

Sealskin Solidarity Heart Pin

A symbol of love and solidarity with Indigenous communities to honour our children recovered from residential school grounds and those who survived.

Made with sealskin, leather, glass beads and crystals this beautiful heart pin is a piece suitable for everyone to wear.

Taalrumiq's Solidarity Heart Pin Tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Eva-e0HT3s>

Learn to add a zipper stitch beaded edging to your orange sealskin pin using the kit provided to you. Step by Step, my tutorial teaches you how to get started and complete your very own Pin!

Sealskin, an ancient traditional Inuit material, enabled Inuit to survive in the Arctic for millenia. Using the same traditional materials as my Mother, Grandmothers and Ancestors, I create meaningful and contemporary Inuit designs. Incorporating post fur trade era materials with traditional Inuit materials, I originally created this pin and sewing workshop for the Strong People, Strong Communities Indigenous Mural Art Project in Yellowknife, NWT in 2021. The idea was to enable participants to work with sealskin, encourage healing through sewing & traditional arts, facilitate discussion about the residential school system and most importantly to honour our Survivors, those who didn't survive and our children still being recovered across Canada to this day.

As teenagers my brother and I attended Grollier Hall in Inuvik, NWT for high school along with many of our friends and peers. My parents, grandparents, many family members, friends and community members are residential school survivors. Creating beaded sealskin heart pins is one way I physically put love back out into the world.

This is an accessible Inuit design. Everyone is welcome to wear one, and I don't consider it cultural appropriation; however, it is my design and workshop facilitation idea. All rights reserved.

To purchase a pin or pin kit and/or for workshop inquiries (in-person and virtual) please contact Taalrumiq at taalrumiq@gmail.com.

If you post your heart on social media, be sure to tag me @Taalrumiq and use [#SealskinSolidarityHeart](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Eva-e0HT3s)

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Thank you ❤️

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