

# ImpressArt

School of Stamping | Level **4**

*"Petal to the Metal" – Mandala Earrings*

## Tools & Supplies

- Metal Stamping Hammer
- Stamping Block
- Stamp Enamel Marker™
- Stamp Guides™
- Chain Nose Pliers
- ImpressArt® Mandala Stamp Pack, Series 1
- ImpressArt® Stamping Blanks, Circle w/ Hole, 3/4" (2)
- Ear Wire (2)
- Polishing Cloth, Paper Towel, or Clean Rag

### STEP 1

Center the pattern grid over the circle blank to secure it to the stamping block.

### STEP 2

Start mandala pattern from the center using the lines and circles marks as guides to assist with spacing. 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 – TILT & TAP:** 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 3

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. Remove pattern grid.

### STEP 4

Place blank, impression side up, inside dapping cavity of dapping block. Hold punch in center of blank and tap the punch with the Metal Stamping Hammer. Then continue to tap the punch while rotating the punch at an angle in the dapping cavity until blank is evenly domed into a concave shape. Repeat on remaining blank.



### STEP 5

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

### STEP 6

Use chain nose pliers to open ear wire by slightly pulling out the ear wire ball. Slide blank, mandala side first, onto the back of the ear wire. Swivel the blank around so it clears the bend and sits in the bottom curve of the wire. Use chain nose pliers to gently push the ball back in to secure the blank to the ear wire.