

Mingei International Museum

Lesson Plan: Tin Heart *Milagros* Pins

Traditionally *milagros* (meaning miracle in Spanish) are used as folk charms or decorative items. Create a pin for yourself or gift it to someone you love.



Materials

- 36 Gauge aluminum metal foil roll
- Embossing tools or toothpicks
- Acrylic paint, paint pens or permanent markers

- Sequins and gems
- Brooch pins
- Scissors
- Tacky Glue or hot glue
- **Optional: Milagro design templates**

Prep

- Cut the aluminum roll into 5x5" squares
- **Optional: Design Milagros shape templates on paper**

Directions

1. Take a 5x5" square and trace a Milagros template onto it or design your own. Carefully cut out the shape with scissors.



3. Color the pin with acrylic paint, paint pens or permanent markers.



4. Use tacky glue to decorate with sequins and gems.



5. Glue the brooch pin to the back of the milagro.



2. Use the embossing tools or toothpicks to carve designs onto the back of the aluminum.

