

MISSA 2012

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Jewelry Basics: Shoebox Studio

Tools & Supplies List

Though you can buy everything you need new, I would like you to get creative and “shop” for the items below in thrift stores, yard sales, garages of friends & family, and through Freecycle (www.freecycle.org/group/CA/).

* items available through Princess Auto (www.princessauto.com)

** items available through Habsons Jewellers Supplies (www.habsons.com)

*** items available through KMS Tools & Equipment (www.kmstools.com)

1st Tier – Must Have Items

Approx. cost NEW in \$\$CAD

- TORCH (BernzOmatic is a common brand) A torch with a hose extension is the best, but costs more (~\$80 CAD – get one with valves at both bottle and torch head). Next best would be Princess Auto’s “Precision Burner Torch” or KMS’s “BernzOmatic Quickfire” which attach directly to the gas bottle, are self-igniting with adjustable flame control, and operate at any angle. “Operates at any angle” is VERY important, as many simple plumber’s torches that attach directly to the bottle must be held with the tank upright at all times, and you don’t want that kind. A MAPP gas torch burns propylene gas and is also compatible with propane gas. Propane torches can NOT be used with MAPP gas! * · *** \$17.00 - \$80.00

- 1 lb disposable tank of propane (blue tank) or MAPP gas (yellow tank – ONLY if your torch is rated for MAPP gas) (MAPP is about 2x cost of propane & burns hotter) \$ 5.00 - \$10.00

- Striker/lighter w flints (if torch not self-igniting) (NOT butane lighter!)** \$ 3.50

- Hand drill (classic “egg beater” type is fine, Fiskars brand is inexpensive) \$15.00

OR, if you already have one, a Dremel type tool, or electric drill - MUST be variable speed

- Chain-nose pliers (box joints, smooth inside jaws)** \$10.00

- Flat-nose pliers (box joints, smooth inside jaws)** \$10.00

- Round-nose pliers (box joints, smooth jaws)** \$10.00

- Side-cutters** \$10.00

- Saw frame (if you are a beginner, get smallest throat depth = 2.5”) ** \$15.00

- Saw blades (1 doz. each of sizes 4/0, 2/0 & 4)** \$13.00

- Riveting hammer** (head ~2” w 1 flat face + 1 cross peen face) \$ 9.00

OR goldsmiths hammer, or small tack hammer

- Ball peen or autobody hammer (head ~ 3” w 1 flat face + 1 domed face)* \$ 6.00

- 2-3 Tweezers* (Princess Auto - 4 pc. stainless set is a good buy) \$ 4.00

- Titanium solder pick** \$ 7.00

OR scrap wood dowel (1/2” diam.) + section wire coat hanger

- Bench pin V-Slot Board w clamp** \$12.00

OR bench pin & anvil combo** \$20.00

OR Scrap of hard wood: about 3”x1”x 6” + C-Clamp (at least 3.5”)

2nd Tier – Nice to Have Items – (bring em’ if you already have em’!)

- Table vise (clamps to table)* \$17.00

- Metal ruler (6”-12”)* \$ 3.00

- Needle files (5-6 piece set – straight, not bent riffler files)* \$35.00

(get the best you can afford! Swiss are excellent. #2 cut is appropriate)

- Shears for cutting solder & thin sheet** OR tin snips, kitchen shears, etc. \$11.50

- Brass hand scratch brush ** (with VERY fine .003” soft wires, for polishing) \$16.00

- Burnisher, straight or curved** \$ 7.50

- Bench block, small (if don’t have bench pin & anvil combo)** \$18.00

- OR ~ 3"x3"x1" (or larger) smooth, flat scrap steel
- Lazy susan bearings (zinc – 4-6") (*Lee Valley Hardware*) \$ 3.00
OR small old used lazy susan

Please bring as many of these items as you can!

General materials:

- Lg. shoebox, toolbox, bookbag, backpack, or other creative portable studio container ☺!
- C-Clamp (at least 2.5", larger is okay, too!)
- Beeswax lump or candle end (lubricant)
- Rubber gloves
- Clear safety glasses
- 2 Old toothbrushes
- Cotton or denim apron (NOT synthetic fabric, rubber, or plastic!)
- 1-2 old small hand/dish towels
- Pencil
- Fine point "Sharpie" marker
- Scotch Magic Tape
- Scissors
- Notebook or sketchbook
- Reading glasses, if you need a little help to see clearly 8" from your nose ☺.
- Clamp-on task light or desk lamp

Soldering materials:

- Old iron/steel cookie sheet (test w magnet) or other flat fireproof surface to protect table from torch work. An ~2-foot square piece of hardibacker or similar tile board works well.
- Pair small plastic, wood or copper tongs (NO steel!)
- Small stainless steel bowl
- Small CHEAP paintbrush with natural bristles (about #4 size)
- Glass jar w plastic lid – 1 quart size (for pickle)
- Mug warmer or other SMALL *warming* tray – NOT hot plate (**optional** – for warming pickle)
- 3 small containers for solder chips
(ex: sm. plastic lids (~1.5" diam.), multi-day pill box, screw-together bead jars, etc.)

Finishing/patination materials:

- plastic soda straw
- 3-4 plastic containers (yogurt, cottage cheese, etc.)

Polishing stick materials:

- Piece of old suede leather (look for suede handbag/vest/skirt/jacket at thrift store – we will cut this into 3-4 strips about 10"x 4" to make polishing sticks)
- 3-4 pieces scrap wood lath ~1.5" x 3/8" x 12" each (paint sticks okay...)

Sanding stick materials:

- Wet/dry sandpaper (2 sheets each grit: 180, 240, 320, 400, 600, 1500)
- 6 pieces scrap wood moulding ~1" x 1/2" x 12" each
(I use unfinished rectangular bullnose moulding which has 3 square edges and one rounded edge, but this shape is not required. Paint sticks will work, but are a little thin)

Please wear cotton clothing and closed toed leather shoes as we often work with red hot metal.

Supplies available from:

Princess Auto

Check web site for location nearest you:

www.princessauto.com

KMS Tools & Equipment

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