

# METAL STAMPED BRACELET/KEYCHAIN

## SUPPLIES

- Leather cord
- 1 square or 2 heart/round flat stamping blanks
- 1 Charm (optional)
- 1 Jump ring per charm/blank & optional clasps
- Non-stick tape

## SHARED TOOLS

- Hammer
- Stamping block
- Letter metal stamps
- Scissors
- Pen/Marker
- Needle nose pliers



## INSTRUCTIONS

### Metal Stamping

1. Choose your pendant. These are small, so you will only fit a letter or two
2. We will need to share the two stamping blocks and hammers, so this part can be done in turns
3. Tape a straight line along your pendant where you want the bottom of the letter to rest, with the tape extending over the edges to also tape the pendant in place
4. Choose your letters or symbol and note the spacing between the letters on the tape (Please keep the letter stamps in order)
5. Line up your stamp with the marks you've made, and hold the metal stamp upright in one hand and the hammer in the other
6. Carefully, hit the stamp with the hammer to create the indentation—probably about 10 times

### Keychain or bracelet

1. Measure 2-3 lengths of leather cord to 35 inches (keychain) or 45 inches (bracelet) – all lengths of cord should be the same
2. Thread keychain ring and fold in half, tie a knot at the ring to secure
3. If doing a bracelet, you won't need the keychain ring, just create a loop and tie a knot
4. Use tape to secure the ring/loop to the table
5. Arrange threads so they are flat and that your colors alternate
6. Using a ladder braid alternate strands to create the body of the keychain or bracelet \*You can use other braids or knots, whatever you're comfortable with.
7. Ladder braid/Chinese staircase/half-hitch knot:
  8. Use the leftmost thread and make a loop laying it across (from left to right) the other threads. It should look like a number four.
  9. Pull the string through the loop or the number four that you made, make sure to pull it tight.
  10. Keep repeating this process with the same color. The cord will start wrapping itself all the way around the more you do this.
  11. The example alternated every 5 wraps, switching colors. Each thread was used twice.
12. To end the keychain, tie the ends to the keychain ring, then trim and glue to secure ends.
13. To end the bracelet, tie all the threads together in a knot. This knot will be the closure for getting the bracelet on and off.
14. Alternatively, follow braiding instructions in the book for the Fish key ring on page 82 in: The art of leather braiding: beginner's guide to making jewelry, pendants, bracelets, belts, straps, and key fobs by Roy Luo & Kelly Tong.
15. Thread a jump ring through a thread on your keychain/bracelet, then attach your metal pendants and charm.
16. To open the jump rings, use two pliers to gently pry it open, slide on the charm, then close the same way
17. If you would like to hang your pendant/charm from the ends of your keychain as a tassel, use the little clasps with the hole to clamp on the ends of the cord, and thread the jump ring through that.

