

"Key to My Heart" – Personalized Valentine's Day Key Chain

Skill Level: Intermediate

Tools & Supplies

- Ergo-Angle™ Stamping Hammer
- Steel Block
- Stamp Enamel Marker™
- Stamp Tape™
- Crystal Setter Kit w/ Birthstone Crystals
- Chain Nose Pliers (2)
- Curved Tweezer, 4 1/2"
- 'Always and Forever', Ultra Detail Design Stamp, 12mm
- Circle w/ Hole, 1 1/4", Alkémé
- Artisan Jump Ring, 7mm, Silver Plated
- Heart-Shaped Split Key Ring
- Polishing Cloth, Paper Towel, or Clean Rag



STEP 1

Place blank on stamping block. Position 'Always and Forever' Ultra Detail Design Stamp in the center of the blank. 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 stamp, continue to strike while very slightly tilting the stamp in a circular motion to catch all sides of the design.

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: Use stamp tape to secure the blank to the stamping block so it doesn't move while stamping.

STEP 2

Use the 2.5mm crystal setter to stamp divots in a heart shape around the design stamp impression. 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.

NOTE: Don't position crystal punch too close to the blank's edge as this may cause the blank to bulge out and distort as the metal spreads.

STEP 3

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

STEP 4

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

STEP 5

Use the tips of two chain nose pliers to grasp the sides of a jump ring, with the opening of the jump ring facing up between the two pliers. Laterally twist each side of the jump ring in opposite directions to open the ring. Slide blank and heart-shaped split key ring onto jump ring. Laterally twist the jump ring back with tension to close.

NOTE: Do NOT pull outwards on the jump ring as it will weaken the metal and distort the circular shape of the ring.