

Amphibia Necklace

Project N8076

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A tranquil, aquatic scene is created in this necklace using 2-part epoxy resin with Vintaj Patina, charms, and gold accents.

What You'll Need

TierraCast Copper Plated Pewter Leaping Frog Charm 20mm (1)

SKU: PND-5026

Project uses 1 piece



Vintaj Vogue Decorative Charms, Teensie Nouveau Leaf 13x12mm, 2 Pieces, Raw Brass

SKU: PND-2200

Project uses 1 piece



Nunn Design Bezel Pendant, 21.5mm Round, 1 Piece, Brass

SKU: PND-08008

Project uses 1 piece



Vintaj Patina Opaque Permanent Ink - Moss Green - 0.5 Ounce Bottle

SKU: XTL-9067

Project uses 1 bottle



Vintaj Patina, Opaque Permanent Ink For Metal, 0.5 Ounce, Green Opal

SKU: XTL-0405

Project uses 1 bottle



E6000 Industrial Strength Glue Adhesive (0.18 fl oz)

SKU: XTL-1054

Project uses 1 tube



Easy Cast Clear Casting Epoxy Enamel Resin 16 oz

SKU: TRC-50

Project uses 1 kit



22K Gold Plated Cable Chain, 2.5mm, by the Foot

SKU: CHA-2601

Project uses 20.5 inches



22K Gold Plated Open Jump Rings 5mm 20 Gauge (100)

SKU: FJR-5250

Project uses 2 pieces



22K Gold Plated Curved Lobster Clasps 10mm (6)

SKU: FCL-4720

Project uses 1 piece



Recommended Tools:



[XTL-0880] Paint Brush for ICED Enamels, Patinas & Paper Sealant, 1 Brush, [XTL-100] Micro Grip Pliers, Side Cutters, 4.5 Inches Long, 1 Piece, [XTL-101] Micro Grip Pliers, Long Chain Nose, 5 Inches Long, 1 Piece, [XTL-103] Micro Grip Pliers, Bent Chain Nose, 5 Inches Long, 1 Piece

Instructions

In addition to the materials listed, you will also need toothpicks, a face mask, some disposable gloves, and a heat source such as a lighter or small torch to complete this project. Be sure to cover your work surface when working with patina and resin. These instructions will make a 17 inch necklace. To adjust the size, choose your desired length of chain. Note: for a longer necklace, you may need to purchase more chain.

1. Begin to assemble your pendant by using flush cutters to cut off the loops on each of your frog and leaf charms. You can file away any rough edges with the Vintaj metal file.
2. Please watch this video on how to paint charms and bezels with Vintaj Patina for use with resin. Based on the technique shown in the video, paint the inside of your bezel with two coats of Green Opal patina. Also paint your frog charm with Moss patina. Let dry for at least 30 minutes.
3. Apply a dab of E6000 glue to the underside of your gold leaf charm and set it into the bezel (see photo for reference). Then set your frog charm in this same manner. Let the glue dry for at least one hour.
4. Please watch the video: How to Use Nunn Design Resin. Put on your disposable gloves and face mask. Based on the instructions in the video, measure your resin and stir gently with a craft stick until all striations are gone. Once fully mixed, use the stick to drip the resin into the bezel a few drops at a time, until the resin forms a low dome over the top of the bezel. Remove any air bubbles with a heat source such as a small torch. Allow the resin to cure in a well-ventilated and dust-free area for three days.
5. To make your pendant into a necklace: Use flush cutters to cut 20.5 inches of cable chain, and slide on the loop of your pendant. Open a 5mm jump ring and attach the loop of your lobster clasp onto one end of your chain. Close the jump ring. Open another jump ring and slide it onto the opposite end of your chain. Close the jump ring. Enjoy!