

Care Instructions for Vessels

My metal vessels are primarily made of copper that has been patinated and/or electroplated with either fine silver or 24K gold, or gold-leafed. Do not use abrasive materials for cleaning. The dark surfaces are sealed with a lacquer and/or waxed. To clean, wipe with a damp cloth and dry. Finger prints can be removed with window cleaner (sprayed onto the cloth—not the metal piece) or dish soap on a soft cloth—then rinse and dry. If the silver or gold surfaces become tarnished, I recommend using a liquid silver tarnish remover such as Tarn-X. Use according to directions. Dampen a small piece of paper towel and wipe *only* the plated surface. Although the copper is sealed, it's wise to avoid getting Tarn-X on the dark patina, as it could alter or remove the patina. Rinse and dry thoroughly. Use gently and enjoy!

Karen Pierce / Metalsmith



Leaf Plates and Leaf Jewelry

My leaf plates and jewelry reflect my interest in nature.

The leaf jewelry and the leaves applied to these plates are made by embossing copper with a real dried leaf. Each metal leaf is made from an actual leaf, which can only be used once; therefore each is unique! These metal leaves are sawn and shaped by hand.

The leaves are plated with either 24K gold or fine silver, or a patina process is used to color the leaves red.

It is my hope that you will treasure your leaf plate and be reminded of the wonders of our natural world.

Karen Pierce

Great Quote

"I want to thank anyone who spends part of their day creating -- a book, a film, a painting, a piece of dance, a piece of music -- anybody who spends part of their day sharing their experience with us," said Soderbergh. "I think this world would be unlivable without art." Academy award quote from director, Steve Soderbergh.

(Best Director Award Speech for the film "Traffic", March 25, 2001)