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An architect by training, Alice Roche found her true calling on a whim.



Disenchanted with the prospect of spending her career tied to a computer, she took a jewelry making class and didn't look back.



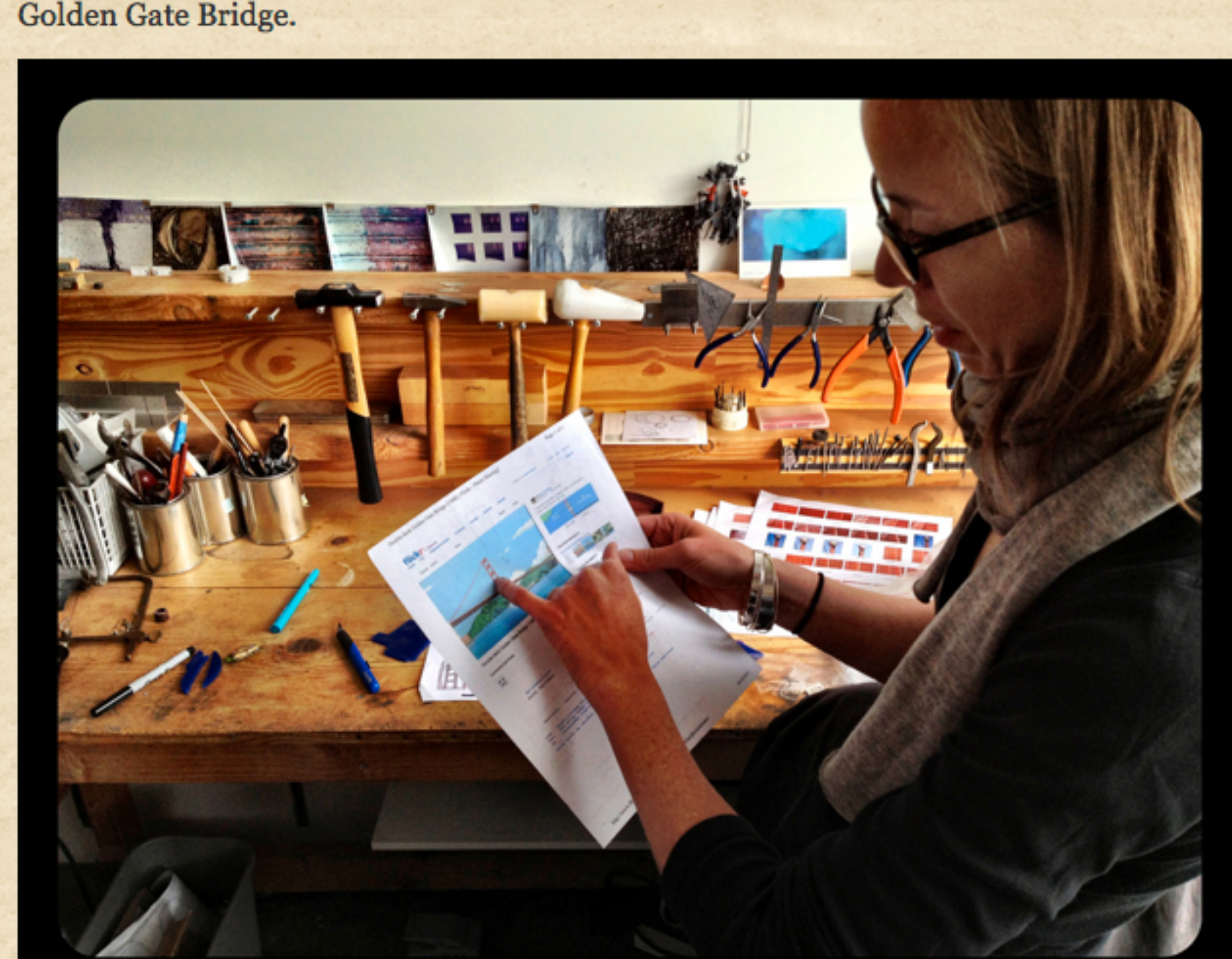
Earrings, necklaces and rings make up the majority of her product line, and they all start, figuratively speaking, from the same ball of wax.



