



## RESIN COASTERS TUTORIAL

Here are step-by-step instructions on how to create beautiful coasters using resin and pigments. I hope you all enjoy and that it is easy to follow. This guide compliments the step-by-step video tutorial you can find on my website and YouTube® channel, links to all materials can be found there. Happy Crafting!

### MATERIALS

1. Resin
2. Desired mold (coaster molds used for this project)
3. Pigment (Mica Powder used for this project)
4. Mixing Cup (preferably one with measurements on it)
5. Pouring cups (3) (could be disposable or silicone)
6. Mixing sticks
7. Accents (silver leaf flakes)
8. Silver leaf pen
9. Heating tool
10. Bin or Box to cover while drying

For Safety:

11. Gloves
12. Respirator
13. Well ventilated area

Optional:

14. Masking tape
15. Alcohol
16. Paper towels
17. Silicone Mat to protect surface
18. Toothpick





## STEP 1

### Gather supplies and Set up work station

- Gather all of your supplies
- Set out the coasters
- Place the pigment into an empty pouring cup and place a stirring stick in it
- Place accent foil/material into empty pouring cup and place a stirring stick in it
- Place a stirring stick into an empty pouring cup (if you will be using clear resin)
- Have your heating tool ready to go
  
- Handy Tips:
  - ⇒ Have a garbage bag close by
  - ⇒ Have some alcohol and paper towels close by in case of spills
  - ⇒ Use masking tape to get dust particles up from the mold prior to pouring

#### Helpful Hint

⇒ Work on a flat and level surface

## STEP 2

### Mix your resin

- Add equal parts of resin and hardener to your mixing cup (\*\* Check instructions on your resin, some are not equal parts mixing)
- Mix SLOWLY for 3-5 minutes—until clouding/swirls are no longer visible
- Once swirls no longer visible distribute resin into smaller pouring cups
- Mix pigment into desired cup (add additional pigment/powder until desired color achieved, be careful not to add too much pigment as it may disrupt the curing process)
- Mix small amount of resin into accent materials, if desired (i.e. foil, crushed glass, stones, etc.)

#### SAFETY TIPS

- ⇒ Work in well ventilated area
- ⇒ Wear a respirator and goggles
- ⇒ Wear gloves
- ⇒ Long sleeve shirts recommended to avoid getting resin on skin

## STEP 3

### Pouring your Resin

- Begin with primary color (blue in this case)
- Pour into the outside edge of each coaster
- Pour clear in the center of each coaster until just enough is touching the blue outer edge
- Pour primary color (blue) in the center of the clear resin you just poured
- Pour a bit of clear in the center of the blue you just poured
- Pour small amount of silver leafing in center of coaster
- Gently and briefly apply heat to surface of wet resin to get rid of air bubbles
- Let resin sit a few minutes and repeat brief application of heat to get rid of any additional air bubbles that may have risen
- Cover project and let dry for 12-24 hours before demolding

#### Helpful Hint

⇒ Use toothpick to remove any visible dust particles on resin surface



## STEP 4

### Demold your coasters

- Carefully demold coasters 12-24 after pouring  
\*\* this will vary depending on which resin brand/type you use \*\*
- I recommend using cloth gloves to avoid getting fingerprints on it

## STEP 5

### Clean up and add details to coaster

- Carefully sand off any excess resin hanging off of the edges
- Add additional details as desired
- For this project, I painted the edges with silver
- Take pictures and be proud of your work!
- If these are for you, enjoy!

