

Christmas Silver Baubles

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Create this gorgeous trio of silver hanging decorations. Made from pierced silver sheet with fresh water pearls, they are perfect to make as Christmas gifts, but just as tempting to keep!

Level of design:
Intermediate



Step 1

First things first

Draw a small snowflake design onto three different bauble shapes and then use PVA glue to stick the bauble motifs to a piece of 0.8mm silver sheet. Mark out the centre points on the snowflakes and drill a pilot hole in each one with a 1.5mm drill bit.



Step 2

Piercing out the snowflakes

Use a fine saw blade such as an 8/0 to pierce out the first snowflake. Use the edge of the paper as a guide, and then carefully pierce out the other two snowflakes.



What you'll need:

Jump Rings: 6mm x6	NVH H60
Silver Sheet 0.8mm	CSA 080
Head Pins x3	NVN 117X
Fresh Water Pearls x3	61PL FR04
Pliers: Round Nosed	999 3703,
/Flat Nosed	999 3702,
/Flush Cutters	997 3027
Vallorbe Glardon saw frame and blades no 8/0	972 110
Needle Files or Emery Boards Course, Med, Fine Emery Papers	999 527
Saw Frame	999 73B
Polishing radial Abrasive disk	999 1970
Drill Bit 1.5mm	971 090
Dremel Fortiflex Drill	999 3203
PVA glue	
Metal Punch/Jobbing Hammer	999 890

Step 3

Drilling the holes

Pierce out the central snowflake on each silver bauble using the fine the 8/0 saw blade; drill a hole at the top and bottom of each silver bauble with a 1.5mm drill bit.



Step 6

Polishing

Finish polishing the silver baubles by using a polishing compound and mop to create a mirror finish on the pieces.



Step 7

The finishing touches

Attach a 6mm jump ring to the top and bottom of each bauble using pliers. Thread three fresh water pearls onto head pins and create a neat wrapped loop at the top of each pearl. Suspend the pearl from the bottom of a bauble and hang from lengths of fine satin ribbon in turquoise, lilac and pink.



Step 4

Filing the saw marks

Using needle files to file away saw marks, file the sides of each bauble at an angle and slightly round off the hard edges on the baubles. File any rough edges and stray silver shards on the central snowflakes to create a crisp outline.

TIP: A square needle file is particularly useful for this

Step 5

Removing the scratches

Use emery papers starting from coarse through to fine to remove the scratches and create a high shine.

