



## Hand Stamping Metal Tools, Supplies and Crafts



### SAY SOMETHING QUICK TIPS

- Highlight the engraved "letter" on each metal stamp...making it easier to identify!
- Place a piece of Washi tape on each new metal stamp to easily identify which font.
- The 3mm font sets will stamp 7 letters across a 25mm space.
- Practise every new stamp on an aluminium strip to get a feel for the design.
- Aluminium/Alkeme™, Pewter are soft metals and a single hammer shot will suffice.
- The Nickel Silver, Brass, Copper are of Medium metals and a slightly harder hit.
- Only **Premium** Letter Sets are suitable for harder metals such as stainless steel.
- "Tilt and Tap" when hammering Design Stamps to impress the full design.
- Be comfortable with your Hammer. Don't be scared ...Hit Hard!!!
- A Brass Hammer does not have "Bounce back" resulting in a clearer impression.
- A Chasing Hammer forms, flattens and shapes metal.
- The Nylon Hammer is perfect for shaping metal after stamping.
- 25mm (1 inch) Stamping Blank is the same size as a R5 coin
- 22mm (7/8 inch) Stamping Blank is the same size as a R2 coin

- 19mm (3/4 inch) Stamping Blank is the same size as a R1 coin
- 16mm (5/8 inch) Stamping Blank is the same size as a 10 cent coin
- When using the 2 hole punch, do not pull the metal off the prong of the punch, rather un-screw all the way and the metal will come off on its own.
- Punch your jump ring hole 2mm from the edge of the stamping blank.
- Metal Stamps can be also be used on Leather, Polymer Clay, Wood and Soft Metals.
- Make sure you are working on a very strong table with good lighting.
- Practice, Practice, Practice. Metal Stamping is not just about jewellery, but can be used for all mixed media crafts...