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METAL MEETS COLOR

Mary Draper Murray finds artistic freedom in mixing and creating rich color palettes, but she doesn't apply paint in the traditional sense.

Instead, after sketching and then



carefully hand-crafting sterling silver into

shapely pieces of jewelry, she gently pours in a colorful resin that makes the jewelry "pop."

Murray, who has been making and selling her jewelry for nearly six years, cus-

tom mixes her colors.

"I like the way I can sand and polish the resin down to a smooth flat finish or leave it wet looking and glossy like droplets of paint," says the Marshfield resident.

Murray's first foray into working with metals began with stainless steel washers that she fashioned into unique earrings, bracelets, and necklaces.

The inspiration for Murray's jewelry comes from nature as well as from within herself.

While Murray's background is in pastels and weaving, she admits that once she started working with metal she couldn't stop. "My years of painting and color theory have greatly influenced the style of my jewelry designs and use of color," says Murray, who often picks flowers and dries and grinds them into pigment for use in her unique pieces.

Mary Draper Murray Jewelry can be found at the Pink Tulip in Cohasset, Spa-tique in Marshfield, and The Front Street Gallery in Scituate. For more information on the artist, visit www.marydrapermurray.com. **SSL**

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