



Hand Stamping Metal Tools, Supplies and Crafts



STEP-BY-STEP METAL STAMPING INSTRUCTIONS

Tools Required

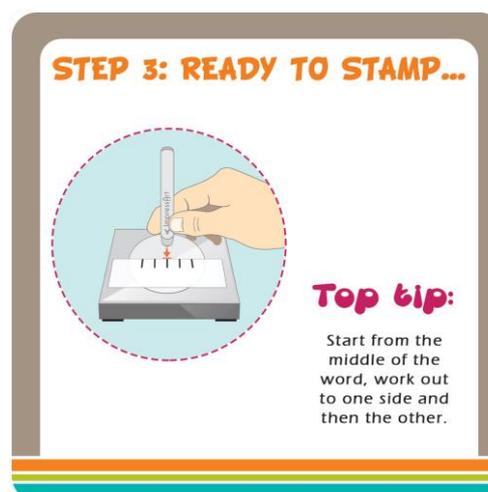
- ImpressArt® Letter Stamp Set
- ImpressArt® Design Stamps
- ImpressArt® Brass Hammer
- ImpressArt® Texture Hammer
- ImpressArt® Rubber Hammer
- ImpressArt® Steel Stamping Block
- ImpressArt® Metal
- Stamping Blanks
- ImpressArt® Stamping Tape
- Sharpie Marker
- ImpressArt® Polishing Cloth
- ImpressArt® 2 Hole Metal Punch
- ImpressArt® Jump Rings
- ImpressArt® Chain Nose Pliers
- A solid work desk and good lighting ☺



Decide what do you want to say? Select the metal blank and the letter/design stamps that you would like to use. Organise all the components on your work table and you are ready to get started. Remember to stamp on a practice sheet before you start to minimise mistakes ☺ Trace the metal blank shape onto a piece of paper and plan where you want the words and design to be positioned. *Tip: impress each stamp gently onto an inkpad and place on the paper to get a good idea what your stamping will look like.*



Place your blank metal disc on the steel stamping block. If you have decided to texturise the metal blank, use the Texture Hammer and gently tap until you have a suitable effect. Apply a strip of Stamping Tape across your blank. The top ridge of the tape is going to serve as a guide to help you stamp evenly and in a straight line. Mark where each letter will be stamped. This will make sure your stamped impressions are evenly spaced. In the case of a curved impression, use the Tape to stabilise blank while you stamp on the curve.



Place your stamp on the blank and lightly drag the stamp towards the tape until you feel the bottom of the stamp catch the top edge of the Stamping Tape. Be careful not to scratch the stamping blank while dragging the stamp. *Tip: Start from the middle of the word, work out to one side and then the other.*



Hold your metal stamp so that the head of the stamp is flush with the metal blank. Using the Brass Hammer and with a medium pressure, strike the top of the stamp. If you've hit the stamp too lightly you can strike it again as long as the stamp has not been moved. Note: Larger and more detailed metal stamps require a harder strike than smaller and less detailed stamps. Repeat for each letter until all of your tamped impressions are made. Remove Stamping Tape guide when you've finished tamping. If the blank has warped slightly, use the rubber mallet to flatten.



To make your impressions stand out, colour in the stamped impressions with a permanent marker. Quickly wipe off any excess ink from the blank with a polishing cloth ...*Tip: Wet wipes are also very effective.* The ink from the marker will sit in the bottom of the impression making it stand out on the metal blank.



If the metal blank does not already have a hole for the jump ring, use the 2 Hole Punch to create one. Insert the selected jump ring using the chain nose pliers. Select a neck chain of your choice and then Say Something like "WOW...I made this" 😊