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Beadwork decoration, which spread throughout the Native American tribes of North America as a result of contact with European traders, is now considered a traditional craft. Dean, a bead worker and teacher of Choctaw descent, describes the materials and techniques of Native American beadwork as practiced over the past 230 years. The book contains projects demonstrating the use of various stitches, information on collecting traditional beadwork, and photographs of finished pieces from the collection of Charles Eagle Plume. A good working manual, this volume brings together much information on a popular topic and will be welcome in all crafts or folk art collections.

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Review

"...an impressive book." - The Bead Society of Greater Chicago

"...works range from the historical to the humorous...there is much to be passionate about here." - Textile Fibre Forum

"A keeper and a superb choice for gifts." - The Beadwrangler.com book reviews

"Clear explanations and instructions will help the collector identify old work, and the craftsman to pursue new paths with authenticity." - *Indian Country Today*

"This is a marvelous book...a welcome addition to the library of any serious beader." - The Bead Society of New Jersey

About the Author

**David Dean**, a noted bead worker, learned his craft from older relatives in the Choctaw tribe and is the author of *Craft of the Mind*, *Art of the Soul*, and *Native Pockets*. He lives in Dearborn, Michigan.

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