

Dapping Metal

Bring beautiful form and texture to a flat piece of metal using the dapping technique.



steps:

1. Place a **copper round disc** inside the largest hole of a **metal dapping block**. Choose a punch one size smaller than the hole so you don't pinch the metal. **NOTE:** Metal daps and punches work well for fast forming; however, if your metal stamping has any sort of texture, choose the **wood dap and punch set** to avoid damaging the texture.
2. Using a **deadblow hammer**, begin hammering the disc inside the hole. You will begin to see a cone shape form in the disc. To achieve a consistent domed form, move the disc around inside the hole to allow the hammer to access the entire disc. Continue to hammer until the dome is even.
3. To make a deeper dome, place the disc in successively smaller holes. Using a smaller punch than the hole, hammer the disc, making sure to move the disc around in the hole to achieve an even dome. Conversely, to achieve a subtle dome shape, begin your dapping inside a hole much larger than the disc.
4. For dapping an irregular shape such as a **teardrop**, place the stamping on a **leather sandbag** (or on the wood dapping block). Use a punch slightly smaller than the stamping and hammer into desired form. This is also a great way to add a hammered texture to your metal!



supplies:

Description	Order #	Qty.
23-piece metal dapping set	112-487	1 set
Graduated wood dapping block & punch set	112-097	1 set
European deadblow mallet; 15.2 oz.	112-246	1
Leather sandbag; 8" dia.	112-503	1
.999 fine silver teardrop stamping; 30 x 18mm, 26-ga.	682-202	1
Copper round disc; 1 1/2" dia., 18-ga.	682-456	1



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