

ImpressArt®

"Daddy in Training" – Personalized Dog Tag Necklace

Skill Level: Intermediate

Tools & Supplies

- Ergo-Angle™ Stamping Hammer
- Steel Block
- Stamp Enamel Marker™
- Stamp Tape™
- Stamp Guides™
- Melody™ Letter Stamps, Lowercase, & Numbers, 3mm
- Typewriter™ Letter Stamps, Uppercase, & Lowercase, 3mm
- Hearts Stamp Pack, 1.5mm, 2mm, & 3mm
- Dog Tag, 1 1/4" Stamping Blanks, Alkémé
- Ball Chain, Aluminum, 2 pcs, 24"
- Jump Ring, 7mm, Silver Plated
- Polishing Cloth, Paper Towel, or Clean Rag



STEP 1

Place dog tag on stamping block. Secure a straight stamp guide on the tag. Use the guide marks to evenly space out letters and align stamp impressions.

TIP: Use stamp tape to secure the rectangle tag 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 dog tag, 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 the stamp once with medium force using Metal Stamping Hammer. Repeat to complete desired 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.

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 3

After stamping the first line, move the straight stamp guide down and repeat the technique to finishing stamping any additional lines.

TIP: If stamp guide becomes unusable due to rips or markings, then complete project with a new straight stamp guide.

STEP 4

Stamp design stamps of your choice around the stamped words to further personalize the dog tag. Repeat stamping techniques to stamp any remaining dog tags.

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 5

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

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 dog tag onto jump ring. Laterally twist the jump ring back with tension to close. Repeat with remaining dog tags.

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 ball chain through each stamped dog tag and clasp chain.