

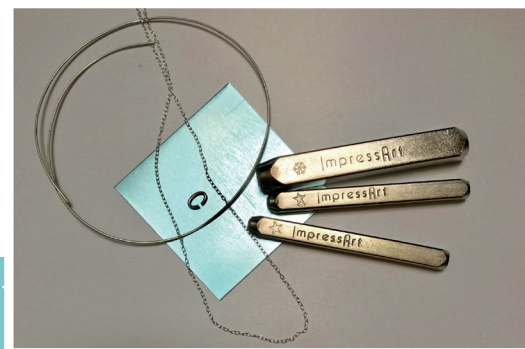


Level of design:
Beginner/
Intermediate

Snowy Stars

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Create a beautiful necklace and earring set to shimmer and shine this holiday season. Using sterling silver and metal stamps you'll learn to cut, texture and form sheet metal into finished pieces of jewellery.



Materials needed:

0.5mm Silver Sheet	CSA 050
Sterling Silver Oval Jump Rings	NVH00420
0.8mm Sterling Silver Wire	HSA 080
Sterling Silver Chain	NVC 034

Tools:

ImpressArt Design Stamps	999 1140
Star Disc Cutter	997 1636
2lb Brass Mallet	997 3134
Nylon Hammer	997 3127
Flush Cutters	997 XU05
Chain Nose Pliers	999 3701
Bent Nose Pliers	999 695
Round Nose Pliers	999 697
Steel Block	999 697
Centre Punch	999 590
Bench Peg	999 083D
Pendant Drill	999 AVX
Hole Punch	999 IA68
Drill Bit	971 151
Files	971 151
Sanding Stick	999 FAJ

Optional:

Tumbler	999 1140
Ball Burr	
Cup Burr	

For The Pendant



Step 1

Select Your Stars

Using the star punches from your disc cutter choose 3 different sizes that compliment each other.



Step 2

Place The Sheet

Select the best placement on the silver sheet, then clamp the sheet into the disc cutter.

Tip: Use a scrap piece of metal the same thickness on the opposite side of your Silver to stabilise the disc cutter.



Step 3

Make The Cut

Use your 2lb hammer to punch your silver stars.

Place your stars on your bench block and using your ImpressArt stamps create a random pattern across your stars - there really is no 'right' design here! If you need to flatten your stars again after texturing use your nylon hammer as it leaves no marks. I protect the design by using a piece of scrap leather on my block.

Step 4

Prepare To Drill

Use your centre punch* and hammer to mark each star where you'll drill for your jump rings. Remember you only need 1 hole in the small star as it's for the end of the drop.

Tip: Marking with a centre punch stops your drill from skittering across your metal.

Move your stars to your benchpeg or wood block and drill your holes - you can then use your ball burr to remove any sharp metal, or if you don't have one a file or sanding stick will work too. Now is also a good time to remove any sharp edges from your stars with a sanding stick.

If you have a tumbler you can use it to give your stars an extra shine or polish using your favourite method.

Step 5

Join The Stars

Link your star cascade together using your oval jump rings and pop onto your chain to complete your necklace.



For The Earrings



Step 1

Create Your Stars

Follow the initial steps above to cut and texture your stars.

Make your ear wires from the 0.8mm sterling wire. Turn a small loop with your round nose pliers, then create the ear wire shape with your bail pliers.



Step 2

Prepare Your Wire

Use the cup burr (or sanding stick) to smooth the end of the ear wire and work harden using your steel block and nylon hammer.



Step 3

Close The Show

Open the small loop as you would a jump ring and add your textured stars, close again and wear with pride.

You can make these earring in a number of varieties, single or double stars, drops similar to the pendant, textured or plain - have fun & see what you can create!

