

# ImpressArt®

## *"Forever Together" – Personalized Valentine's Day Necklace*

**Skill Level: Intermediate**

### Tools & Supplies

- Ergo-Angle™ Stamping Hammer
- Steel Block
- Stamp Enamel Marker™
- Stamp Tape™
- Stamp Guides™
- Chain Nose Pliers (2)
- Heartbreaker™, Lowercase, 3mm
- Tag, Circle w/ Ring Stamping Blank, 3/8", Alkemé
- Heart w/ Ring Stamping Blank, 1/2", Copper
- Circle w/ Hole, 1", Alkemé
- Artisan Jump Rings, 7mm, Silver Plated
- Pre-made Chain
- Polishing Cloth, Paper Towel, or Clean Rag



#### STEP 1

Place 1/2" heart stamping blank on stamping block. Secure a straight stamp guide on blank. Use the guide marks to evenly space out letters and align stamp impressions.

**TIP:** Use stamp tape to secure the 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 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 3

Repeat stamping technique to stamp date, initials, words, or message on 1" circle blank.

#### STEP 4

Center the pattern grid over the 3/8" tag, circle blank to secure it to the stamping block. Start pattern from the center using the lines and circles marks as guides to assist with spacing. Create pattern using the letter set's design stamps. 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 5

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

#### 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 blank onto jump ring. Laterally twist the jump ring back with tension to close. Repeat with remaining blanks.

**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

Slide chain through each stamped pendant.