

## Color Inspiration in the Mundane

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I can never decide which profusion of colors I like best, spring or fall. The answer depends on which season I am stalking. And now it is fall. Everywhere I look rich, substantial, earth-bound colors glow. Shifting patches of gold, fluttering reds and oranges, burnished and bronzing greens... all seeming to gather inward in preparation for a long rest.

How to pick a palette among all this? Why not just use all the colors I see? I like that approach.

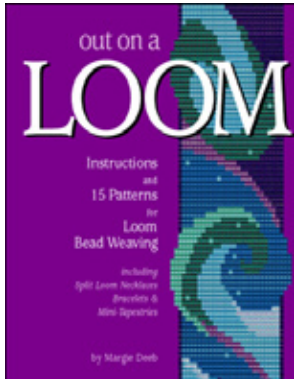
I've harvested strands of autumn's beauty into three color palettes below, based on three specific scenes.

Notice I've included amethyst and peridot. Purples and greens are part of the splendor, not just warm earth tones. Deep shades of eggplant combine beautifully with browns, maroons, ambers, and oranges, as do forest and olive greens.

Speaking of green, autumn palettes thrive on the gorgeous color found on the inside of an avocado, a true avocado green (not the color of refrigerators in the 60's, a shade found somewhere between the dark ugly skin of an avocado and its rotten flesh). This slightly muted, soft yellow-green abounds in the fall and enhances just about every autumn tone. Use it to link earthy browns and umbers with the more firey oranges and yellows. You'll create a less predictable color scheme.



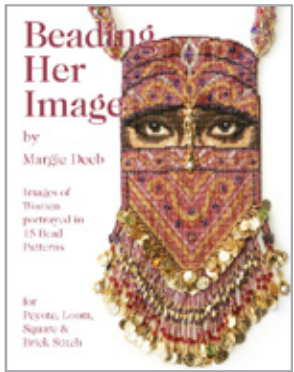
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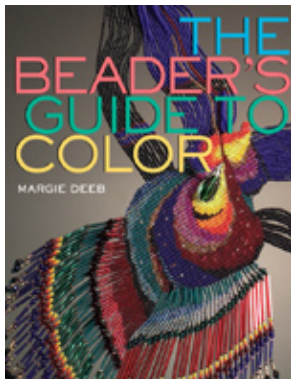
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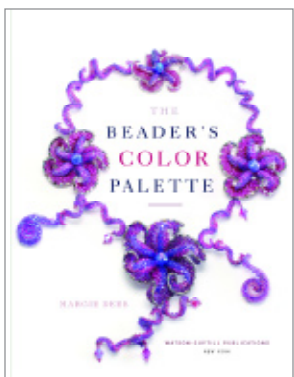
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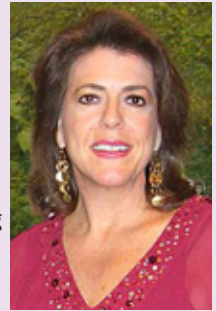


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