ImpressArt*

School of Stamping-Level 2

"Words of Wisdom" - Stamped 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
- · Chain Nose Pliers (2)
- · Circle w/ Hole Stamping Blank, 1", Alkemé
- Semi-Precious Charms, Mixed
- 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 circle blank on stamping block. Secure a straight stamp guide on blank. Use the guide marks 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. 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.

STEP 3

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 blank.

STEP 4

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 semi-precious charm onto jump 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.

STEP 5

Clasp chain to complete necklace.