



Hand metal stamping is a quick and easy way to customize and personalize jewelry, cell phones, purse clips, pet tags and more. You can express yourself with phrases, words, and decorative icons, or personalize something with a simple initial.

SUPPLIES – THE BARE ESSENTIALS



- Steel block
- Hammer
- Metal stamps
- Metal to stamp on

OR...

Rings & Things' EXCLUSIVE metal stamping tool kit for beginners!

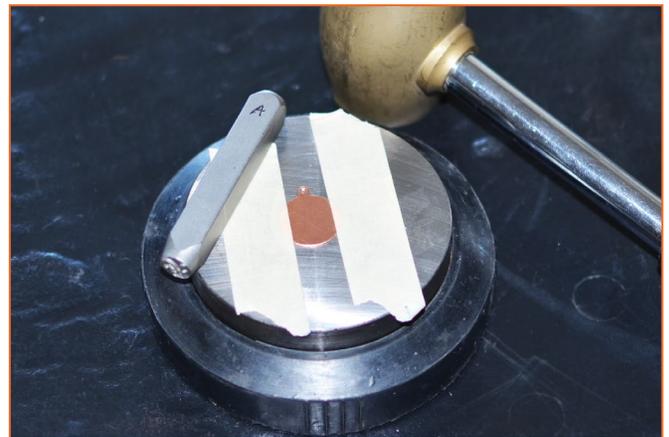


#69-298

- 69-241-01 Stamp set 1/8"
- 69-108 Steel block
- 69-142 File kit
- 69-340 Hammer, 4-Face

STEP-BY-STEP

Here are step-by-step instructions for a simple monogram charm, using a ready made blank. This project uses uppercase monogram stamps #69-244-26.



1. Tape your metal blank to your steel block or anvil to keep it from sliding or moving.



2. Place the letter stamp in the center, straight up and down perpendicular to the metal. Hit the stamp directly with one firm blow.



3. Touch up any rough spots on the blank with your files. Patina if desired. Attach a jump ring and slide onto a chain. Add some other fun dangles if desired and you're done!

OPTIONAL BUT USEFUL SUPPLIES

The essential supplies can be minimal, but there are many optional supplies for precision-planners and tool junkies:

- **Metal shears** for cutting basic shapes from sheet.
- **Disk cutter** for cutting circles.
- **Jewelers saw** for cutting intricate shapes from sheet.
- **Metal file** for smoothing rough or sharp edges.
- **Nylon hammer** or rubber mallet for flattening the metal.
- **Metal hole punch** for making holes.
- **Stamp Straight™** tape or masking tape for keeping the metal in place on the steel block, or to aid in precision stamping.
- **Thumbsaver** stamp holder - keeps fingers and thumbs a safe distance from the whacking!
- **Ink pad** to aid in precision planning.
- Paper for planning.
- Ruler for measuring.



FOR TEXTURIZING:

- **Texturing hammers** for adding texture to the metal.



FOR COLORING:

- **Oxidizing agent or patina** for an instant antiqued and aged look.
- **Patina inks or paint** for adding color or faux patina to metal.
- Sharpie® pens work well for darkening impressions.

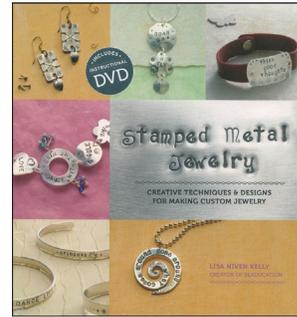


FOR POLISHING

- Rubbing alcohol for cleaning
- **Polishing pads or cloth**, 0000 steel wool or a metal brush for a finishing polish.



MORE RESOURCES



#62-380 *Stamped Metal Jewelry: Creative Techniques and Designs for Making Custom Jewelry*

Paperback. By Lisa Niven Kelly, creator of Beaducation. Learn how to use metal stamps, hand tools and metal blanks to personalize your jewelry with words, textures and creative designs. Includes instructional DVD! 19 fun projects teach you how to create stamped elements and combine them with wire-wrapping, layering, riveting and more. Projects feature sterling silver, but can also be used on copper, brass and aluminum. 135 full-color pages.

It's the Journey Mini Journal Necklace

by Mollie Valente

- Cut two metal pieces (for front and back of journal), file the edges, stamp words or phrases, punch holes, and oxidize.
- Cut paper pages to match and punch hanging holes to match metal pieces.
- Attach top jump rings and lower dangles.
- String crystals on head pins; finish with a simple loop.
- Connect the parts.



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