Core Skills Analysis

Math

- The student learned about geometric shapes when creating symmetrical designs for earrings or necklaces.
- Calculations were applied when measuring lengths of beads or wire for the jewellery pieces.
- Understanding of patterns and sequences could be enhanced through designing repetitive patterns in bracelets or anklets.
- Budgeting skills might have been utilized to ensure cost-effective purchases of materials needed for jewellery making.

Tips

For continued growth in jewellery making, students could experiment with incorporating mathematical concepts like Fibonacci sequence or golden ratio to create intricate designs. Encouraging them to explore symmetry in their creations or challenging them to calculate optimal bead placements can further develop their mathematical understanding.

Book Recommendations

- <u>The Art of Jewelry Design: From Idea to Reality</u> by Elizabeth Olver: This book provides a comprehensive guide on jewelry design techniques, from conceptualization to realization, offering valuable insights for beginners and experienced artists alike.
- Metalsmithing for Jewelry Makers: Traditional and Contemporary Techniques for Inspirational Results by Elizabeth Bone: A practical manual that covers various metalsmithing techniques, perfect for those interested in advancing their skills in jewellery making.
- <u>Mathematics for the Nonmathematician</u> by Morris Kline: While not jewelry-specific, this book helps in understanding mathematical concepts in an accessible way, aiding in applying mathematical principles to jewelry making.