

### “Tiers of Joy” – Stamped 3-Tier Necklace

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

#### Tools & Supplies

- Metal Stamping Starter Kit
  - Ergo-Angle™ Metal Stamping Hammer
  - Steel Block
  - Stamp Enamel Marker™
  - Stamp Guides™
  - Stamp Tape™
  - Bridgette™ Letter Stamps, Uppercase, 3mm
- Multi Heart Design Stamp, 6mm
- Chain Nose Pliers (2)
- Circle w/ Hole Stamping Blank, ½”, Copper
- Circle w/ Hole Stamping Blank, ¾”, Alkemé
- Circle w/ Hole Stamping Blank, 1”, Brass
- Artisan Ball Chain Necklace, Stainless Steel, 18”-22”
- Artisan Jump Rings, Real Silver Plated, 7mm
- Polishing Cloth, Paper Towel, or Clean Rag



#### STEP 1

Place 1” circle blank on stamping block. Adhere a medium circle stamp guide along the top of the blank. Use the guidelines 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. 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. Repeat on remaining ¾” blank, using a small circle stamp guide. Remove stamp guides.

**TIP:** Slightly tilt the stamp away from 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

Place 1/2” circle blank on stamping block. Position 6mm design stamp in the center of the blank. Stamp using the Tilt & Tap technique.

**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 stamp tape to secure the blank to the stamping block so it doesn’t move while stamping. You will be able to stamp through the tape into the blank.

**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 4

Highlight impressions with Stamp Enamel. Wait 3-5 minutes and then dab the excess enamel into the impressions with a paper towel before lightly wiping it away from the surface of the blanks.

#### 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 blanks, in size order, onto jump ring making sure that the stamped sides of the blanks are facing the same direction. Then drape chain over the opened ring. Laterally twist the jump ring back with tension to close.

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