

# Personal Shrine Project





**Background:** the student will learn the following skills and tasks on this project

**Metal identification;** nickel silver, copper, brass

**Identification of metal cutting tools-** aviation shears

**Riveting**

**Rolling Mill**

**File and sanding**

**Texture and pattern on metal;** chasing, stamping, hammering

**Soft Soldering**

**Resin**

## **Task**

Students will design and create two personal shrine pieces, one for yourself and one for the shop. The piece must enshrine a person, place or thing. The pieces must be **decorative wearable art objects**. The shrine must contain imagery created by you through photography, drawings, paintings, and/or sculptures. **(no images cut and pasted from the internet)** Additional charms, trinkets, and found objects can be added to the shrine to add visual interest and embellish your enshrined object.

## **Procedure**

1. **Chose** a person, place or thing to enshrine
2. **List** 10 symbols about our enshrined object. List the reasons why you chose the symbols, include, colors, shapes, textures, feelings, objects,
3. **Research** Personal Shrines on the internet: Use search keywords like...  
“Personal Shrine Pendant”, “Riveted Personal Shrine”, “Shrine Jewelry”  
“Heart Shaped Shrine Pendant”- if you are interested in using heart shapes,  
Religious Shrine Pendant- if you are looking at religious shrines, Etc....
4. **Create a Google Doc with 5-7 shrine ideas that inspire you.** Write a sentence about why you like it regarding shape, color, imagery, etc.... The front of this doc has 10 shrines I found on the internet.
5. Create a sketch for your shrines. Both your shrines can be exactly the same or they can be different. Get it approved.

### **Three parts to your shrine**

- a. The housing
- b. The person, place or thing in the shrine
- c. The story or the soul of the shrine



## 6. Begin creating....

### Shrine housing

- You can rivet your shrine housing together



This is a great youtube video on riveting by Nancy L.T. Hamilton

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1xuRcE0Shg>

- You can create a dapped disk circle for your housing



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywm9YA2Y9T8> dapping

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7m1oUOQuDFE> disc cutting tutorial

- You can use a copper or brass pipe for your housing



- You can use the rolling mill to create a custom shaped housing





## Imagery

Use personal **photographs** you took with your iphone or Chromebook, something you took years ago. Scan into the computer. Alter the photos in Google Draw. Print and resize.

## Decoration

Add symbolic Charms ( make them yourself or find one)

Create symbolic sculptural items from wire or metals

Add beads, jump rings, found objects, etc... to embellish your shrine

## Resin

Encase your photographs, found objects, charms, beads, etc... in resin to make them permanent. Not all of the charms need to be encased in resin, but the photographs should be.

## 7. Story

Create a short story about your enshrined person, place or thing

