

# ImpressArt®

## "Cosmic Connection" – Personalized Zodiac Bezel Necklace

**Skill Level: Intermediate**

### Tools & Supplies

- Ergo-Angle™ Metal Stamping Hammer
- Steel Block
- Stamp Enamel Marker™
- Stamp Guides™
- Stamp Tape™
- Dapping Kit
- Chain Nose Pliers (2)
- Flush Cutters
- G.S. Hypo Jewelry Adhesive
- Basic Sans Serif, Uppercase, 1.5mm
- Scorpio Zodiac Ultra Detail Design Stamp, 12mm
- Semi-Precious Charms, Onyx (Coming Spring 2020)
- Circle Bezel, 1", Copper
- Circle Bezel Insert, 5/8", Alkémé
- Ball Chain Necklace w/ Lobster Clasp Extender, 18"-22", Stainless Steel
- Artisan Jump Rings, 7mm, Silver Plated
- Polishing Cloth, Paper Towel, or Clean Rag



#### STEP 1

Place bezel insert blank on stamping block. Position Zodiac 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:** Use stamp tape to secure the bezel insert blank to the stamping block so it doesn't move while stamping.

#### STEP 2

Adhere a circle stamp guide on the bezel insert blank. Use the guidelines to evenly space out letters and align stamp impressions on a curve.

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

#### STEP 3

Place stamp on blank, in line with 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 before striking with medium force using Metal Stamping Hammer. Repeat to complete the desired word, turning the stamping block while working to ensure that the stamp is facing the correct direction. Remove stamp guide and set stamped blank aside.

**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 the guide while dragging the stamp. Make sure you hold the stamp flat and firmly in place before striking the stamp.

#### STEP 4

Place circle blank on stamping block. Use a modified Tap & Tilt technique to stamp outside mandala design edge of the Zodiac Ultra Detail Design Stamp around the border of the circle blank.

#### STEP 5

Position bezel insert blank, stamped side down, inside dapping cavity of dapping block. Hold punch in the center of blank and tap the punch with the Metal Stamping Hammer until blank is evenly domed into a convex shape.

#### 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

Use flush cutters to cut the bail off the bezel.

#### STEP 8

Use the jewelry adhesive to secure domed bezel insert blank inside the bezel. Then adhere the bezel to the middle of the stamped circle blank.

#### STEP 9

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 stamped pendant and pre-made chain onto jump ring. Laterally twist the jump ring back with tension to close. Repeat same technique to attach the Semi-Precious Charms

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

#### STEP 10

Allow necklace to dry completely before wearing it.