

Beginning Jewelry Fabrication

FAQ: How much metal do I need?

Answer: This depends on how quickly you work. Some students work very fast and dynamic, some are more slow and meticulous. Plan to bring the recommended minimum amount of each gauge to start out; if you need more, you can always purchase more halfway through the class.

Any supply list questions should be directed to: **m.quarles@seattlecolleges.edu**

Recommended Supplies:

- Silver round wire solder (20ga, 4" easy, 4" medium, and 12" hard)
- Paste Handy Flux (small container)
- Sterling silver wire (12ga, 3.5" minimum)
- Fine silver bezel wire (28ga, 2" minimum length, 4mm width)
- Sterling silver sheet (20ga, 1"x 1" minimum)
- Round copper wire (12ga, 3' minimum)
- Square sterling silver wire (10ga, 3.5" minimum) paintbrush
- 1 oval or circular cabochon (.5in minimum diameter)
- 2/0 jeweler's sawblades (12 minimum)
- Safety glasses

Shopping Resources:

- Seattle Findings – Lynnwood (appointment required) – Note: Receive 10% discount as a student
- Rio Grande – www.riogrande.com Note: Out of State Supplier, fast shipping.
- NW Rockhounds – www.nwrockhounds.com
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- BeadWorld – <http://beadworldseattle.com/home.html>. Primarily beading supplies, but has a really nice selection of small tools, findings (clasps, ear wires, etc.) and non-bulk quantities of wire and cabochons.
- Seattle Recreative – www.seattlerecreative.org has recycled materials and you never know what you may find but they often have Jewelry supplies at their Greenwood or Georgetown locations.
- Maple Leaf Ace Hardware has a selection of brass and copper rod and tubing.

Questions?

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