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Starry Starry Night: Fused Dust and Pebbles – Argentium Silver and 18K Gold

Student Supply List – you will need the following to complete each project:

- Hand tools
- Bench pin
- Bench block
- Side cutters to cut wire for granules
- Metal shears
- Vise grip pliers, any size will do
- Jewelry flat or half round file and sanding sticks to smooth edges
- Fine tweezers
- Burnisher, curved tip preferred
- Sharpie, fine tip
- Hole punch pliers (1mm) or # 55 drill (or close) for ear wire hole
- Coarse flat 6" or larger flat file with handle. Flat Bastard or wood file (refer to "About Files" handout)
- Sandbag or wood forming block
- Scratch brush
- Planishing hammer for flattening granules & mallets for forming
- Bar keepers friend or pumice for cleaning metal
- Dish soap or Mr. Clean type liquid cleaner
- Rubber gloves, kitchen type works well
- Fine sand sponge or green scratch cloth to preclean the metal
- An extra large foil lasagna type pan or a metal cookie sheet with parchment paper sheet liner to catch filings
- A clean dry paint brush to sweep up filings and a business card or index card to use as dust scoop
- A small soft artists paintbrush to clean up dust/flux application (inexpensive)
- Clean shop rag or paper towels
- Masking tape
- Safety glasses
- A cell phone tripod is nice if you have one, but if not, a soldering tripod with out the screen makes a very good support for cell camera to show jewelry projects

Studio Tools

- Torch. I use Eurotool Handy Flame butane, but use what you have. Larger bushier flame is better than small pinpoint flame. Your acetylene and air torch should work well with a medium/small tip (#1). A Smith "Little Torch" will do, but make sure to use a large tip with a softer flame. (See Torch video)
- Solder station: Heat safe area with cookie sheet and fire brick or annealing tray. Solder pick and tweezers. A clean flat solderite board (preferred for fusing) & charcoal block to melt granules on.
- Pickle and rinse water and a simple dish of water for washing and rinsing metal (if no sink).
- *Flux: like Batterns, Rio My T flux, Aquaflux. (the clear yellow stuff, not white paste flux) *I supply some in your kit
- Patina: your favorite blackener: Liver of Sulfur, Goshiba, Jax, Black Max
- *Rolling mill; flat or combo
- *You could replace the rolled texture with a stamped or hammered if no rolling mill.
- *Polishing lathe or flex shaft for clean up and polishing
- *Steel wool and pro polish pad will do. I supply some in your kit

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