

Roman Remembrance Necklace

Project N8009

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This necklace offers a unique way to commemorate a special occasion by converting the date to roman numerals. In this case, the pendant is metal-punched to represent a wedding anniversary in December 2010. The numerals are accentuated using ImpressArt Stamp Enamel.

What You'll Need

ImpressArt Soft Strike Blanks, Flat Rectangle Pendant with Open Heart 38 x 9.5mm, 1 Piece, Pewter

SKU: PND-9038

Project uses 1 piece



Pearl & Smokey Quartz Gemstone Sterling Silver Wire Wrapped Chain 4mm Rondelles - By In.

SKU: CHX-1066

Project uses 15 inches



Sterling Silver Open Jump Rings 5mm 18 Gauge (10)

SKU: FJR-03054

Project uses 3 pieces



Sterling Silver Straight Lobster Clasps 10mm (2)

SKU: FCL-02214

Project uses 1 piece



ImpressArt Stamp Enamel, Darkens Stamped Impressions, 1.1 Ounce Bottle

SKU: XTL-6235

Project uses 1 bottle



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-0250] Eurotool Bench Block Helper - Rubber Base With Interchangeable Steel And Nylon Blocks, [XTL-0277] ImpressArt Brass Hammer For Metal Stamping - 1 Pound - 1 Piece, [XTL-5600] Xuron Sharp Flush Cutter Pliers - Wire/Soft Flex, [XTL-5514] Beadsmith Jewelry Fine Round Nose Micro Pliers, [XTL-5511] Beadsmith Jeweller's Micro Pliers Chain Nose Flat Nose, [XTL-0715] Beadsmith 36 Piece Letter & Number Punch Set For Stamping Metal 1/4 Inch 6mm (1 Set W/ Wood Case)



Instructions

If you are new to metal punching, you may want to watch our video: Overview of Metal Punches for Jewelry Making. This necklace measures 16 1/4 inches total. To adjust the size, modify the length of chain purchased accordingly. In addition to the materials listed below, you will also need some disposable gloves and paper towels.

1. Please watch our video demonstrating the metal punching technique: How to Metal Punch Bracelet Blanks and Use the EZ-Bender Tool. Refer to the instructions in the beginning of the video through the stamping of the letters. Once the video moves on to the metal bending, you do not need to finish watching for the purposes of this project.

2. Using what you have learned in the video, begin by placing your stamping blank on your bench block with the round hole on the left hand side and the heart-shaped hole on the right.
3. Take your "X" letter punch and place it 1/8 inch from the round hole on the left side of your stamping blank. Follow the technique shown in the video to hammer the letter impression into the metal.
4. Repeat the above step for each of the following letters to spell out "XII MMX," leaving a 1/8 inch space between the two roman numeral sets (see photo for reference). Also, refer to the video for suggestions on the spacing and placement of your letter punches to make sure you get straight, even lettering on your stamping blank.
5. Once your letters are punched, put on your disposable gloves and apply some ImpressArt Stamp Enamel to the surface of the metal and use a paper towel to quickly wipe away the excess.
6. To assemble your necklace, use flush cutters to cut two 7 inch lengths of gemstone wire wrapped chain so that each length begins and ends with a smoky quartz stone.
7. Use pliers to open a 5mm jump ring. Slide on the end wrap of one length of gemstone chain. Also slide on one side of your stamping blank. Close the jump ring. Repeat this step to attach the other length of gemstone chain on the opposite side of your stamping blank.
8. To attach the clasp, open the jump ring attached to the clasp. Slide it through the last wrap on one side of your gemstone chain, and also slide on the loop of your clasp. Close the jump ring.
9. Open another jump ring. Slide on the last wrap of gemstone chain on the other side of your necklace. Close the jump ring. Enjoy your necklace!