

# Bolo Tie Using Reticulated Silver

The beautiful texture of reticulated silver adds an updated look to the classic bolo tie.

## steps:

**Note:** Due to the heavy sawing and filing necessary for this project, we recommend working at a jeweler's bench.

1. Use the **jeweler's saw** to carefully cut the bail off the **sterling pendant mounting** (lubricate the **saw blade** with **Bur-Life®** as necessary). Use the **hand file** and **Spectrum™ finishing papers** to smooth and finish the rough edge.
2. Create a paper template that matches the size of the pendant mounting. Using a **permanent marker**, trace the template onto the **reticulated silver sheet**. Cut out the oval shape with the saw; use the hand file to size and shape the oval until it fits inside the mounting.
3. To make the patina mixture, combine 1/4" piece of **liver of sulfur**, one cup of **hot water**, one tablespoon of **household ammonia** and one teaspoon of **salt**. Use the **stainless steel tweezers** to hold the reticulated silver piece and dip it first into a separate cup of hot water, then into the patina mixture, alternating until you reach the desired patina.
4. Place the oval in the pendant mounting, then use the **hammer** to tap the pendant mounting's prongs over the oval shape.
5. Place a drop of the **E-6000 adhesive** on the back of the pendant and attach the **bolo back**; allow it to set for at least 24 hours.
6. Slide the **bolo tips** onto each end of the **bolo cord** and squeeze them securely in place with **Swanstrom flat-nose pliers**.



## supplies:

Description	Order #	Qty
Sterling pendant mounting, 40 x 30mm	696-803	1
Jeweler's saw frame	110-039	1
Laser Gold™ saw blades, 2/0	110-306	1
Bur-Life® stick	117-003	1
Reticulated silver sheet, 20 ga.	103-520	3" x 3"
Swanstrom flat-nose pliers	111-301	1
Hand file, medium-cut, flat	114-702	1
Spectrum™ finishing papers	337-216	asst.
Chasing hammer	112-227	1
E-6000 adhesive	206-006	1
Bolo back with 1/2" pad	661-150	1
Bolo cord, dark brown, 42"L	636-008	1
Sterling bolo tips	630-233	1 pair
Stainless steel tweezers	115-100	1
MIDAS® liver of sulfur	331-030	1/4" piece
Household ammonia	—	1 tbsp.
Table salt	—	1 tsp.
Hot water	—	2 cups
Permanent marker	—	1



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