

Rubber Stamping Terminology

THINK INK!

- 1. Dye Inks:** If you're looking for an all purpose ink, dye inks are right up your alley. They're great for any type of paper. Quick to dry and virtually fade-proof, these inks won't run when they come in contact with water—that means you can apply multiple layers of ink minus any smudging.
- 2. Pigment Inks:** Thick and slow to dry, pigment inks are most commonly used for embossing. They dry to a more vibrant color than their water-based counterparts, because they don't soak into the surface of the paper. But don't be tempted to use pigment ink on a glossy surface—it will result in a smudgy mess.
- 3. Embossing Inks:** Used exclusively for embossing, these slow-dry inks come in clear and tinted varieties. They are meant for specialized embossing techniques, and won't work on glossy surfaces.
- 4. Stamp Markers:** Love the look of that multicolor stamp application? It was probably achieved with slow drying stamp markers. They're available in a multitude of acid-free and fade-resistant hues. Apply the separate colors to different parts of the stamp for a full-color ink impression.

STAMPS AND MOUNTS, OH MY!

- Wood Mount:** The go-to stamp for everyday projects, wood mounted stamps are fun and easy to use. Just gently press onto an ink pad or for oversized designs, press the ink pad to the stamp instead. Then on a flat work surface, press firmly and evenly to the surface of the paper.
- Clear Stamps:** When precise placement is key to your design, clear stamps are perfect for the job. To use, simply remove the stamp from its protective backing, and place it on a clear acrylic block. Then ink and press, just as you would for a wood mounted stamp. When you're finished, clean the block with water or a non-alcohol based cleaner.
- Unmounted Stamps:** If you're a stamper with an eye for value, unmounted stamps are an obvious choice. Because they come in whole sheets of coordinating designs, you can purchase an entire collection of stamps at a relatively low cost. Use them with acrylic blocks or blank wood blocks.

THE STAMP OF SUCCESS!

- Clean your stamps after each and every use to avoid ink buildup. You can purchase a cleaner that's specially formulated for stamps.
- Store all stamps away from heat and sunlight. Protect stamps from dirt and dust with sealed or covered storage, and keep them in a cool, dry area of your home.
- For best results, store inkpads upside down (design facing upward).
- Store your stamps on a flat surface. This is especially important for clear and unmounted stamps.

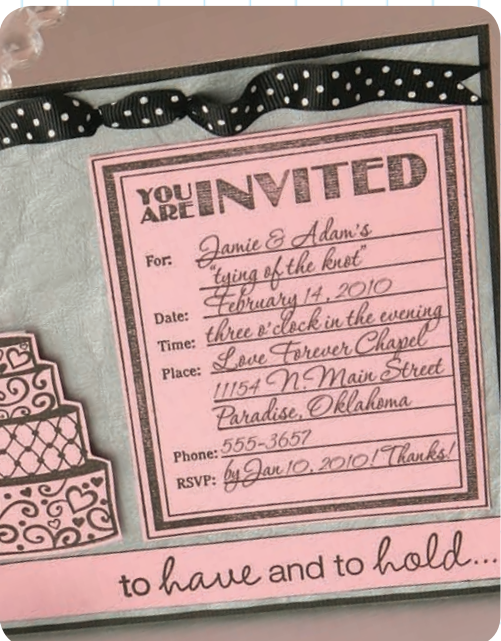


From tips and tricks, to fanciful project ideas, we've got everything you need to take on the world of rubber stamping!

Rubber Stamping 101



Impressions of Bliss... From your save-the-dates to your thank you cards, your bridal correspondence should be as unique as you are. And it will be when you make it yourself! Look to a darling collection of wedding-themed stamps to get you started! We offer versatile background stamps (polka dot and scroll designs shown here), elaborate icons and sentiments, and even lined invitation stamps. You'll have a terrific time combining them with embellishments, including ribbon, eyelets, and jewelry wire.





Sweet and Savory...First you stamp, and then you stir! Our handy rubber stamps are a big help in the kitchen. Start with a set of beautiful recipe cards—just stamp, color, and cut. Then, whip up a plateful of cutie-pie cupcake picks. They come together in no time with a label stamp and a scalloped circle punch. And what's the final ingredient? A selection of freshly stamped gift tags garnished with bright eyelets and sweet coordinating ribbon.



Hitting the Books...You're not exactly by the book, and your library shouldn't be either. Stock it with a collection of handmade bookmarks. They're created with rubber stamps; from quirky and sweet to eco-chic. Simply cut out and layer stamped quotes and images to make your own. But don't stop there, mark every book in your collection with a simple bookplate stamp. When the ink is dry, just fill in with your name!



Playing Tag...When it comes to gifts, personal touches make all the difference. That's why these bright, whimsical gift tags should be the final flourish on anything you wrap. They're made using a variety of easy techniques. For example, the sunny cupcake tag features a stamped icon that was colored, cut out, and attached with foam adhesive. The purple party hat tag features a stamped image that was mounted on a fancy ribbon border. The ribbon was gathered by hand and secured to cardstock with double-sided adhesive.

