

ImpressArt®

Personalized Easter Egg Dipper & Egg Holders

Skill Level: Advanced

Tools & Supplies

- Ergo-Angle™ Metal Stamping Hammer
- Steel Block
- Stamp Guides™
- Stamp Tape™
- Multi-Function Hammer
- Scratch Protector
- Crystal Setter w/ Birthstone Crystals
- G.S. Hypo Jewelry Adhesive
- Tweezers
- Metal Shears
- Bracelet Bending Pliers
- Ring Bending Pliers
- Matte Finish Buffing Block
- Heartbreaker™, Uppercase & Lowercase, 3mm
- Birth Flower Ultra Detail Stamps, 12mm
- Curved Line Metal Stamp, 19.5mm
- Straight Line Metal Stamp, 19.5mm
- Hearts Design Stamp Pack, 3mm, 2.5mm, 1.5mm
- Dot Design Stamp, .5mm
- Bracelet Stamping Blank, 3/8" x 7", Aluminum
- Bracelet Stamping Blank, 5/8" x 6", Aluminum
- Bracelet Stamping Blank, 1/4" x 6", Aluminum
- Polishing Cloth, Paper Towel, or Clean Rag



Egg Dipper

STEP 1

Place ball pein texture stamp in the Multi-Function Hammer, with the notch in the stamp facing down. Secure stamp in the hammer by tightening the screw at the bottom of the hammer.

STEP 2

Set bracelet blank on stamping block. Hold the hammer with your palm of your hand over the screw. Then while holding the bracelet in place, stamp only the edge of the blank repeatedly with medium force until the entire outside edge of the blank is textured with a bevel effect.

TIP: Use stamp tape to secure the blank to the stamping block so it doesn't move while texturing. You will be able to texture the blank through the tape

STEP 3

Personalize every egg dipper with a name! Rotate stamping block so it's positioned in a diamond shape. If stamping on both sides of the bracelet blank, adhere a scratch protector pad on the stamping block. Then place bracelet blank horizontally on stamping block. Secure stamp guide on the bracelet blank. Use the guide marks to evenly space out letters and align stamp impressions.

TIP: Write desired message directly onto the stamp guide and utilize the guideline marks for spacing.

STEP 4

Place stamp on blank, above the corresponding mark on the stamp guide. Lightly drag stamp towards the guide until the stamp catches the edge of the guide. Hold stamp flat and firmly in place by anchoring the side of your hand on workspace. Then strike stamp once with medium force using Metal Stamping Hammer. Repeat to complete desired word. Remove stamp guide.

TIP: If the stamp has an ImpressArt logo, make sure it is facing you so that the impression is stamped in the correct direction.

TIP: Slightly tilt the stamp towards you while dragging the stamp towards the guide. Make sure you hold the stamp flat and firmly in place before striking the stamp.

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TIP: Make sure stamped impressions are not too deep, especially when stamping on both sides, as this may create potential 'break points' when the blank is being bent into shape.

STEP 5

Stamp design stamps of your choice around the stamped word to further personalize the blank. For a spark of color, stamp using the different sized crystal setters.

Hold crystal setter flat and firmly in place on the stamping blank. Strike with medium force using metal stamping hammer until a round indentation is formed in the stamping blank. The indentation should be deep enough so that the edges of the crystal are set in the divot and the top of the crystal protrudes out from the blank.

TIP: Use the Tilt & Tap technique to stamp 6mm and larger stamps, or stamps with more details. While applying pressure to the stamp, strike once with medium force. Then without lifting the stamp, continue to strike while very slightly tilting the stamp in a circular motion to catch all sides of the design.

TIP: Place stamping block (with no rubber feet or padding) on a hard sturdy surface when stamping aluminum, brass, or copper with Curved or Line Metal Stamp.

STEP 6

Highlight impressions with Stamp Enamel. Wait 3-5 minutes and then wipe away the excess enamel from the surface of the blank.

STEP 7

Shape bracelet blank into a Egg Dipper shape using both the Bracelet Bending Pliers as well as the Ring Bending Pliers. You may need to use your hands along with the pliers to form the metal in shape. Start at one end and create a circular shape to be used to hold the egg. Then bend and gently twist the straight part of the blank until it's perpendicular (90-degrees) to the circular shape. Continue to form the handle until it's finished with a slight curve at the end. This end of the egg dipper will rest on the side of the cup or mug when the egg is lowered into the colored dye.

STEP 8

Secure flat back crystals inside stamped divot impressions with jewelry adhesive, and allow to dry before using. Use tweezers to help set crystals in place, making sure not to scratch the crystals.

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STEP 1

Cut any bracelet blank down to about 4 inches using metal shears.

STEP 2

Use coarse grit on the Matte Finish Buffing Block to soften any sharp edges. Hold the buffing block in the palm of hand and use downward strokes with moderate pressure to file sharp edges. Repeat until edges are smooth to touch.

NOTE: Be sure not to scratch the surface of the blank.

STEP 3

Stamp and texture the blank as desired. For a spark of color, stamp using the crystal setters.

STEP 4

Shape blank into a circular shape using both the Bracelet Bending Pliers as well as Ring Bending Pliers.

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Secure flat back crystals inside stamped divot impressions with jewelry adhesive, and allow to dry.