








JEWELRY FINDINGS Mini Handbook

Jewelry findings basic colours	
	<p>Mostly you will find jewelry findings in four basic colours and that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bronze/Antique bronze• Silver• Gold• Rosegold <p>Mostly the colours are not combined within one jewelry piece or a set. So maybe you will want to stick to only one or two colours and buy all findings in the chosen colours.</p>
Jump Rings	<p>Jump rings are used to connect jewelry pieces together. Use two jewelry pliers to open the jump ring, then insert the pieces and close the jump ring. Here is the correct way, how to open jump rings:</p>
	
Ball Earring Pins	<p>Ball pins are mostly used to connect a bead to something else that has a hole (or to a chain etc). Insert the bead or beads onto the pin, then use pliers to create an eye on the other end and connect. If the pin is too long, it can be shortened by cutting 😊</p>
	
Eye Pins	<p>Eye pins are used mainly to carry beads too. Once you insert the beads on the pin, create an eye also on the other end and you have a beautiful, creative piece. This can be connected to an earwire on the one side and to something else on the other. In this example we see a tassel hanged on the earring, using eye pin.</p>
	

Fishhook Ear Wires

The most basic type of jewelry finding. With this finding you will also need some earring backs(stoppers), to prevent losing the earring.



Leverback Earring Findings with open/closed loop

They exist in various shapes. This finding makes nice earrings and also no earring backs are required.



Leverback Bezel Earring Blanks

These findings are widely used with resin art, cabochons etc. Polymer clay works great as a filler for the blank bezel.



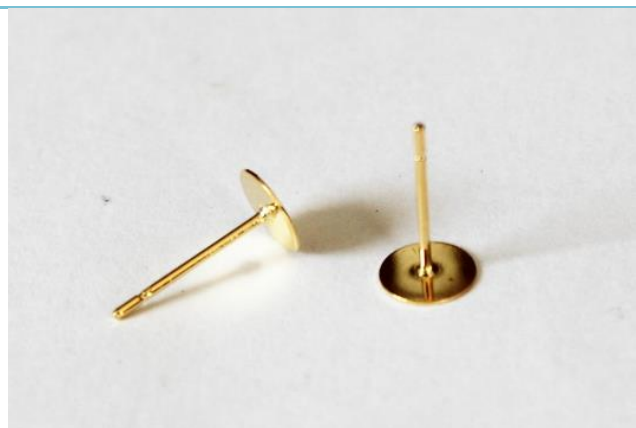
Stud Bezel Earring Blanks

These are again widely used in resin art. Polymer clay can nicely fill the blank bezel. You can leave it simple or go for a design. Earring backs/stoppers are required.



Earstud Flat Pad Posts

These are probably most essential for every polymer clay jewelry creator. These posts can be glued with reliable glue to your earring creation. If you are unsure about gluing, then this earring post can be also easily incorporated in the polymer clay and baked together, as in the third example.



Ball Earring Posts

These findings are very elegant and make beautiful jewelry pieces. Earring backs/stoppers are required.



Connectors and Charms

There is existing almost endless selection of connectors and charms. They make very interesting accent when used with polymer clay. When shopping for these, pay attention how many holes the piece has and how the holes are located. This determines how the component is going to be used. Here we will have a look on just a few examples, the choice in shops is unlimited and you will find many different styles.

Half Moon Connector With 2 Holes

For example connecting two polymer clay pieces with a metal component brings new structure, new light into the whole creation.



Leaf Charms

Charms with one hole can be hanged using jump ring „under“ the polymer clay part.



Face Shaped Charms

Flat charms with one hole can be hanged also in front of the earring part and the polymer clay will just make some nice background.

