

Mel Benally, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Navajo Jewelry



Mel Benally is a 28 year old Navajo jeweler from Gallup, New Mexico. He was introduced to silversmithing by his older brother when he was 17. He enjoyed creating art through metal and soon learned to do other techniques such as inlay and working with gold. He uses the style called “fuzzing” where he solders silver saw dust to give it a rough texture. Mel loves making jewelry that others will enjoy and be able to share with their friends.

