

### *"Walk the Line" – Border Necklace/Key Chain*

#### **Tools & Supplies**

- Metal Stamping Hammer
- Stamping Block
- Stamp Tape™
- Stamp Guides™
- Stamp Enamel Marker™
- Chain Nose Pliers (2)
- ImpressArt® Border Stamp, Diamond Pattern, 6mm
- ImpressArt® Stamping Blanks, Pewter Border, Rectangle
- Jump Ring, 7mm
- Split Key Ring
- Pre-made Chain
- Polishing Cloth, Paper Towel, Clean Rag

#### **STEP 1**

Place pewter border blank on stamping block. Position stamp on blank between the border and the edge of the blank. To line up border impressions, tilt stamp to determine placement then rock stamp back until it's flat. Strike the stamp once with medium force using Metal Stamping Hammer. Repeat until entire border is stamped.

#### **STEP 2**

Secure straight stamp guide on blank. Use 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 3**

Place stamp on blank. 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 the stamp once with medium force. 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.

#### **STEP 4**

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



#### **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 onto jump ring. Then drape chain over the opened ring. Laterally twist the jump ring back with tension to close.

To create a keychain, attach a split key ring to stamped blank.

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