

# Serena's Do's and Don'ts of Resin

(How To Avoid Common  
Mistakes & Get Near-Perfect  
Results Every Time)

## DO

- Pick a high-quality resin
- Wear safety gear
- Set up all your supplies beforehand
- Ensure your surface is level using a leveler
- Follow instructions
- Warm your resin by placing closed bottles in warm water prior to using; especially in winter
- Measure accurately
- Time how long you mix
- Scrape sides and stir gently
- Ensure the surface of your piece is dry and clean of debris
- Pour resin slowly and carefully to minimize bubbles
- Torch gently, taking care not to burn surface
- Remove dust, hair and fibers using a toothpick
- Cover your piece while curing
- Torch and remove dust a second time 10 minutes later
- Clean your tools immediately using isopropyl alcohol
- Keep it in a warm room between 60F-80F (15.5 C-26.6 C)
- Wash your hands well with soap and water
- Remove tape within 24 hours
- Handle your piece gently, especially in the first week
- Package resined artwork carefully (NEVER in bubble wrap)
- Store resin in a container so that if it spills, spills are contained
- Date resin and hardener after first opening
- Use remaining resin within 6 months of opening

## DON'T

- Resin near pets or children
- Resin if you are pregnant, have respiratory issues or a compromised immune system
- Work without wearing nitrile gloves
- Work without wearing a respirator that filters out VOC's (volatile organic compounds)
- Work without proper ventilation
- Add more hardener than resin
- Pick a "bargain basement" resin
- Work in a very humid environment without using a dehumidifier
- "Guesstimate" measuring resin amounts or stirring times
- Pour unused resin back in original container
- Pour unused resin down the sink
- Allow resin to dry on tools or undesired surfaces
- Package with textured material directly against resined surface
- Store resined pieces in direct sunlight or in locations with large temperature swings