

# ImpressArt®

## "Moon Child Motif" – Geometric Mandala Cuff

**Skill Level: Advanced**

### Tools & Supplies

- Ergo-Angle™ Metal Stamping Hammer
- Steel Block
- Stamp Enamel Marker™
- Stamp Guides™
- Bracelet Bending Bar
- Bracelet Bending Pliers
- Geometric Mandala Stamp Pack
- Bracelet Stamping Blank, 5/8" x 6", Copper
- Polishing Cloth, Paper Towel, or Clean Rag



### STEP 1

Using a non-permanent marker and a ruler, draw a line horizontally and vertically across the center of the bracelet blank.

### STEP 2

Rotate stamping block so it's positioned in a diamond shape. Place bracelet blank horizontally on stamping block. Center the pattern grid over the bracelet blank to secure it to the stamping block.

### STEP 3

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.

**NOTE:** Harder metals and stamps with more detail require a harder strike than softer metals and stamps with less detail.

### STEP 4

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.

### STEP 5

Slightly lift up the edges of the stamped pattern grid and slide bracelet over on the stamping block. Secure the bracelet back down again by centering another pattern grid stamp guide over an unstamped section of the blank. Stamp desired pattern. Repeat to finish stamping entire bracelet. After stamping is complete, remove pattern grid stamp guides. Use a little bit of rubbing alcohol on a paper towel to remove the non-permanent marker on the bracelet blank.

### 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 Bracelet Bending Bar to bend the blank into a cuff shape. Place one end of blank into the channel with the stamped side facing up. Firmly place your thumb against the end of the bracelet to secure it in place. Using the palm of your hand, bend the bracelet half way around the bar until it forms a 90-degree angle. Repeat on the other side to finish shaping a bracelet.

### STEP 8

Continue to round out the cuff with Bracelet Bending Pliers. Match the curvature of the pliers to the curvature of the bracelet. Then begin in the center of the bracelet and squeeze down. Work towards each end to give bracelet a rounded finish.