



Polymer Clay Jewelry: The Art of Aging Gracefully with Christi Friesen

Make anything metallic with
SWELLEAGENT!



Swellegant products allow you to cover any surface with a metal coating. You can then apply a patina to the metal!



- 1** **Brush Swellegant Metal Coating onto any surface.** Let dry 5-15 minutes; then apply additional coats until piece is coated evenly — usually 2 or 3 coats.
- 2** Once all coats are dry, apply a final coat and **while it is still moist**, apply Swellegant Patina(s) by dabbing, sponging, or spraying. More patina will produce more reaction. You can use several patinas at the same time. At this stage, you can also drip or dab any Swellegant Dye-Oxide onto your piece for wonderful color effects!
- 3** **The patina will bloom over time**, beginning within a few minutes and taking up to 24 hours. You will see the patina gradually change in color and expand. Since this is a natural oxidation process, it is always slightly different, as it would be in nature. Enjoy the unexpected and see what happens!
- 4** The finished patinated piece may look grungy. If you like that – great! If it's too much, don't worry. **You can increase the metallic look.** Wearing a glove, dip your finger in a small bit of metal coating and rub it on a piece of paper to help it thicken and dry out. Then rub this coating over the surface of your piece to add more fresh metal on the raised parts of your design. Repeat until you love the look.
- 5** **Once your piece is finished and thoroughly dry, you need to protect your piece** with a sealant. Swellegant Clear Sealant gives your surface a matte finish, allowing the look of your piece to stay just as it is.