

At Bernie's hammer-in when I did the silver wire inlay demonstration, I said I would put some reference material links on Around-The-Anvil. Below there are a number of links where you will learn the basic of inlaying wire in wood, making some of the tools, other tools that are handy, and little about finishing the wood after the inlay.

None of them really address the importance of lighting like I tried to address at the hammer-in. No matter how good your overhead lighting is, when you lean over the work to get a better view of where the chisel is cutting, you're going to cast a shadow on the work. I strongly suggest a very bright adjustable desk lamp, or maybe even one of those LED lights you can strap on your head. You'll need some light close to your work.

You'll also need a good work surface at the right height depending on whether you will be sitting or standing. If you set the work height correct for sitting, then if you decide to use a jeweler's vise or Joe Keesler's bowling ball vise you will likely need to stand to work at the increased height.

At the bottom I've listed some supplier links for the pin vises and silver wire that Allen Newberry mentions in his videos.

Remember, practice on some scrape wood before digging in to new rifle stock.

Good luck with your new interest and if you have trouble with any of the links, let me know.

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Allen Newberry Silver Wire Inlay Videos -

Making the pin vise tools <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nv9m31tLc08>

Making the blades for the pin vise <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PrR7NG1RbHY>

Actual wire inlay and tool use <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dgK9PXJICXo>

More inlay with wire type choices <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gg4e4OwDibE>

Joe Keesler's Videos

Joe does a nice job of covering the tools that are useful. He also talks about blending the wire when two or more pieces of wire meet so it doesn't look bulky. He also covers how to inlay pins.

Required Tools including bowling ball vise <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ppTPPxDGh0>

Inlay Video Part 1 -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTsVoiHd4Wc>

Inlay Video Part 2 -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4F7tlij2vg>

#11 X-acto Blades - https://www.amazon.com/X-ACTO-Classic-Replacement-Blades-X711/dp/B00006ICJW/ref=asc_df_B00006ICJW/?tag=hyprod-20&linkCode=df0&hvadid=241874587131&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrnd=13536349803444823317&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmidl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9023613&hvtargid=pla-349650541841&pssc=1

Pin Vise link - https://www.amazon.com/GLOGLOW-Graver-Jewelry-Production-Watchmaking/dp/B08Y89XL4Q/ref=pd_sbs_3?pd_rd_w=jLb7k&pf_rd_p=651d64d1-3c73-45b6-ae09-e545600e3a22&pf_rd_r=6HVVPZ4D9QB4A8RGEXAG&pd_rd_r=16b3661e-934a-4335-9869-2b32d65014e8&pd_rd_wg=l5cFa&pd_rd_i=B08Y89XL4Q&pssc=1

Silver Wire Supplier Link -- <https://hagstoz.com/product/sterling-silver-cloisonne-inlay-wire/>

On this site you'll need to select whether you want half hard .008 wire which is better for flat inlays or the dead soft .013 wire which is better for curved surfaces like knife handles.