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Customized jewelry ideas, tips & techniques ahead.



Metal Stamping

{ CREATIVE INSPIRATIONS *free* FROM HOBBY LOBBY. }



• add •

dimension by gluing stamped blanks to rings with E6000®.



• cut •

holes in blanks using a screw-action hole punch.



• hammer •

edges and buff with a relieving block for this distressed look.



• embellish •

by circling crystal cup chain and covering with resin.

• stamping ground •

For a girls' night in, grab your best gal pals and a handful of bezels, chains and blanks. Then get to stampin'—dates, names and messages—for an easy way to say what's most important to you.



• take shape •

When you want more than words, we've got metal stamps with designs too. We chose a stamp set—with the four icons you see here—to complete the southwestern vibe.



• what you'll need •

- Metal stamps
- Metal blanks
- Steel bench block
- Hammer
- Permanent marker
- Tape
- Cloth or paper towel





tips & • techniques •

- For best results, clean the blank with rubbing alcohol before you begin.
- Before starting your project, practice stamping on a test blank.
- Firmly strike a hammer on the stamp one time. The stamp could move slightly with a second.
- Tape the blank to a steel bench block to keep it secure while stamping.
- For evenly spaced letters: Create a stamping guide by marking—in equal distances—on the tape and placing each letter above a mark.
- For aligned letters: Place the bottom of the letter just above the straight line of the tape.
- Trace impressions with a permanent marker—enamel paint or patina also works—to darken. Wipe away excess color with a cloth or paper towel.
- If you get color where you don't want it, use a metal relieving block to sand it off.
- To achieve a distressed look, buff the blank with a relieving block. Color with a permanent marker, and then buff the surface again.



• flag down •

There are no stamped-jewelry rules, so don't be afraid to add as much personality as you can muster. These blanks were given a waving effect using bail-making pliers. Just be sure to stamp first, shape second.

• take heart •

These metallic creations are worth swooning over.

Heart: two pieces of 5 mm flat wire attached with rivet (top) and wire (bottom)

Cuff: bracelet blank and 5 mm flat wire layered and glued with E6000®

