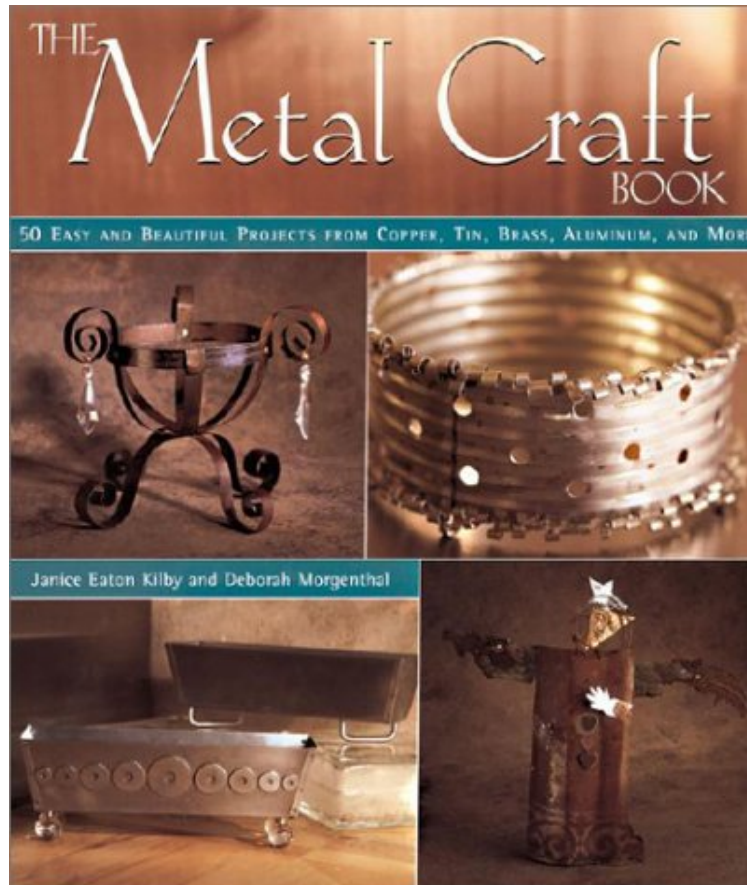


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From Library Journal These projects involve lightweight metalwork, i.e., they use metal foil, tin, or found objects that don't require heavy cutting and soldering. General instructions cover materials, tools, and techniques followed by step-by-step projects by 26 contributing designers. The projects include picture frames, containers, and some rather unusual jewelry. They are all good fun and can be assembled with pop rivets or small soldering tools. Public library patrons will welcome this book. Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc.