

Wearing Your Genealogy

Memory Pendants

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Learning Resource

- Everything we will learn today can be found on the learning resource website for this session
 - <http://stokay.wixsite.com/memorypendant>
- Find all the steps for memory pendant creation as well as genealogy resources, jewellery resources, shoppings lists and more!

What is Genealogy?

- An account of one's descent from an ancestor or ancestors, by enumeration of the intermediate persons; a pedigree. (OED).
- Simply put, genealogy is the tracing of your family tree

Genealogy Resources

- Tracing your family line is easier than ever with several online sources.
- Find family trees, birth and death records, immigration records, photos and more, all through your home computer.!
 - Some sources include:
 - Ansestry.ca (fee based)
 - Cangenealogy.com
 - Familysearch.org
 - Resources also include:
 - Local Genealogical societies
 - Local archives
 - Books! (found in the 929 sections of your local library)

But WAIT?

What do you do with all this
research when you are
done?

Memory Pendants!

- What are they?
 - Pendants made with a photo and another medium, such as glass tile, glue, resin, or solder
- Our pendants will be made using
 - A favourite photo or nice piece of paper
 - A pendant tray or “blank”
 - Glue
 - Rhinestones and pearls
 - Mod Podge Dimensional Magic

Step 1: Selecting Your Photo and Cutting it Out

- You should already have your photo/image/pretty paper selected
- Once selection is done, we need to cut it into a one inch square
 - Use either a paper punch, scissors, or a paper cutter
 - We are doing it by hand today, there are templates available in your supply cup

Step 2: Gluing your photo into the tray

- Using the glue runners provided coat as much of the back of your image as possible to ensure it sticks well in its pendant tray.
 - Work on the parchment paper provided to protect your work surface from a sticky mess!

Step 3: Embellish your photo

- Using rhinestone and pearl stickers provides, add as many or as little as you like to your photo
 - Get creative!
 - Give grandpa an earring, make a flower, frame the image entirely with pearls, its up to you!
- Note!
 - While we don't have them today, you can even add metal embellishments to these tray, just make sure to glue them in with a strong adhesive before the next step

Step 4: Seal it all in

- Making sure your tray is level and will not move, start to fill it in using Mod Podge Dimensional Magic using a very gentle pressure on the bottle
 - See [video](#) for best technique
- Air bubbles may happen
 - If they do, use the pin provided to pop them or to push them [out](#)!
- Your image will appear cloudy, this will go away within about half an hour to an hour
 - Make sure to not move the tray for approximately the same time while it sets.
 - Do not use the pendant for at least 24 hours to allow for full hardening.

Step 5: Showing it off

- Find a chain, string or ribbon to place it on and you have a way to wear your genealogy!
- Necklaces not your thing?
 - No problem! Use a key chain ring and you have a memory keychain for your keys!

Time to Make your Own!

On your table you will find supplies and cheat sheets with all the steps on them. If you have a question just ask!

Conclusion

- Genealogy can be more than just researching your family tree and filing the information away
- A little creativity can help you to wear your precious family memories or family past on a piece of jewelry
- Remember the learning resource website to find more information about jewelry making and genealogy!
 - <http://stokay.wixsite.com/memorypendant>