

## Everything You Need to Get Started with the Hydraulic Press

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Are you planning to buy a hydraulic press for jewelry making and want to hit the ground running? We've compiled a list of everything we think you'll need to get started successfully.



Urethane is another thing you'll want to add to your shopping list. Urethane sheets are used with larger silhouette dies (like dish formers), contained urethane pairs well with smaller silhouette dies, and urethane pieces are essential for use with impression dies. Urethane pucks are used with our bracelet forming tools.

This tool is for slightly more advanced makers, but the humpback ring impression die kit is useful for pressing what we call "humpback rings". These rings will be listed as such on our site and are both an impression and forming die in one.

The first thing you will need is a <u>hydraulic press</u>! We believe our press is the safest, easiest to use, and most economical press out there, but our tools will work with most other jewelry presses.







The hardest part when making your shopping list will be deciding which dies to buy! We have a huge selection of pancake dies, silhouette dies, impression dies, and even bracelet forming tools!

You'll also need a few <u>spacers</u> (we suggest about 4). Spacers are used in the press to lessen the amount of effort needed to extend the jack. Spacers make using your press safer and will extend the life of your jack or cylinder. Always use spacers on the lower platen, ideally as many as will fit and still leave room for your tooling. At PotterUSA we recommend aluminum spacers. NEVER use hardened tool steel bench blocks as spacers. Acrylic spacers have the potential to fracture and fly out of the press.



Tool steel pushers are used to focus pressure and help

when using impression dies. They attach to the upper platen of your press with magnets. The round one is an all purpose pusher and the rectangular pusher is recommended for use with ring impression dies.

