



Personalised Mother's Day Stacking Pendant

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This project gives a simple and striking way for mum to carry her children's names with her. This project is based on two children, but of course you can adjust it to suit as many as you need!



What you'll need:

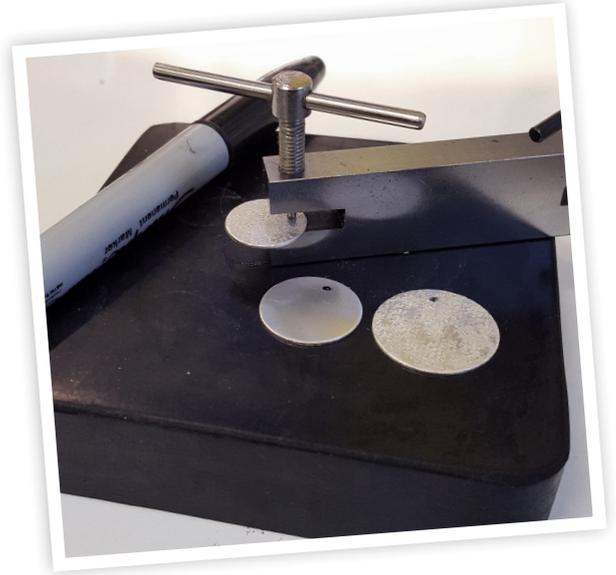
Up to 80mm * x 25mm of 0.7mm Sterling Silver Sheet	CSA 070
20mm Bezel Strip	DSF 063
6mm Cabochon of your choice (see cooksongold.com)	
18" Compact Sterling Silver Snake Chain	VV4 01H
Tiny Amount of Hard Solder	CTD 500
Easy Solder Paste Syringe	PAT 021
1 x 8mm Jump Ring	NVH H80
Assorted Flexible Abrasive Boards (Pack of 6)	975 055
Polishing Equipment	
Metal Barrelling Starter Kit With 3lb Machine	999 600K
Tools:	
Fretz Texturing Hammer	997 3106
Stainless Steel block	997 V002
Rubber Block	999 7151
Disc Cutter	997 3602
ImpressArt Hole Punch	999 A68
ImpressArt Stamping Enamel Ink	999 125
Files (999 529) and Sandpaper	975 055
Soldering Kit including Tweezers	999 096Q
Burnisher	999 AJL
Letter/number stamps to personalise (see our ImpressArt at cooksongold.com)	



Step 1

Texture the Silver

For a three disc necklace, I used the middle 3 sizes on the disc cutter. Place the silver, on the steel block. Use the texturing hammer to texture enough silver to cut your largest and smallest discs. You will get a much neater and less distorted disc by texturing before cutting.



Step 3

Punch Holes

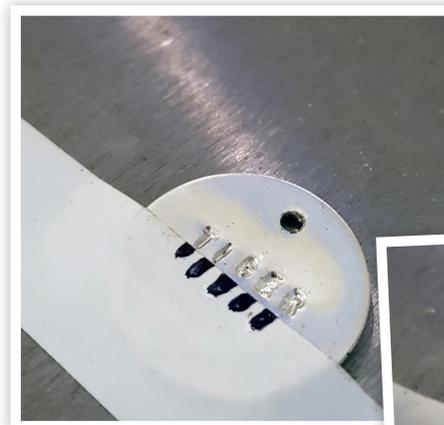
Measure 2.5mm in from the top of each disc, and mark with permanent pen. Use these as guides and use the smallest punch on the hole punch to make a hole in each disc.



Step 2

Cut the Discs

Place the disc cutter directly onto the rubber block. Use a heavy hammer to cut the largest disc from textured silver, the middle from plain silver and the smallest from textured silver, so you end up with 3 graduating disc sizes as in the image above.



Step 4

Stamp the Words

Use tape to secure the largest disc to your steel block. Mark regular increments for where your initials or letters will go. Check before stamping that the next smallest disc will cover the letters when worn. Stamp your chosen name or initials.



Step 5

Sand the Edges

Now you have your stack of discs. Use increasingly fine grades of sanding sticks to ensure all your edges are smooth to the touch.



Step 6

Add the Bezel

Wrap the bezel strip around your stone until you have a snug fit, cut the excess off to leave a neat bezel.



Solder the bezel shut using hard solder, pickle it and file and sand it smooth. Solder the bezel to the top disc using easy solder paste (sparingly) to the smallest disc.



Step 7

Attach the Discs

Stack the discs together, and attach to an 8mm jump ring. Solder using a tiny bit of solder paste, taking care to keep the solder joint away from the discs.



Step 8

Polish

Pickle and rinse the piece, cleaning if necessary. Pick out the stamping using the stamping ink as directed (Platinol or Liver of Sulphur or similar would also do). Polish off any excess, and tumble polish the whole piece using the barrelling machine. Set your chosen cabochon using a burnisher, and finally, thread the jump ring onto a snake chain for a contemporary look.

