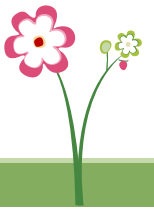


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MAKING JEWELRY WITH LUXE RESIN - COATING



Using Luxe Resin resin is an easy and fun way to make beautiful jewelry. Resin makes your surfaces water-proof for a long lasting piece. It's easy and simple!

WHAT YOU NEED

- Scrabble Tiles, or similar flat pieces
- Glamour Seal
- Papers roughly trimmed to fit the pendants (pre-punch circle shapes)
- Luxe Resin parts A & B
- toothpicks
- 1 Luxe Doming Resin kit
- 2 stir sticks
- 2 mixing cups
- Bails (optional)
- Glass Beads or other inclusions (optional)
- paper towels or moist towelettes

Prepare your workspace. Your workspace should be clean and well-ventilated. If you are running a fan, be sure it's not pointed toward you or your work because it will blow lint into your resin. Point the fan away from your work.

Cover your work table with newspaper or other papers. Resin may damage the surface of your workspace, so please protect it.

When Luxe Resin is mixed, it has only about 1 hour of working time. Once mixed, it cannot be stored. It has a minimum volume that must be mixed, and I recommend making all the pendants in the kit at one time, so plan accordingly.

Using Glamour Seal, glue the paper onto the wood piece, making sure there is no air under the paper. Allow to dry, then completely cover the entire piece of paper with more Glamour Seal. No paper should be exposed. Pay special attention to the gaps between paper and the sides of the wood. Allow to dry. Trim paper edges, if necessary.

Luxe resin mixes best at warmer temps, around 85F degrees. Do not heat the hardener before mixing.

Once the Seal has dried, mix equal parts of A&B and gently stir until the resin is clear. It's OK to add a little more of the hardener, but not the resin. This should only take a few minutes. Avoid agitating too aggressively as this will create bubbles. The smaller the bubbles, the more difficult they are to remove.

Make sure your pendant is on a level surface. Resin will want to move to the lowest point, so an uneven surface may be a problem.

Using a fresh stir stick, apply Luxe Resin by the drop into the prepared paper. Use a toothpick to coax the resin into the corners or sides of the paper. Be careful to not use too much or it will drip over the sides. Add the glass beads, if you have them.

If there are bubbles, you can coax them out with the tooth pick, or brush the surface of the uncured resin with the flame of a lighter. I don't recommend using matches because they are sooty.

Luxe can be cured overnight at room temperature, or may be baked. The cure times when baking are as follows:

- 6 hours at 95F
- 3 hours at 120F
- 1 hour at 150F

Do not exceed 150F.

Once the Luxe Resin is thoroughly cured, apply a dab of E-6000 to the glue pad bail and press to the back of the wood piece. Allow 24 hours for the E-6000 to dry.

IMPORTANT!

Once thoroughly mixed, throw out the stir stick without scraping off the excess resin. Pour the mixed resin into a clean cup without scraping the sides of the cup. If you do not follow these steps, your resin may not cure properly. It's better to "waste" a little resin than to ruin the entire project.

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