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It all started when I was using that crazy 'hardware cloth' (the mesh grid stuff). I wanted to color it so it didn't look like what it was. I started painted liquid clay on, but that was not durable in places where it would get high wear-n-tear.



So then I tried spray paint for metal, it didn't wear well but looked good. And I several types of spray paint (enamel, high temp, etc.). I tried embossing powders, yuck. Then I thought about powder coating. It is a powdered paint that applied to metal only. A current is put through the piece you are coating and the powder is electrically charged in a special 'gun' so the +/- wants to come together. It is traditionally used for undercoating in cars and other industrial uses. again, have tried

It is cured at 425 degrees F, so toaster oven would work! I had a small air compressor. The kit from Harbour Freight was about \$100 and a few videos on Youtube and I was off and running!! It is not hard to do, doesn't require a ton of expensive equipment but is tricky to get a good coating and curing. Some practice required.

So for awhile I was grabbing any base metal item to try and the channel bangles were an obvious option. I love the black edge of the bangle with the polymer and the black just elevates the look of the bangle (my opinion). I need to test the wear and tear, but it should be great! And when I started looking around there are actually several jewelry artist using powder coating in their work!! And the color options are crazy, I could go broke buying powdered paint, so have kept my experiments to black and white so far.

Hope this is clear, if you have any questions, let me know!