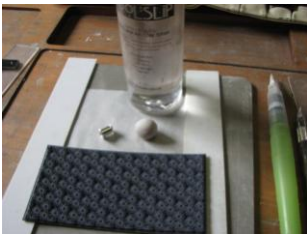


# PANDORA STYLE BEADS USING FINE SILVER BEAD CORES



**YOU'LL NEED:** a fine silver bead core, a few grams of clay per bead, texture tile of your choice, cool slip, clay scraper or craft knife, 1.5mm and 1.0mm strips, work surface, roller, a little paste, some 2mm stones, 2mm drill bit and pin vice, green sandpaper, liver of sulphur, baking soda, silver polish and soft cloth for polishing, baking paper, gladwrap, moisture pen.

***This is a great way to use up some left over clay or to personalise your own Pandora bracelet!***



**Step One:** Get everything you need ready and condition your clay.



roll out your clay.

**Step Two:** Using the 1.0mm and 1.5mm strips to make a total of 2.5mm of thickness,



**Step Three:** Spray the texture tile with Coolslip and roll the clay over the texture tile – firmly enough to get a good impression but make sure you still have about 2.00mm of thickness.



**Step Four:** Trim the clay to fit the bead. Make sure it is a tight fit as you don't want a gap in between the bead and the silver once it is fired. Dry. Repair the seam with paste as necessary.



**Step Five:** Using a 2mm drill bit and pin vice, drill in to the clay where you feel it is appropriate to place the stones. I've used the centre of the flower pattern on this one. Drill down until you reach the bead core. This is the correct depth for the stones I used. You want the stones to sit slightly below the surface of the silver, once in place.



**Step Six:** Place a little bit of paste in the hole and then place each stone in using your tweezers. Dry and sand any imperfections around the bead and then your bead is ready to fire.



**Step Eight:** Fire at 800oC for 5 minutes, cool and then brush with a stainless steel brush.



**Step Nine:** To oxidise, wash the bead with a little baking soda and water to clean thoroughly and then add 2-3 drops of Liver of Sulphur to approx 1/8 of a cup of hot water. Pop the bead in the hot water mixture and leave until a dark charcoal colour. Take out with tweezers and rinse with water and baking soda. Dry. Rub some green (fine) sandpaper over the bead to take away the excess Liver of Sulphur and this will leave the pattern only oxidised with the upper parts silver again. Use a soft cloth and some silver polish to finish.

