

# Veberod Bulletin

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**A pendant using river rock featured in the Art Clay Silver Advanced Book**

## Art Clay Silver Jewelry

**This new form of fine silver is bringing out the jeweler in everyone!**

Imagine working in a medium that can be formed by hand like clay or Playdoh, but after forming it can be easily changed into precious silver or gold! This magical bit of alchemy is available to everyone today in the form of metal clay. There are two major brands available; ArtClay and PMC, but both provide the chance for beginners to create fine jewelry and for experienced users to express their artistic visions in a way no other medium can.

When Art Clay Silver is taken out of the package, it is a slightly moist lump of clay, composed of silver powder, organic binders, and water. The clay is then molded into its desired generic shape, and dried. After completely drying, the clay can then be filed, sculpted, and sanded, after which it is fired with a gas stovetop, butane torch, or kiln.

During the firing process, the organic binders burn away and the resulting silver particles “sinter”, becoming denser and stronger. The burning away of binders and sintering of metal causes the piece to shrink 8-10% in overall size. Once completely fired, the remaining piece is composed of 99.9% pure silver.

Art Clay is available in the traditional clay form and also in a more fluid paste form which can be extruded from syringes. It is available in both 999 fine silver and 24KT gold and the two metals can even be combined in one piece.

One of the nice things about ArtClay Silver is the recycled nature of the metal.

All of the silver used is reclaimed from recycled products such as circuit boards and photographic supplies. The manufacturer, Aida Chemical Industries of Japan even designs the production processes to have minimal effect on the environment.



**Hollow earrings formed over cork clay and a yellow sapphire pendant which was fired with sapphires in place**



Several types of gemstones can be embedded directly in Artclay prior to firing. For those with limited stone-setting experience, that makes it easier to incorporate fine gemstones in their jewelry.

At Veberod we stock the complete line of Artclay Silver. We also have several books for you to learn from, and classes to give you hands-on experience. For more information you can also check out the Artclay World website at [www.artclayworld.com](http://www.artclayworld.com) where we located

the concise description of the working process which we used for this article.

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