

# POTATO CHIP PATINA



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**SUPPLIES:** salt-and-vinegar potato chips, white vinegar, resealable container, paintbrush

**USED ON:** copper, brass

Yep, the rumors are true! You can patina metal with salt-and-vinegar potato chips. The resulting effect is unique, and the conversations you'll have when explaining it to admirers of your jewelry will be, too. The longer you can leave your metal buried in this snack, the more pronounced the patina will be. The only downsides to this method are that you can't eat the chips after creating the patina, and you can't save them to reuse—they will mold.

- 1 Crush several handfuls of salt-and-vinegar potato chips into a resealable container.
- 2 Pour white vinegar over the chips and mash and mix them until moistened and mushy.
- 3 Bury your metal components into the mushy chips and make sure the metal is completely covered. Seal the container.
- 4 Allow the patina to develop. The longer you leave the metal under the surface of the chips, the more green will grow. Samples show metal left for 1 hour versus leaving it overnight.
- 5 Remove metal from the chip mixture and allow it to air-dry. When dry, you can use a soft bristled brush to remove any chips still stuck to the surface. Discard the chip mixture after the first use.
- 6 Seal this patina with Permalac.

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