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Techniques: Using a Tumbler - Polishing

If you have beads, clasps, bead caps or other sterling silver or gold-filled findings that have become oxidized over time, a tumbler is your new best friend! Use a rock tumbler filled with stainless steel jewelry polishing shot to remove tarnish easily and give your pieces a beautiful gleam.

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Materials

- Tarnished silver or gold-filled findings
- 1 lb. stainless steel shot
- Dawn dish detergent - original

Tools

- Rock tumbler

Tip: Do not over tighten the bolt. It may cause the inner lid to distort and leak.

Tip: If you are using the tumbler for the first time, run the barrel with the shot, water and Dawn for 30 minutes to clean the inside of the barrel.

Tip: Do not tumble jewelry containing stones. The steel shot may damage the stones.



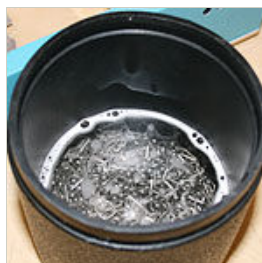
Step 1
Fill the barrel of the tumbler with about a pound of stainless steel shot.



Step 2
Pour in several tarnished findings.



Step 3
Pour in 2-3 drops of Dawn dish detergent - original.



Step 4
Fill barrel with water. Cover findings and shot with an inch of water.



Step 5
Put the inner lid on.



Step 6
Press the inner lid down until it is firmly resting on the inner lip of the barrel.

Artist Findings

GOLD COMPONENTS

Findings

Clasps

Ear Wires

Links, Caps, Components

Bangles and Rings

BRASS COMPONENTS

Findings, Clasps, Earwires

Links and Components

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Findings

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Step 7
Put the outer lid on.



Step 8
Press the outer lid down until it is firmly resting on the outer lip of the barrel.



Step 9
Place the washer on the bolt.



Step 10
Screw the nut down onto the bolt.



Step 11
Tighten the nut until a little of the bolt shows. Do not over tighten.



Step 12
Place the barrel on the tumbler. Plug the tumbler in. Tumble for 15-30 minutes.



Step 13
Once finished, unplug the tumbler. Unscrew the nut. Remove the washer. Remove the outer and inner lid.



Step 14
Pour all of the contents into a fine mesh strainer.



Step 15
Rinse well.



Step 16
Pick out the findings and dry them off completely. Let the stainless steel shot dry completely before storing.



Step 17
Your findings are now clean and polished!



Findings before being polished

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