



Metalsmith Essentials: **How to Solder Jewelry** with Lexi Erickson

LEXI'S 5 RULES OF SOLDERING

1 FIT

Make sure the two sides you intend to join fit together perfectly with no gaps or rough edges.



2 CLEAN

Use crocus cloth or sandpaper to make sure your piece is very clean before soldering.



3 FLUX

Apply a generous amount of flux to protect your metal. It should be the consistency of Elmer's glue.



4 SOLDER PLACEMENT

Place tiny pieces of solder where you will create a join. Remember that solder moves toward heat.



5 HEAT

Heat the piece, moving the torch in circles until the solder flows.

