

Monogram Pendant

Cheryl Owen has taken the simple approach to enamelling when designing and making this pretty jewellery using cold enamels.

No specialist equipment is needed, just add hardener to resin to create a rock-hard surface with an attractive glossy sheen.

MATERIALS AND TOOLS

- ✓ CHEMSET® EP4011 White Colour Paste
- ✓ CHEMSET® ES 8102 Resin
- ✓ CHEMSET® ES 8203 Hardener
- ✓ Silver plated 2.5cm square pendant bezel
- ✓ Digital Scales accurate to 0.1g
- ✓ Mixing Cups
- ✓ Mixing Sticks
- ✓ Cocktail Sticks
- ✓ Cooks Torch
- ✓ Blue Tack
- ✓ Tracing paper
- ✓ Sharp HB pencil
- ✓ 2.5cm square of gift wrap
- ✓ Craft knife and cutting board
- ✓ Hair Spray
- ✓ Organza and cord necklace ribbon



STEP 1

Place a mixing cup on the scales and turn them on to zero. The cold enamels must be mixed accurately – two parts enamel colour to one part hardener. Use a cocktail stick to apply a couple of dots of white colour paste to the cup. Pour in 0.6g of resin. Stir the resin gently with the cocktail stick to blend in the colour paste. Check the weight of the coloured resin in the cup and pour in half the weight of hardener, for example if the coloured resin weighs 0.6g pour in 0.3g of hardener. Mix the resin and hardener together with a mixing stick.

STEP 2

Rest the bezel on a flat surface supporting it with Blue Tack if necessary. Apply the resin mixture to the bezel, spreading it into the corners with a cocktail stick. If there are air bubbles in the resin, pass the flame from a cook's torch lightly over the top and the bubbles will burst. Set the bracelet aside for 2 hours.

STEP 3

Meanwhile, draw a 2.5 x 2.5cm square on tracing paper. With a sharp pencil draw your chosen letter within the square. Turn the tracing over and redraw the letter. Place the tracing right side down on the back of a piece of gift wrap. Redraw the letter to transfer it to the gift wrap. Cut out the letter with a craft knife resting on a cutting mat. Spray the right side of the letter with hair spray, leave it to dry then turn it over and spray the underside. This will stop the ink seeping into the resin.

STEP 4

After 2 hours carefully place the letter right side up on the centre of the bezel. Gently press it in place with a cocktail stick. Set the bezel aside for 24 hours.

STEP 5

Place a clean mixing cup on the scales and turn them on to zero. Pour in 0.6g of the resin. Pour in 0.3g of hardener. Mix the resin and hardener together with a mixing stick. Apply the mixture to the bezel spreading it into the corners with a cocktail stick. Remove any air bubbles as before. Set the bezel aside for 24 hours then hang it on an organza and cord necklace.