

## Gold Foil

The Gold foil is thicker than gold leaf and therefore suitable for applying to PMC.

The name for this application is Keum Boo – originated by the Japanese.

You apply gold foil by the following method:

Take a piece of fired but not burnished or tumbled PMC.

Heat it on an electric hotplate – needs to be really hot – best test is by resting a wooden skewer on the hotplate – if it burns then you are at the correct temperature.

It is important that you wear **Fire proof gloves** when handling (oven gloves will not do!)

Hold the PMC piece down with tweezers or something suitable

With your other gloved hand place pieces of gold foil on the silver (using tweezers for this) and smooth down thoroughly with an agate burnisher

Press down hard and in all crevices to ensure a strong adherence

Agate burnishes are ideal for this as they do not burn or conduct heat

When you have applied enough foil, your piece can be treated in the normal way, i.e. burnished, tumbled and oxidized if wished

The difficulty is in applying gold foil in small and precise areas, and takes a lot of practice

Do not forget to wear Fire proof gloves!

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