

Custom Designs

the **Beauty** of the bench

Our Special Projects area helped out with this creation cast in 14K X1 white gold. Mike Smale with Smale Jewelers then set the piece with a 17-carat, emerald-cut aquamarine and six .03 round diamonds (diamonds purchased from Stuller).

“For 22 years I’ve sent my custom wax designs to New York, but I was looking for a solution to the high cost of platinum and didn’t want to have to deal with sending white gold castings out for rhodium plating. The answer was Stuller’s X1 white gold. This was my first experience using Stuller to cast one of my original designs and they were the first to recommend

the X1. I was told the X1’s luster was just below platinum, it would not require rhodium plating and it dead-sets similar to platinum. It really lived up to its promise! When I polished the piece it looked great. It also doesn’t have the yellow cast that you get from non-plated white gold. The only thing that may make some getting used to is that it is a little stiffer than 14K white and a little harder to bend.

I was glad to be able stay within the customer’s budget, and they were very happy with the finished product. I will continue to use the X1 as a great alternative to platinum.



AQUAMARINE PENDANT
Smale Jewelers

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