best face forward

When celebrities get face-lifts, they tend to deny it—*I didn't get a nose job; I just had my deviated septum fixed*. Well, you won't hear any kind of denial from us. Yes, *Stringing* had some cosmetic surgery. And we're so excited about our new look, we're going to shout it from the mountaintop (we are based in Colorado, after all). Look at us now!

Let me point out the most notable improvements: We moved the instructions to the back of the magazine so that every project can benefit from a gorgeous full-page photograph, sans text on top of it. We feel that this new gallery-style presentation of the projects shows every featured necklace or bracelet to its best advantage. Plus, different views of the projects are now available at stringing magazine.com. The instructions are as thorough as ever; they are just collected in a special "recipe" section, à la cooking magazines. Also, we are more selective with the earrings and bracelets we present in the earrings and bracelet galleries in order to give you bigger and better photographs. This way, you can really savor each and every piece.

I hope you enjoy the newest version of *Stringing* magazine. As always, our mission is to serve you, our reader, by providing the best, most inspiring jewelry projects and all you need to know to make them.

Enjoy!

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