

Recreate these delightful Christmas tree cufflinks

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Add some festive flair to your jewellery making this Christmas with these super cute 'Christmas tree cufflinks', a perfect self-indulgent gift for you or a cool stocking filler for someone really special!

Cooksongold's Assembled Cufflink Fittings **NVU 101** make cufflinks easy and quick to make.



Plus, if you're a beginner, our Starter Soldering Kit **999 096Q** has everything you need to perfectly execute not just this project but lots of other beautiful jewellery pieces as well.



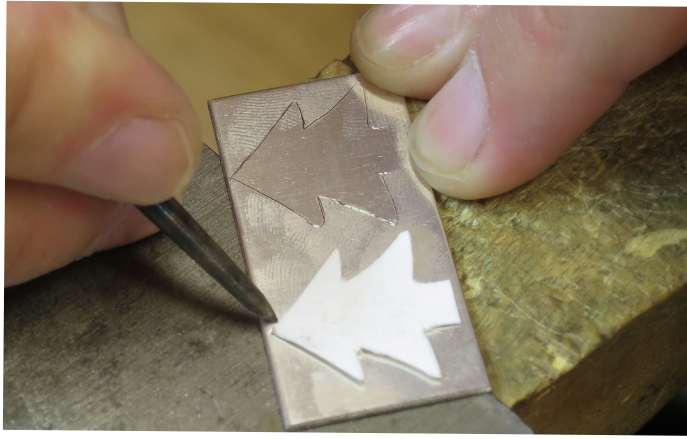
Level of design:
beginner

What you'll need:

Hard strip solder	CTD 500
Piercing saw and blades	999 735 / 972 060P
1mm thick sterling silver (approx width 20mm / length 40mm)	CSA 100
Sterling silver assembled cufflink fittings	NVU 101
Scribe	999 589
Christmas tree template (approx to fit width 18mm / length 18mm)	
Grade 60 emery paper or equivalent	
Selection of polishing mops for pendant drill	

Basic soldering equipment:

Shears for cutting solder pallions	999 658
Liquid flux and brush	946 010
Stainless steel tweezers for placing solder pallions	999 985
Soldering board / block	999 968
Torch	999 955
A dish of water for quenching	
Pickle solution	855 1060
Pickling unit	999 AFD
A selection of needle files (999 527) and various grades of emery paper	
Reverse action tweezers to hold items to solder in place	999 987A



Step 1

Mark out the design

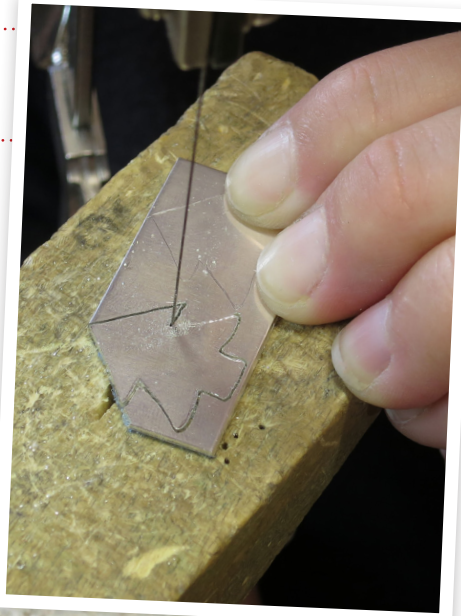
Using a Christmas tree template, draw around the design on the sheet silver with a scribe. Repeat, so you have two Christmas tree designs.

Step 2

Cut out and file

Cut the shapes carefully with a piercing saw.

File until the edges are neat and even using a selection of needle files (a half-round needle file is ideal for getting into more inaccessible areas).



Step 3

Prepare for soldering

Paint flux on the centre of both trees, apply pallions of hard solder and place on the soldering block.

Paint flux on both cufflink bases and place on top of the solder pallions, using reverse action tweezers. Note the position of the cufflinks in the picture.



Step 4

Solder the tree to the base

Heat with a medium-sized flame, concentrating first on the tree itself before applying the flame to the base of the cufflink fitting. Rotate the flame around the seam area. As the solder flows, remove the heat, quench and place in the pickling bath.



Step 5

The finishing touches

Remove any excess solder with a selection of emery papers and needle files. Once all the solder has been removed, polish the cufflinks until a mirror finish is achieved. Finally, polish up the tree fronts with grade 60 emery paper, using a circular motion, to produce a glistening matt finish.