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Melanie Brooks shows how to use resin to seal paper ephemera for jewelry making.



Flea Market Finds Pendant

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Materials needed

Work tray

Waxed paper or Contact paper

1 Checker game piece (for propping)

1 Vintage milk bottle tab or other cardboard ephemera

1 Wooden craft stick

1 Small plastic mixing cup

Ice Resin

Pearl Ex Powder sparkle gold

1/8" hole punch

2 size 1/8" eyelets

Craft hammer

Bench block
Eyelet setter
1.8mm metal hole punch pliers
1.25mm metal hole punch pliers
Two hole metal punch
Heavy wire cutters
2 pairs of chain nose pliers
Round nose pliers
1 Brass miniature screw and nut microfastener 2.5 cm
1 vintage watch face
3 brass heishi beads 7x3mm
1 game spinner charm 6x25mm
2 brass wings 13x24mm
1 vintage key
1 brass headpin 2”
1 glass coffee bean bead 11x8mm
2 gunmetal jump rings 13ga 10mm jump ring
2 brass 1/4” rivets 16 gauge
3 brass 9.5mm washer
1 beading awl

Heishi, game spinner: Rings & Things, www.rings-things.com, 800-366-2156.

Micro fasteners, eyelets and tools, wings, : Ornamentea, www.ornamentea.com, 919.834.6260

Ice resin, Pearl Ex, jump rings, head pin, coffee bean bead, washers, rivets, metal hole punches, hammer and bench block: Fusion Beads, www.fusionbeads.com, 1.888.781.3559.

Vintage materials: Antique/flea market and

All other craft materials: general crafting store

Instructions

1. Prepare work area in a well ventilated room (65 degrees or higher in temperature) Place waxed paper on a tray on a level surface and prop milk bottle tab up from the surface with a small item (like a checkers game piece).
2. Measure a small amount (approximately 1/2 teaspoon) of equal amounts of resin and hardener. Mix thoroughly for 2 minutes with a craft stick. Sprinkle a small amount of Pearl Ex into the resin for a sparkly effect. Let the mixture sit for 5 minutes to let the bubbles dissipate. Pour the resin on the center of the milk tab and spread around the edge so the entire surface is coated. Let sit until dried (about 6 hours) and allow 3 days for complete curing before moving on to the next steps.
3. Mark the top and bottom of the milk tab for the large hanging holes. Punch the two holes through with a 1/8” hole punch. Place the eyelets in the holes and use the eyelet setter and hammer on the bench block to set the eyelets, hammering straight down onto the eyelet setter several times until the eyelet flares and stays in place.
4. Mark a hole for the watch face decoration onto the milk tab. Punch hole using 1.8mm metal hole punch. String onto micro fastener screw: 1 heishi, 1 game spinner, 1 heishi, 1 watch face, the hole of the milk tab, and 1

washer. Place the bolt onto the screw and twist until the items are tightened. Cut the end of the screw with the heavy wire cutters very close to the surface of the bolt. Use the hammer and bench block to hammer the end of the screw, flaring it out slightly to hold it in place.

5. Mark two holes on the upper sides for the wings onto the milk tab. Punch two holes using the 1.25mm metal hole punch. Use the small punch of the double metal hole punch to punch holes in the ends of the brass wings. Put 1 rivet through 1 hole on the milk tab. Use an awl to widen the hole to get the rivet through, if needed. On the back of the tab, string 1 wing and 1 washer onto the rivet. Cut the end of the rivet very close to the surface. Place on the bench block and hammer the end of the rivet with the round end of the hammer, flaring out the end of the rivet. Repeat on other side.

6. Assemble the pendant by opening 1 gunmetal jump ring with 2 pairs of chain nose pliers and adding to top eyelet hole on the milk tab. String 1 coffee bean bead onto 1 headpin and make a simple loop using round nose pliers. Open 1 jump ring and attach the key and coffee bean charm to the bottom loop of the milk tab eyelet hole.

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