

Upcycled Aluminum Jewelry

Mon., May 18, 2-3 p.m.

Materials:

- Washed and dried aluminum can
- Work or Garden gloves – ESSENTIAL FOR SAFETY!
- A ruler
- Safety glasses (if you don't already wear glasses)
- An x-acto knife or box cutter with a new blade
- Beads – whatever you have on hand!
- Ear wires (2) and jump rings (6) if handy - these can be taken from old/broken jewelry, single earrings, etc.

<https://www.fusionbeads.com/9mm-Sterling-Silver-Ear-Wire-with-Front-Loop-by-TierraCast>

<https://www.fusionbeads.com/6mm-Sterling-Silver-20-5-Gauge-Open-Jump-Ring>

- Masking or painter's tape
- Fine sharpie marker

If you already own jewelry making tools:

- Chain (flat) nose pliers
- French style metal shears (these have been in my class kits in the past)
- Chasing hammer
- Steel block
- Wood block or bench pin
- Fine grit sandpaper
- Metal punch

If you don't have jewelry making tools, use these:

- Needle nose pliers
- Kitchen scissors
- Regular hammer
- Wood block (an old cutting board is perfect)
- Emory board
- A small nail used with the hammer can replace the metal punch (i.e. 1-1.5 in long with a 1 mm diameter (the point is twice as thick as a push pin))