

# 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:

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

