

Shaded Pendant

Cheryl Owen has taken the simple approach to enamelling when designing and making this pretty jewellery using cold enamels.

No specialist equipment is needed, just add hardener to resin to create a rock-hard surface with an attractive glossy sheen.

MATERIALS AND TOOLS

- ✓ CHEMSET® EP4011 White Colour Paste
- ✓ CHEMSET® EP4022 Pink Colour Paste
- ✓ CHEMSET® ES 8102 Resin
- ✓ CHEMSET® ES 8203 Hardener
- ✓ 5 Silver plated 2.5cm round pendant bezels
- ✓ Digital Scales accurate to 0.1g
- ✓ Mixing Cups
- ✓ Mixing Sticks
- ✓ Cocktail Sticks
- ✓ Cooks Torch
- ✓ Blue Tack
- ✓ Scrap paper
- ✓ Silver glitter
- ✓ 3mm iridescent sequins
- ✓ Small knife
- ✓ Chain Necklace
- ✓ 5 Silver plated jump rings
- ✓ 2 pairs jewellery maker's pliers



STEP 1

Place a mixing cup on the scales and turn them on to zero. The cold enamels must be mixed accurately – two parts enamel colour to one part hardener. Use a cocktail stick to apply a couple of dot of pink colour paste to the cup. Add a couple of dots of white colour paste and mix to create a pale pink shade for the outer pendants. Pour in 0.4g of resin. Stir the resin gently with the cocktail stick to blend in the colour paste. Check the weight of the coloured resin in the cup and pour in half the weight of hardener, for example if the coloured resin weighs 0.4g pour in 0.2g of hardener. Mix the resin and hardener together with a mixing stick.

STEP 2

Rest the bezels on a piece of scrap paper on a flat surface supported with Blue Tack if necessary. Apply the resin mixture to 2 bezels, spreading it up to the edges with a mixing stick.

STEP 3

Follow the instructions in step 1 to mix a slightly darker shade of pink. Apply to 2 of the remaining bezels as described in step 2. Then mix a deeper shade for the centre pendant and apply to the remaining bezel. If there are air bubbles in the resin, pass the flame from a cook's torch lightly over the top and the bubbles will burst. Set the bezels aside for 2 hours.

STEP 4

After 2 hours carefully pick up a little glitter from the flat side of a small knife blade. Gently tap the blade to sprinkle glitter on the lower section of the bezels. Carefully place five or six small sequins amongst the glitter. Gently press the sequins in place with a cocktail stick. Set the bezel aside for 24 hours. Don't disturb the bezels by pouring away any excess glitter on the scrap paper, leave it until the resin has hardened.

STEP 5

Place a clean mixing cup on the scales and turn them on to zero. Pour in 0.8g of the resin. Pour in 0.4g of hardener. Mix the resin and hardener together with a mixing stick. Apply the mixture to the bezels spreading it up to the edges with a mixing stick. Remove any air bubbles as before. Set the bezels aside for 24 hours.

STEP 6

Use 2 pairs of jewellery maker's pliers to open five jump rings. Find the centre link of a chain necklace and fix the darkest pink pendant to it with a jump ring. Use the pliers to close the jump ring. Fix the 2 mid coloured pendants then the pale pink pendants to the chain at 3cm intervals either side of the centre pendant using jump rings.