

ImpressArt®

"Skipping Stones" – Textured Semi-Precious Charm Earrings

Skill Level: Intermediate

Tools & Supplies

- Multi-Function Hammer Kit
- Steel Block
- Stamp Tape™
- Chain Nose Pliers (2)
- 2 Hole Screw Down Punch
- High Polish Finishing Block
- Semi-Precious Charms, Labradorite
- Circle Organic Washer Stamping Blanks, 1", Pewter
- Jump Ring, 7mm, Silver Plated
- Ear Wire



STEP 1

Pierce holes at the top and along the bottom of the circle washer blank using the 1/16" punch of the Two Hole Screw Down Punch. Mark the desired location of the holes with a non permanent marker. Line up the screw punch with the mark on the stamping blank. Once the punch and the mark are aligned, simply turn the handle of the screw down punch until the screw punch pierces through the stamping blank, leaving a clean crisp hole. Then twist the handle of the screw down punch in the opposite direction to raise to raise the screw punch and remove blank. Wipe off any remaining marks.

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 2

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 3

Set a circle washer blank on stamping block. Hold the hammer with your palm of your hand over the screw and use one finger, off to the side, to hold the blank in place. Then stamp the blank repeatedly with medium force to lightly texture the entire washer blank, enhancing it's organic shape. Repeat on remaining blank.

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.

TIP: Make sure you don't over texture the holes on the blank.

STEP 4

Use the fine and super fine grit on the High Polish Finishing Block to clean and buff metal to a high shine.

NOTE: High Polish Finish Blocks & Matte Finish Buffing blocks can be used on all ImpressArt blanks excluding ImpressArt Artisan collection plated blank.

STEP 5

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 and a semi-precious charm onto the jump ring. Laterally twist the jump ring back with tension to close. Repeat until all semi-precious charms are attached. Repeat jump ring technique to attach additional jump rings together at the top of the washer blank until desired earring length is achieved.

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

STEP 6

Use the chain nose pliers to open ear wire by slightly pulling out the ear wire ball. Slide the last jump ring at the top of the washer blank onto the ear wire. Use chain nose pliers to gently push the ball back in to secure the blank to the ear wire.