

# ImpressArt®

## *"Starry Night" – Personalized Celestial Cuff*

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

### Tools & Supplies

- Ergo-Angle™ Metal Stamping Hammer
- Multi-Function Hammer Kit
- Steel Block
- Stamp Enamel Marker™
- Stamp Guides™
- Stamp Tape™
- Zodiac Constellation Kit
- Crystal Setter Kit
- Curved Tweezer, 4 1/2"
- Bracelet Bending Bar
- Bracelet Bending Pliers
- Stargazer, Uppercase, Lowercase, & Numbers, 2mm
- Bracelet Stamping Blank, 3/8", Aluminum
- Jewelry Adhesive
- Polishing Cloth, Paper Towel, or Clean Rag

#### STEP 1

Place ball pein texture stamp in the Multi-Function Hammer, with the notch in the stamp facing down. Secure stamp in the hammer by tightening the screw at the bottom of the hammer.

#### STEP 2

Set bracelet blank on stamping block. Hold the hammer with your palm of your hand over the screw. Then while holding the bracelet in place, stamp only the edge of the blank repeatedly with medium force until the entire outside edge of the blank is textured with a bevel effect.

**TIP:** Use stamp tape to secure the blank to the stamping block so it doesn't move while texturing. You will be able to texture the blank through the tape.

#### STEP 3

Rotate stamping block so it's positioned in a diamond shape. Place bracelet blank horizontally on stamping block. Secure bracelet stamp guide on the bracelet blank. Use the guide marks to evenly space out letters and align stamp impressions.

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

#### STEP 4

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 date, initials, or word. Remove stamp guide.

**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.



#### STEP 5

Stamp design stamps of your choice around the stamped word or quote to further personalize the bracelet. For a spark of color, stamp using the different sized crystal setters.

**TIP:** Use the Tilt & Tap technique to stamp 6mm and larger stamps, or stamps with more details. While applying pressure to the stamp, strike once with medium force. Then without lifting stamp, continue to strike while very slightly tilting the stamp in a circular motion to catch all sides of the design.

#### STEP 6

Highlight impressions with Stamp Enamel. Wait 3-5 minutes and then wipe away the excess enamel from the surface of the blanks.

#### STEP 7

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 half way around the bar until it forms a 90-degree angle. Repeat on the other side to finish shaping a bracelet.

#### STEP 8

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.

#### STEP 9

Secure flat back crystals inside stamped divot impressions with jewelry adhesive, and allow to dry before wearing. Use tweezers to help set crystals in place, making sure not to scratch the crystals.