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Lisa Niven Kelly on location using stamped words and phrases to embellish a jewelry design.



Stamping is a hot trend right now. With just a little bit of practice you will be on your way to making gorgeous personalized jewelry to sell or give as gifts.

Tools needed

- Steel Bench Block
- Brass head hammer weighing at least 1 lb (household hammer will work as well)
- Drill or hole punch plier
- Oxidizing solution or permanent ink pen
- Polishing cloth and Steel Wool
- Painters tape

Materials needed

- Copper sheet metal to practice on (24 gauge or thicker)
- Various metal shapes (blanks) to stamp on
- 18 gauge jumpring

Simple instructions for stamping

*****Practice all the methods below on copper first before attempting to stamp on your fine metals*****

Place your metal blank on your bench block, and tape down with painters tape. Place the edge of the tape slightly lower than the center of the blank (place it where you want the bottom of your letters to line up).

Start with the center letter of your word and place the letter in the center of your blank, lining the bottom of the letter with the edge of the tape. This will help you get your letters in a straight line.

Using your hammer, strike that letter with either a few strong strikes or one super strong strike. Make sure the stamp is straight and perfectly perpendicular to your metal.

Now stamp the rest of the letters. Stamp on a few design stamps to jazz your piece up!

Add black to the letters either by oxidizing your metal with an oxidizing solution or by “drawing” in the impressions with a permanent pen.

Polish the top of your metal to leave the black only in the impression.

Punch a hole with a drill or a hole punch plier.

Hang a jumpring through that hole and wear on a chain.

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