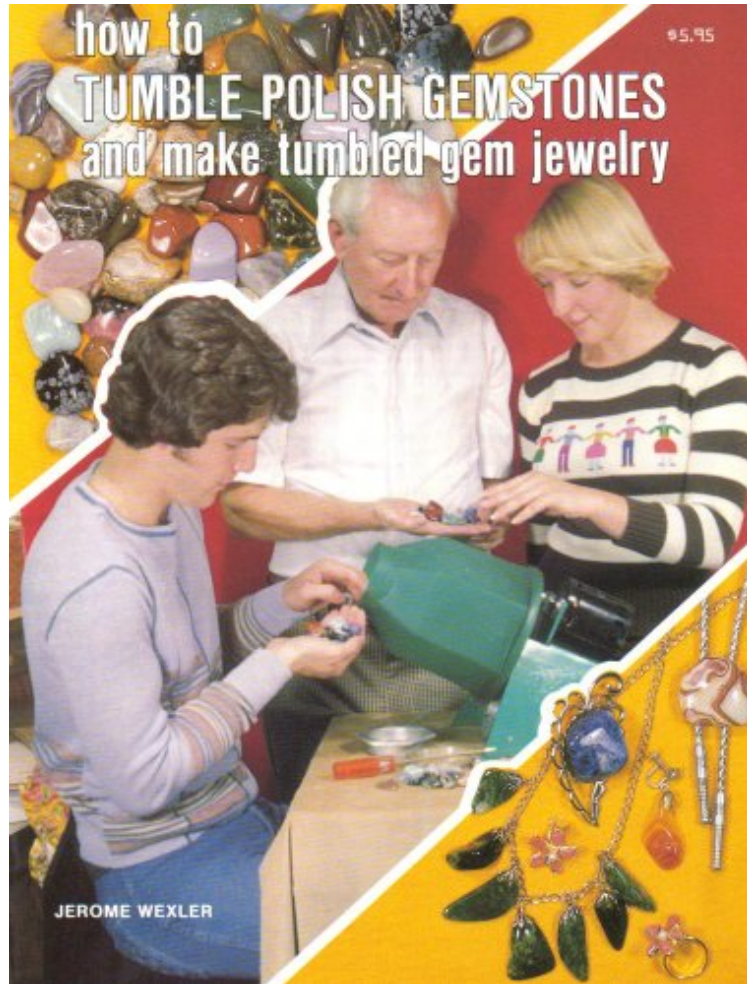


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Jerom Wexler : How to Tumble Polish Gemstones (Gembooks) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised How to Tumble Polish Gemstones (Gembooks):

28 of 29 people found the following review helpful. Dated but helpfulBy LPRFirst let me say that I can't believe that a booklet written in 1979 is the best and most popular book on for rock tumbling! The booklet is well written but may prove a little hard to get through for those of us in the attention-deficit age who are used to books which describe everything for us in bold fonts with call-out boxes. This is a booklet you have to actually read, like a book, to get the information out. It took me several sittings to get through and I had to go back and use a highlighter to call out the salient points. That being said if you have some patience the writing and instructions are quite clear. One drawback to the book is that the author describes two methods for tumbling -- the "popular" or "conventional" method, and then his method which he admits is a bit perfectionistic, so you are left a bit confused as to which method to use. His technique

also involves using a grit called "saw wire grit" which I have been unable to find (please feel free to comment if you can find it). Additionally, his "recipes" for tumbling are based on a large (12 lb or so) tumbler, not the 3 lb one you get in most beginner kits, so you would have to convert them (I just used the recipes that came with my tumbler). Finally the jewelry section is extremely dated, in my opinion the jewelry in the book is hideous :-) but that's just my opinion. But staggeringly, if you buy a rock tumbling kit today the jewelry making accessories (key ring, tie tacks (like anyone uses them anymore!), pendant bell caps) are exactly the same as those used 30 years ago. So in my opinion you would do better to drill your stones or mount them in another fashion. In summary, a very helpful reference which I have read through twice and refer to often, but needs to be supplemented with the directions that came with your tumbler, and taken with a grain of... well how about grit? :-)

20 of 20 people found the following review helpful. Excellent information
By LJB This is an excellent book for the beginner lapidary enthusiast. The book has really great information and is easily understood for the person wanting to get started tumbling gemstones and possibly creating a piece of jewelry with the finished product. It describes various tumblers and their differences and has good information on selecting stones for the tumbling process. The book has good description on the steps involved through the final polish. A great job is done in describing the different abrasives and how much to use per pound of stones. I purchased a second one for our eight year old granddaughter who got her first tumbler this last Christmas.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. ... go tough and what you see is a very pretty gemstone i like this
By sugar this book show you different colors of the stones ather it goes though the process that it have to go tough and what you see is a very pretty gemstone i like this book

Turn pebbles and rough stones into sparkling jewels! This introductory book covers what is a gemstone, abrasives, tumblers, techniques and how to make tumbled gem jewelry.