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MOTHER'S  
DAY  
NECKLACES**

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# IMPRESSART MOTHER'S DAY NECKLACES

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## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- 'ImpressArt' Metal Letter Stamps or Design Stamps
- Hammer (for best results, use a 1 or 2lb. Brass Hammer)
- Steel Bench Block
- Metal Blanks for Stamping
- Stamp Enamel
- Polishing Cloth (or a paper towel or clean rag)
- 'ImpressArt' Stamp Straight Tape

## INSTRUCTIONS

**Step 1** – Place your blank metal disc or charm on a steel bench block. Apply a strip of Stamp Straight Tape across your blank.

The top ridge of the tape is going to serve as a guide to help you stamp evenly and in a straight line. Mark with a pen on Stamp Straight Tape where each letter will be stamped. This will make sure your stamped impressions are evenly spaced.

**Step 2** – Place your stamp on the disc and lightly drag the stamp towards the tape until you feel the bottom of the stamp catch the top edge of the bottom of the Stamp Straight Tape.

**Note** – Be careful not to scratch the stamping blank while dragging the stamp.

**Step 3** – Hold your metal stamp so that the head of the stamp is flush with the metal disc. Now, with medium pressure strike the top of the stamp. If you've hit the stamp too lightly you can strike it again as long as the stamp has not been moved. Note: Larger and more detailed metal stamps require a harder strike than smaller and less detailed stamps.

**Step 4** – Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until all of your stamped impressions are made. Remove Stamp Straight Tape guide you have finished stamping.

**Step 5** – Assemble your necklace using pliers to attach chain, beads and closures to your liking.

## TIPS

The letters on metal stamps are forged backwards as a mirror image of the impression. This can make it easy to mistakenly stamp a letter backwards. To assist in orienting the stamps properly, most ImpressArt letter stamps have the ImpressArt logo etched on the front of the shaft. Simply hold the letter stamp with the logo facing you and you will never stamp another letter backwards. Alternatively, if the stamps don't have the orientation logo on the shaft you can mark the front of the stamps yourself with paint.