



Embossed ID Tree Tags



SUPPLIES:

- crafting metal—36 gauge—usually comes on a roll—I use inexpensive aluminum—copper is pretty, but is twice the cost of aluminum
- scissors
- 1/2” pile of newspaper or magazine for your work surface.
- ballpoint pen
- paper punch
- thin paper you can see through such as tracing paper
- wire

WARNING: You may want to wear gloves when working with the metal as the edges can be sharp.

DIRECTIONS:

Decide on the shape of your ID tag. It could be a square, rectangle, circle, or the shape of the leaf from the tree you are tagging. Whatever shape you pick make sure the tag is big enough so that there is enough room for all the information you want to include.

Draw or trace the shape on the metal. Trace around tree leaf.

Using scissors carefully cut the shape out of the metal.

Print the information that you want to include on the tag on the tracing paper.

Info you might want on tag:

- Common tree name (e.g., maple, oak)
- Latin name





•Date tagged and by whom.

Place metal shape on newspaper or magazine.

Place transfer paper with information side down on top of metal. The writing will appear backwards to you.

Using a ballpoint pen, trace the information. It is important that you press firmly with the pen as you trace. After you trace the information you may add other details such as small drawings, textures, or decorative lines.

When finished tracing, remove tracing paper and turn tag over. You now have an embossed ID tag.

Punch hole in ID tag at least 1/4" away from edge. Attach wire through hole. Wire tag to tree branch or stake at base of tree.

These tags can also be used to identify flowers or vegetables in the garden—just wire tags to a stick and place at end of veggie row or by plant.

