

# ImpressArt®

"Just Add Love" – #StampitForward Garden Marker

**Skill Level: Intermediate**

## Tools & Supplies

- Ergo-Angle™ Metal Stamping Hammer
- Steel Block
- Stamp Tape™
- Stamp Guides™
- Stamp Enamel Marker, Black
- High Polish Finishing Block
- Matte Finish Buffing Block
- Heartbreaker™, Uppercase & Lowercase, 4mm
- Hope Rainbow Ultra Detail Design Stamp, 12mm
- Bracelet Stamping Blank, 5/8", Aluminum
- Polishing Cloth, Paper Towel, or Clean Rag



### STEP 1

Rotate stamping block so it's positioned in a diamond shape. Then place bracelet blank vertically on stamping block.

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

### STEP 2

Stamp a decorative design stamp at the top of the bracelet blank. Position design stamp on blank. 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.

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

### STEP 3

Secure a straight 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 word.

**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.

**NOTE:** For lowercase letters g, j, p, q, y: Place bottom of the stamp on the thin horizontal blue line that runs through the guide marks.

### STEP 5

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 6

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

### STEP 7

Use the fine and super fine grit on the High Polish Finishing Block to clean and buff metal to a high shine. Or use the medium grit on the Matte Finish Buffing Block to create a brushed matte surface.

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