

## star ornaments

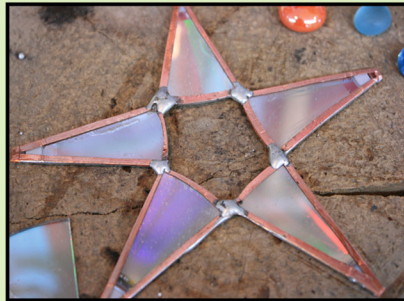
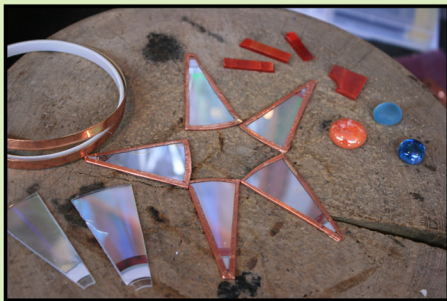
### materials:

DVD's / CD's  
heavy duty shears  
1/8" copper foil tape  
100 watt soldering iron  
flux  
silver/lead free solder  
ammonia (to clean off flux residue when your finished)  
beads, gems, to embellish center, if desired  
your imagination



**\*TIPS\*** ..... dvd's vs. cd's -- The dvd's are better to work with because the reflective material doesn't flake off like it does on cd's. The dvd's are two-ply, so you need to do something to seal the edges to keep them together once you've cut them down. The copper foil tape does the trick with this ornament project. Can also use clear fingernail polish or other acrylic varnish for other art/jewelry projects.

Soak dvd's/cd's in near boiling water for a couple of minutes before cutting. This will make them more pliable, easier to cut and eliminate any cracking or breakage.



## the process:

Cut your dvd/cd's into triangle shapes.  
Wrap the edges of your triangle shapes with copper foil tape. Burnish the tape edges with the edge of a credit card to smooth and insure adhesion.  
Arrange five triangles into a star shape.  
Apply flux to your copper tape to prepare for solder.  
Start by soldering the points where each star meets to hold together. Continue soldering over all foil tape areas - front and back. Solder a jump ring to the top for hanging.  
Fill in the center with gems or beads wrapped in copper foil tape and solder to the star.  
Clean off flux residue with household ammonia.  
Experiment with different shapes.

Hang and enjoy.

