



Amy's Family Charm Necklace

A family friend requested a necklace featuring her children's names. We created a necklace to match her clean and simple style, with her children's names on the front and their birthdays on the back of each charm. Use this simple idea to create charms, from simple to the most intricate, for a gift the recipient will cherish.

Supplies

The Basics

Teflon sheet
Clay Roller/Slats
Badger Balm
Water and Brush
Scalpel

Clay

PMC3 Silver
(Four charms weigh approximately 16g.)
PMC3 Paste

Other Tools

Oval Clay Cutter
Metal Stamp Set (1/8LTRNUMSET)
Tissue slicing Blade (SB)
Drill (PVSet)

Finishing

Wire or Brass Brush
Tumbler/Shot
Shinebrite Burning Compound (SHNBRT)
2" x2" Ultra Polishing Pad (ULTPOLPAD)
Agate Burnisher (BTSTONE3)

Chain(CHS3524) and Jump Rings

Step-by-Step

1) Lightly coat surface of roller and hands with Badger Balm. Also, brush a little Badger Balm into the oval cutter when using copper or bronze.



2) Condition clay by gently kneading and compressing into a smooth ball.

3) Roll out the clay to a thickness of two slats (six cards). Cut out four ovals and lay aside to dry.
Note: Our "oval" cutter is a round cutter from the Round Cutter Assorted Set (PCSR) that we gently reshaped.

4) Roll out another piece of clay to the same thickness. Using the metal letter stamps, carefully press the letters of each name into the clay. You may need to practice a little to get the proper pressure and spacing.





5) Using the Tissue Slicing Blade, cut out each name and date, leaving a small margin around each. Some of the names and dates were too long to fit on the oval charms, so we curved them a bit while still wet. Let these pieces dry.

6) Wet one side of an oval charm and the back of a name piece. Apply PMC3 Paste to the name piece and press onto the oval. Clean up the edges with a wet brush and repeat for all charms.

7) After the charms have dried, repeat this process to add birthdays to the backs of the charms. Allow the finished charms to dry.

8) Using the PVSet Drill, drill a small hole in each charm for the jump rings.

9) Dry, clean, and fire the charms.

10) After firing, clean pieces with a wire or brass brush and tumble to harden and shine. Add a couple of drops of the Shinebrite Burnishing Compound to your tumbler water for beautiful results.



11) Burnish the high spots on the names and dates with the Agate Burnisher and polish the charms with 2"x2" Ultra-Polish Pads.

12) We did not patina our charms, but a patina of Liver of Sulfur or Jeweler's Black applied with a toothpick to the names and dates can add additional contrast. Be sure to polish with the 2"x2" Ultra-Polish Pads after adding any patina.

13) Attach the charms to the chain with jump rings. Keep it simple or add additional embellishments!