

Hollow Formed Ring

Learn how to construct a ring that has a large presence with a fraction of the weight of similar, conventional pieces. Students will create a pattern on silver sheet. Once the sheet has a pattern, students will use it to design and create a shape for the sides of the ring. They will learn how to duplicate cut pieces of metal as well as position and solder them to make a light weight ring. If desired students can bring a gemstone to use in their ring design.

Students should be able to make two rings during the class. At least one of the rings will have a tube-set stone.

Supplies:

- 24 gauge Sterling Sheet - 6" X 3" #100124 (\$43.22)
- Brass pattern or means in which to texture metal. <http://www.metalliferous.com/Brass-Patterned-Strip/products/2873/1/0> (scroll down to the images of pattern sheet and "click" on the image of your choice.) (About \$7.00 each.)
- 3.56 mm Sterling heavy walled tubing #100452 - one foot length (\$14.79)
- 3mm Lynx Setting burr (\$18.70 for pack of six)
- 3 mm inexpensive faceted or cabochon gemstone #69142 (as an example only - use whatever comparable stone that you like) (\$6.50 for a pack of 10)