

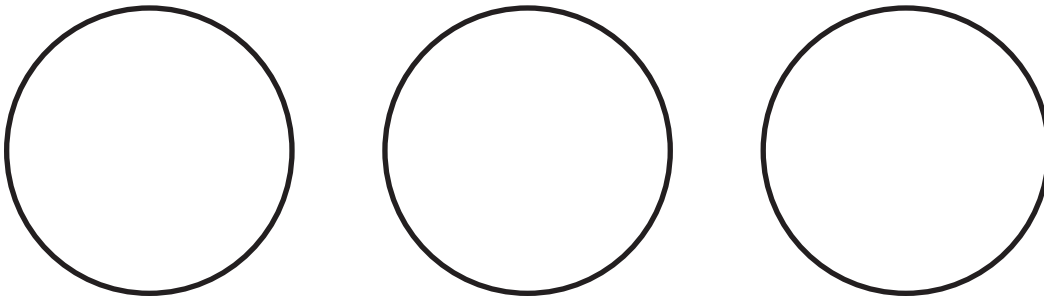
# Make your own stamp seal!

## You will need:

- This worksheet
- Marker
- Candle
- Bamboo skewer
- Clay

## Step One: Design your seal

Draw the design you want to appear when you stamp your seal in clay in one of the circles below. (We included a few circles in case you need a couple tries to get your design just right!)



## Step Two: Flip it

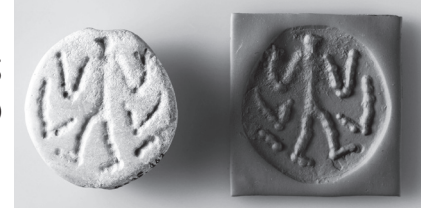
Your seal needs to be a mirror image of your design to work. Flip your paper over to see how the design needs to be carved on your candle.

Check out these  
modern sealings of  
ancient stamp seals  
from the ISAC  
Museum collection for  
inspiration:

A12303  
(Uruk period)



A18003  
(Uruk period)



A12728  
(Late Bronze Age)



A30964  
(Neo-Assyrian)



A19254  
(Achaemenid  
or later)

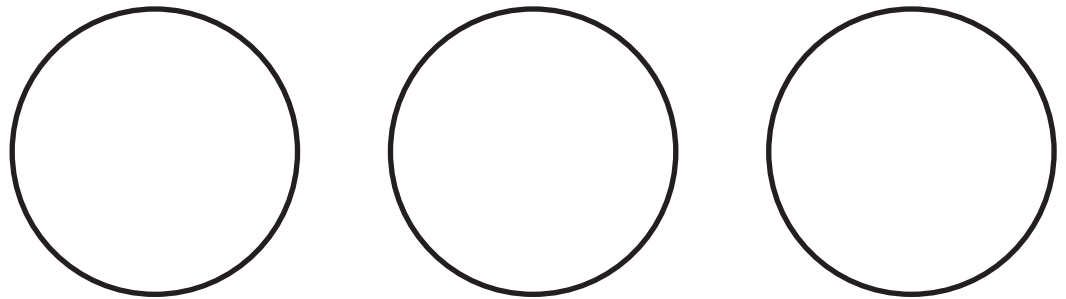


A6801  
(Sasanian)



### **Step Two: Flip it (part two)**

This is the design you will carve into your candle!  
You can trace over it to make it easier to see.



### **Step Three: Carving**

Carve the flipped image of your design into the candle with the skewer. Be sure to carve lines deep and wide enough to make an imprint in clay.

### **Step Four: Test**

Press your seal into a piece of wet clay to see your design. Make any changes you want. When you are finished with your seal, create the final impression by stamping it into a lump of clay.