

ImpressArt®

"Desert Chic" – Southwest Mandala Tassel Necklace

Skill Level: Advanced

Tools & Supplies

- Ergo-Angle™ Metal Stamping Hammer
- Steel Block
- Stamp Enamel Marker™
- Stamp Guides™
- (2) Chain Nose Pliers
- Flush Cutters
- 2 Hole Screw Down Punch, 1/16"
- Southwestern Mandala Stamp Pack 6, 6, 4, 3mm
- Circle Blank, 1 ½", Alkemé
- Jump Rings
- 30 inch Premade Chain Necklace with Clasp
- Premade Tassel Charm
- Polishing Cloth, Paper Towel, or Clean Rag

STEP 1

Center the pattern grid over the 1 ½" circle blank to secure it to the stamping block.

STEP 2

Start mandala pattern from the center using the lines and circles marks as guides to assist with spacing. Hold stamps flat and firmly in place by anchoring the side of your hand on workspace. Strike design stamps once with medium force using the Metal Stamping Hammer.

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: 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 3

Continue stamping to the outside edge of the blank, turning the stamping block while working to complete the circular pattern. This will ensure that the stamp is facing the correct direction. Remove the pattern grid.

STEP 4

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



STEP 5

Use the 1/16" punch of the Two Hole Screw Down Hole Punch to pierce three holes in the stamping blank – Top Left, Top Right, and Bottom Center. Simply turn the handle of the screw down punch until the punch pierces through the stamping blank. Twist the handle of the screw down punch in the opposite direction to raise the punch and remove blank.

TIP: Make sure not to screw the punch down too much as this will mar the surface of the blank and leave an unwanted impression of the base of the screw.

STEP 6

Use the tips of two chain nose pliers to grasp the sides of a jump ring, with the opening of the jump ring facing up between the two pliers. Laterally twist each side of the jump ring in opposite directions to open the ring. Slide the bottom of the blank and the premade tassel charm onto the jump ring. Laterally twist the jump ring back with tension to close.

NOTE: Do NOT pull outwards on the jump ring as it will weaken the metal and distort the circular shape of the ring.

STEP 7

Fold the premade chain in half at the clasp. Use flush cutters to cut the chain in half by placing the chain towards the back of the flush cutter's jaws and squeezing the handle.

STEP 8

Attach the chain to the top left and top right of the blank using the same technique as in Step 6.

STEP 9

Close clasp to complete the necklace.