. The projects use various sizes of beads, so stock up on sizes 3 and 4 mm Swarovski and Czech fire polished and have a nice seed bead assortment on hand. And, the illustrated instructions were wonderful. I was even to figure out how to make a dining table with chairs although there was none in this book. I would love to see more books just like this!

This bead book is great if you want to make miniature furniture out of beads and it is the only book I can find of it's kind. The directions are clear & I think easy to follow. Each piece of furniture requires a large number of 3mm round glass beads, so be prepared to buy them in mass bulk.

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