

Level of
design:
Intermediate



Sweet Little Easter Bunny Pendants

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These cute little rabbit earrings are great as they are - but you can also use them to make individual and personalised pendants.

What you'll need:

<i>Rabbit Ear Studs</i>	XSS 2125
<i>Sterling Blanks of Your Choice e.g. 15mm Disc</i>	NVJ 571X
<i>40mm Bar</i>	NVJ 597
<i>20mm Washer</i>	NVJ 591X
<i>Flush Cut Snips</i>	997 3027
<i>Heavy Hammer or ImpressArt Stamping Hammer</i>	999 1A98
<i>Steel Bench Block</i>	999 791
<i>ImpressArt Letter Stamps 3mm (see cooksongold.com for full range)</i>	
<i>ImpressArt Picture Stamps e.g. hearts, floral or stars (see cooksongold.com for full range)</i>	
<i>Hard Solder Paste</i>	PAT 076
<i>Soldering Block</i>	999 968
<i>Handtorch</i>	999 955
<i>Pickle Powder</i>	998 240A
<i>Pickling Unit</i>	999 AFD
<i>Flexible Abrasive Boards</i>	975 055
Optional:	
<i>Barrel Tumbler</i>	999 6009



Step 1

Snip Off The Pins

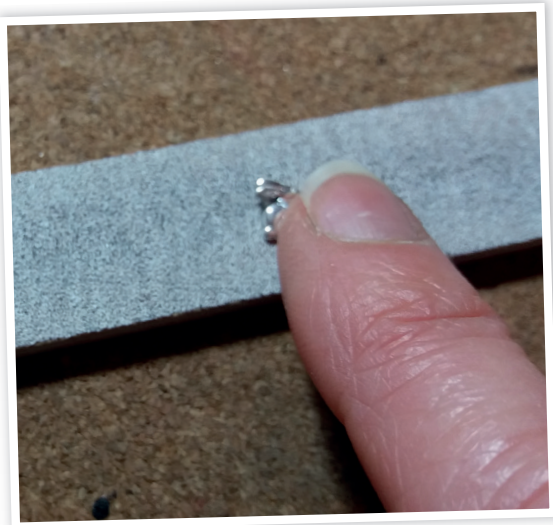
First you need to snip off the ear pin with flush cutters - as close as you can to the rabbit.



Step 3

Plan Design

Using the rabbit, plan out your design. You can choose to pattern with the picture stamps, or personalise with a name or words.



Step 2

Sand

Then sand off the little burr where the pin was connected to ensure that the back of the rabbit is completely flat (It's a bit fiddly, the best way is to dampen your fingertip and use your finger to rub the rabbit against a coarse filing stick - but be careful not to file your fingers!).



Step 4

Option 1

Add solder paste to the back of the rabbit. Position in place and solder to your chosen blank then pickle.

After pickling and rinsing, stamp on your chosen designs. (NB The blanks are slightly easier to stamp once they have been heated, as it softens the metal).



Step 4

Option 2

Alternatively you can stamp a design on before soldering. This is good if you are worried about your stamping going wrong after soldering on the rabbit. If you are very unsure, you can stamp an all over random pattern, then solder on the rabbit in the same way as above.

Then pickle. Once the piece has been pickled, clean up with your polishing pads, and add to a barrel tumbler for extra sparkle.



Step 4

Option 3

Another option is the rabbit can be soldered on the edge of the blank. Make sure there is a good contact between the two pieces before putting on the solder paste.

Step 5

Finish

The finished pieces ready to add jump rings and a chain. Why not give one with a pair of the rabbit ear studs to make a lovely Easter present set?