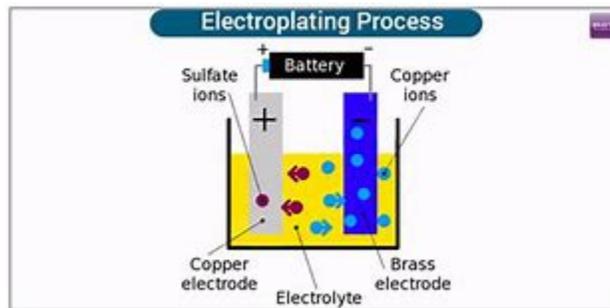


## Gnome's tip's on plating



The process of coating a metal object with chromium, silver, or another metal by electrolytic deposition.

#1 Brush Plating is not hard to do!!!

#2 Use a high quality plating fluids or gel, NiAG or AU

#3 Clean with Denatured alcohol and then vinegar and then a light striping with 4/0 steel wool to prepare for plating

#4 Be patient and go slowly and be very deliberate in your brushing, I.E. consistently slow and steady with your strokes

#4 The Caswell kit comes with a stainless steel probe, Take it out of the holder and throw it away!!! Definitely not the right rock to be using in this instance!! Replace with a heavy piece of half hard NiAg wire, This allows more NiAG ions in the flux and plating will be much easier and way more consistent with the proper anode compared to trying to plate Nickel silver with stainless steel which does not work for beans!!

#5 Now for the advanced section, ever want to inlay a picture of something into your reel seats or ferrules with 24K gold, like mayfly's caddis or stonefly's or???. etc etc etc?? Blue your ferrule then coat with a thin wax/ resist.

Cut into the item through the wax resist with what you want to depict then brush plate with 24K .

Once again I must express how important it is to replace the stainless steel anode with a proper NiAg anode. It is EXTREMELY important to get more ions into the flux to achieve a properly plated item. It is not smart to use a stainless steel anode when trying to plate nickel silver. No additional nickel ions in the flux slow the deposition rate radically and also make the process harder to achieve the proper results.

Be smarter than the rocks we are working on by using the proper anode and adding more material to the flux rather than fighting an improper anode with fewer ions in the flux. The simplest and main mistakes made with the Caswell plating kit is not changing the anode out with one of the appropriate material and not having your piece clean enough to electroplate.

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