

# ImpressArt®

## *"Be-LEAF in Yourself" – Personalized Bracelet Cuff*

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

### **Tools & Supplies**

- Ergo-Angle™ Metal Stamping Hammer
- Steel Block
- Stamp Guides™
- Bracelet Bending Bar
- Bracelet Bending Pliers
- Willow™, Uppercase, 4mm
- Bracelet Stamping Blank, 5/8", Copper
- Polishing Cloth, Paper Towel, or Clean Rag



### **STEP 1**

Place bracelet blank vertically on stamping block. Secure a straight stamp guide on the bracelet blank. Use the guide marks to evenly space out letters and align stamp impressions.

**TIP:** Use stamp tape to secure the bracelet blank to the stamping block so it doesn't move while stamping.

**TIP:** Write desired message directly onto the stamp guide and utilize the guideline marks for spacing.

### **STEP 2**

Place stamp on blank, above the corresponding mark on the stamp guide. Lightly drag stamp towards the guide until the stamp catches the edge of the guide. Hold stamp flat and firmly in place by anchoring the side of your hand on workspace. Then strike stamp once with medium force using Metal Stamping Hammer. Repeat to complete desired word.

**TIP:** If the stamp has an ImpressArt logo, make sure it is facing you so that the impression is stamped in the correct direction.

**TIP:** Slightly tilt the stamp towards you while dragging the stamp towards the guide. Make sure you hold the stamp flat and firmly in place before striking the stamp.

**TIP:** Harder metals and stamps with more detail require a harder strike than softer metals and stamps with less detail.

### **STEP 3**

After stamping the first line, move the straight stamp guide down and repeat the technique to finish stamping any additional lines.

**TIP:** If stamp guide becomes unusable due to rips or markings, then use a new straight stamp guide to complete the project.

### **STEP 4**

Use the Bracelet Bending Bar to bend the blank into a cuff shape. Place one end of blank into the channel with the stamped side facing up. Firmly place your thumb against the end of the bracelet to secure it in place. Using the palm of your hand, bend the bracelet halfway around the bar until it forms a 90-degree angle. Repeat on the other side to finish shaping a bracelet.

### **STEP 5**

Continue to round out the cuff with Bracelet Bending Pliers. Match the curvature of the pliers to the curvature of the bracelet. Then begin in the center of the bracelet and squeeze down. Work towards each end to give bracelet a rounded finish.