

## MAKING PICTURE MEDALS AND PENDANTS

### YOU WILL NEED

Picture

Scanner (if your picture is not digital)

Printer

Good photo editing software and desktop publishing.

Printer labels or good quality paper and glue (at least 100 microns , not glossy).

Crystal clear, self-doming jewellers resin.

Medal frame/blanks.

Scissors.

*You may also need*

Acetone or nail varnish remover

Cotton buds

Hairspray or artists fixing spray

1. Accurately measure the inside measurement of the frame (this information may be available from your supplier).
2. On the photo editing software, crop the picture to the content you want in the finished medal.
3. Re-size the picture, keeping the "constrain proportions" function on and increasing the resolution. (You may have to crop either the height or width you want again to get the size while keeping the proportions).
4. Adjust the lighting, contrast and colour balance to get a very clear image.
5. Using the ellipsis marquee tool create an oval that meets all sides of your picture.
6. Copy and paste into a new page in a desktop publisher programme.
7. Check the size picture format and copy and paste until you have several copies.
8. Print.
9. Cut out one of the spare copies of the picture and check it against the size of the medal frame.
10. Mix the resin according to the manufacturer's instructions. (slightly warming the resin first by standing the bottles in hot water for a couple of minutes helps prevent bubbles, warm too much and your resin will be too liquid to dome properly).
11. Apply resin to your pictures and spread it until it meets the margins of each picture. If you find the colour runs into the resin, thinly spray the spare pictures with hairspray or artists fixing spray and allow to dry before applying resin to them.
12. Allow to dry overnight.
13. Ensure the bed of the frame is clean and free from contaminants. (You may need to remove any remnants of liver of sulphur often used in manufacturing to give an antique appearance to jewellery pieces. Remove this with a cotton bud dipped in acetone or nail varnish remover. Rinse the frame thoroughly after cleaning).
14. With sharp scissors, cut out the picture and peel off backing for sticks or apply glue thinly to frame.
15. Use tweezers to hold the picture when placing in the frame to ensure you place it exactly.