

## UV Resin Cuff Links

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Collect all the materials you'll need:

- Pair of silver plated cuff links;
- Item to embed in the resin;
- Magic-Glos UV resin;
- Dye based ink pad
- Scrap paper
- Stanley Knife
- Ruler and paper scissors
- Tim Holtz Tonic Scissors
- Paddle pop stick
- UV Lamp (or sunshine)
- Small, deep lid (a coffee jar lid)
- Rice or sand
- Gas lighter
- Double sided tape



Place a cuff link upside down into the inkpad.....



and stamp it on to scrap paper.



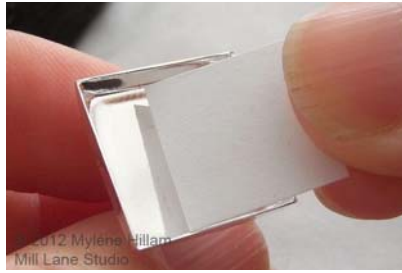
You now have a template that you can use as a cutting guide for the cuff link.

Cut the template out using a knife so that you have both a positive and a negative frame.





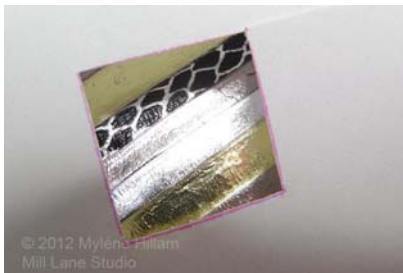
You will need to trim the sides a little to fit it into the bottom of the cuff link using the paper scissors.



Test the trimmed template in the cuff link and make any further adjustments.



I'll be working with a strip of fused Friendly Plastic in this tutorial so it doesn't need sealing. But if you are working with paper, you will need to seal it according to the manufacturer's instructions to avoid the resin wicking into the paper.



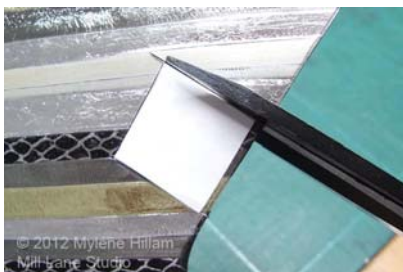
Place the negative frame over the Friendly Plastic to help you select the area you will cut out.



Move it around until you are happy with the pattern.



Place a piece of double sided tape on the back of the positive frame and place it in the opening of the negative frame and then remove the negative frame. You're now ready to cut.



To cut out the Friendly Plastic, use strong scissors such as Tim Holtz Tonic scissors.....



Or use a Stanley Knife and ruler to avoid leaving teeth marks from the serrated scissor blades.



Cut out a matching piece and then check that they fit in the cuff links.





Support the cuff link in a small bowl of rice or sand. Squeeze a blob of Magic-Glos into the centre of the cuff link and then spread it out to the edges with a paddle pop stick. Place the square of Friendly Plastic over the Magic-Glos.



Squeeze another blob of Magic-Glos into the centre of the Friendly Plastic and then spread it out to the edges. You should have sufficient to completely cover the Friendly Plastic. If there are any bubbles in the resin, pass the gas lighter briefly across the surface. The heat will pop them. Take extreme care when using a flame making sure that the Magic-Glos does not catch alight.



You can create the second cuff link at the same time. Place the container under the UV lamp or in direct sunlight (i.e. *not behind glass*) and allow to cure for approximately 10 minutes. You will need to top up with a second and third coat until you achieve a nice dome. Cure in between each layer.