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"No Matter What..." – Personalized Hand-Stamped Wrap Ring

Skill Level: Intermediate

Tools & Supplies

- Ergo-Angle™ Metal Stamping Hammer
- Steel Block
- Stamp Tape™
- Stamp Enamel Marker™, Black
- Multi-Function Hammer Kit
- Ring Bending Pliers
- High Polish Finishing Block
- Matte Finish Buffing Block
- "Keep Going" Ultra Detail Stamp, 12mm
- Aluminum Wrap Ring Blanks, 1/4"
- Polishing Cloth, Paper Towel, or Clean Rag



STEP 1

(Optional) Buff surface of the blank to a matte finish using Matte Finish Buffing Blocks. Use medium grit to create a brushed matte textured surface. Hold buffing block in palm of hand and use even, smooth downward strokes to buff the surface to a matte finish. Repeat until desired texture is achieved.

STEP 2

Place ring blank horizontally on the stamping block.

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

STEP 3

Position Ultra Detail Design Stamp on 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.

STEP 4

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.

Set 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 5

Highlight impressions with Stamp Enamel. Wait 3-5 minutes and then dab the excess enamel into the impressions with a paper towel before lightly wiping it away from the surface of the blank.

STEP 6

Buff stamped blank to a brilliant, high-shine finish using High Polish Finish Blocks. Use fine grit to quickly clean and polish blanks. Hold buffing block in the palm of the hand and move the block in even, back and forth strokes to remove dirt and dried enamel left on the raised surfaces. Use extra fine grit for buffing to a high shine. Hold buffing block in the palm of hand and buff in tiny, back and forth strokes with light pressure to get a mirror-like shine.

STEP 7

After stamping and polishing are complete, use the Ring Bending Pliers to bend the ring blank into a wrap ring shape. Match the curvature of the nylon jaws to the desired curvature of the ring. Starting at the end of the ring blank, squeeze pliers to begin forming. Continue to squeeze and release pliers towards the opposite end until the two sides meet. Laterally pull the two sides of the blank slightly apart. Continue forming until the ring is perfectly round.