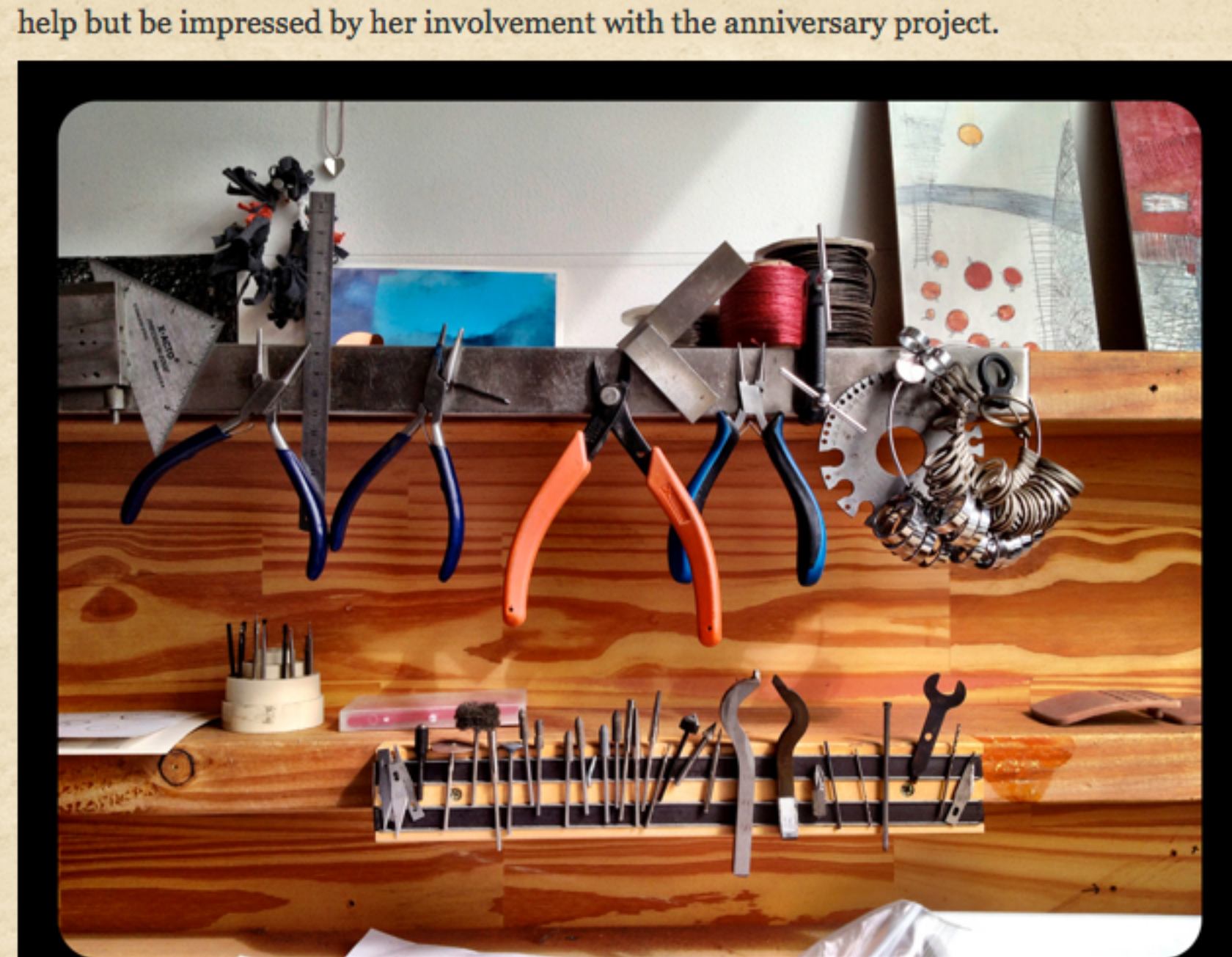
She begins with a hard, blue wax from which she hand carves molds using a variety of tools. The molds are then cast in precious metal, mainly silver but occasionally gold and platinum, and the results are nothing less than stellar.



While at her studio we were able to watch her solder some earrings as well as catch a glimpse of a commission celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge.



The ubiquitous rivets that cover the iconic causeway inspired the pieces we saw, and even though the quality of her work is self-evident, we couldn't help but be impressed by her involvement with the anniversary project.



In talking about her work Alice revealed that her craft ties her to her roots. She has fused her architectural sensibilities with a lifelong passion for tools and working with her hands. Her jewelry is also an expression of her self, and she wears the first piece she ever made as a token of that.



The ring, like most of her work, features clean lines. It's simple, unfettered and elegant. Her product line is quite extensive and she also does custom work. So, if you're in the market for a special gift, check out Alice's website at: www.aliceroche.com

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