

## Jewelry Embellishments

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Prerequisite: Metalsmithing 1 or equivalent

Duration: 8 Hours

An embellishment is defined as “a decorative detail or feature added to something to make it more attractive”. In Jewelry Embellishments, participants will learn various ways to add decorative details to their work to elevate their designs. In this workshop, students will have a chance to learn how to both taper and ball up round wire to create different styles of wire accents. They will learn how to ball up scraps of fine silver to create beaded decorations and use a shot plate to shape those fine silver balls into crescent, concho, star, or flower-shaped metal impressions. Participants can also play with die cast bezel cups to add a few accent stones.

The goal of the workshop is to demonstrate multiple ways for you to add decorative features to your work. Jewelry doesn't need to be ordinary, it can be as simple or as complex as your imagination can design.

### **Bring your Metalsmithing toolbox, including the following items:**

- 2" x 3" 20 gauge Sterling silver sheet, dead soft
- 6 in or more Argentium round wire, 14 gauge, dead soft
- 1 foot bezel wire of choice, fit to stone (26 ga plain bezel recommended)
- some fine silver scrap (to make shot plate impressions)
- 1 or more 4 - 5 mm round or oval sterling silver bezel cups (Rio Grande and Otto Frei have a variety)
- 1 or more 4 - 5 mm round or oval cabochons (Rio Grande and Otto Frei have a variety of stones)
- 1 Cabochon, flat bottomed, any shape and size
- 1 foot of each hard, medium, easy, extra-easy silver wire solders
- jeweler's saw frame
- 1 pack 2/0 saw blades
- bees wax
- wire cutters, chain nose and flat nose pliers
- metal jeweler's ruler
- 1/2 round [Habilis file](#), cut #00
- round needle file, cut 0 (or get the set [here](#))
- 1 each 220, 320, 400, 600 grit sandpaper
- 4 sanding stick blanks
- bezel roller
- 1 set [abrasive wheels](#)
- 1 set [Light green](#) bristle discs
- 1 set [peach](#) bristle discs
- 1 set [blue](#) bristle discs
- 2 packs [mandrels](#) for bristle discs & rubber wheels (above)
- eye protection, clear
- Optional: 22 or 24 gauge brass texture plate ([Cool Tools](#) and [Santa Fe Jewelers Supply](#) have these)
- **From Home:** fine tip sharpie, white out w/brush, apron, firebrick, and N95 face mask

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