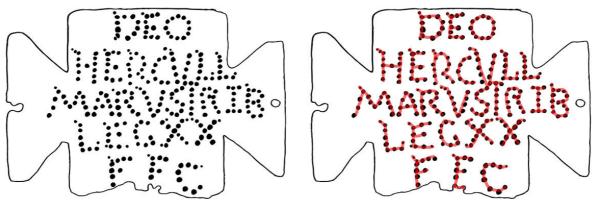
Punch a dedication to a god

The Romans had many gods. Each god had their own area of influence. Romans would dedicate little plaques to their gods as a reminder of their worship.

This dedication to Hercules was made by a Roman soldier in Britain. It means, "For the god Hercules, Marus, tribune of the 20th legion, made this."



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Roman gods and their areas of influence:

Aesculapius – healing Apollo – the sun, the arts, music

Bacchus – wine

Ceres – agriculture, grain

Diana – hunting, unmarried women, childbirth

Hercules – strength, bravery

Juno – female leadership, married women, children

Jupiter – leadership, the weather

Mars - war, justice

Mercury - sending messages, finance, travel

Minerva – wisdom, crafts

Neptune – the sea, horses

Pluto – death and the underworld

Venus – love

Vesta – the home

Vulcan – blacksmithing, metalworking

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Roman professions

Pick a Roman profession from the table. Then choose a god (or gods) relevant to your profession (see overleaf). Punch your profession (in Latin) and the name the god (or gods) in little dots on your metal plaque. You can decorate the border.



For Men:	For Women:
<i>Agricola</i> – farmer	<i>Lanifica</i> – wool-spinner
Architectus - architect	<i>Mater</i> – mother
Faber – craftsman, carpenter or blacksmith	Mima – actress
Magister – teacher	Nutrix – nurse, nanny
Medicus – doctor	<i>Obstetrix</i> – midwife
Mercator – merchant	Praefica – hired funeral mourner
<i>Miles</i> – soldier	Sartrix – clothes-mender
Negotiator – banker or businessman	<i>Saltatrix</i> – dancer
<i>Pictor</i> – painter	<i>Textrix</i> – weaver
<i>Venator –</i> hunter	<i>Venditrix</i> – shopkeeper

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