

"Caviar" Necklace  
Second Place Winner—Beads  
2004 Saul Bell Design Award



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Somewhere around the fifth grade, a love of dress-up became a love of jewelry. I saved all year to visit this one little shop in the French Quarter to buy a thirty-dollar pin or bracelet. By the time I was in high school, I was buying hundred-dollar pieces.

I love old pieces; you don't see anyone wearing the same jewelry you're wearing when you wear an antique piece. My mom used to ask why anyone would want the same things everyone else had. Because of her, I learned to take what I had and make it my own.

One year, I took a bag of seed beans and strung them on pieces of garden wire I rooted out of the garage. I wrapped the pieces around a crayon and made these big springy earrings.

I've been making jewelry—and making my own beads—ever since. An overwhelming sensation just takes over and I have

to reach  
for my torch.

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