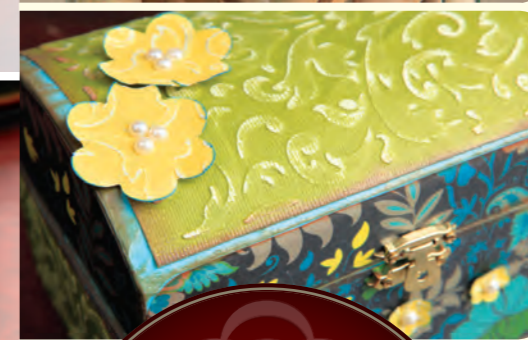




**absolutely art** This wreath is a roundup... of beautifully embossed style! It features a flock of pretty papers, cut into leaf-like shapes, embossed with a whimsical print, and inked for interest. The shapes are stapled to a hand-cut cardboard ring that was covered with coordinating paper, and the piece is hung from a length of ribbon.



**metal marvel** How do you keep your embossing folder from slicing through thin metallic sheeting? Mount the metal (several colors available in the Craft Department) on cardstock before rolling it through the machine.



**by and large** Let large surfaces in on the fun by embossing a bevy of 3 x 3" squares. Simply piece the squares together like tiles, trimming as necessary.



**best distress** Give an artfully antiqued look to embossed cardstock by gently rubbing the embossed surface with fine grit sandpaper. Instant aging!



**texture trove** The secret to fantastic fur? An ordinary ink pad! Make embossed textures come to life by carefully wiping ink over the surface of the design.

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Grab a stack of embossing folders and an embossing machine and press your way to a world of beautifully-embellished paper crafts!



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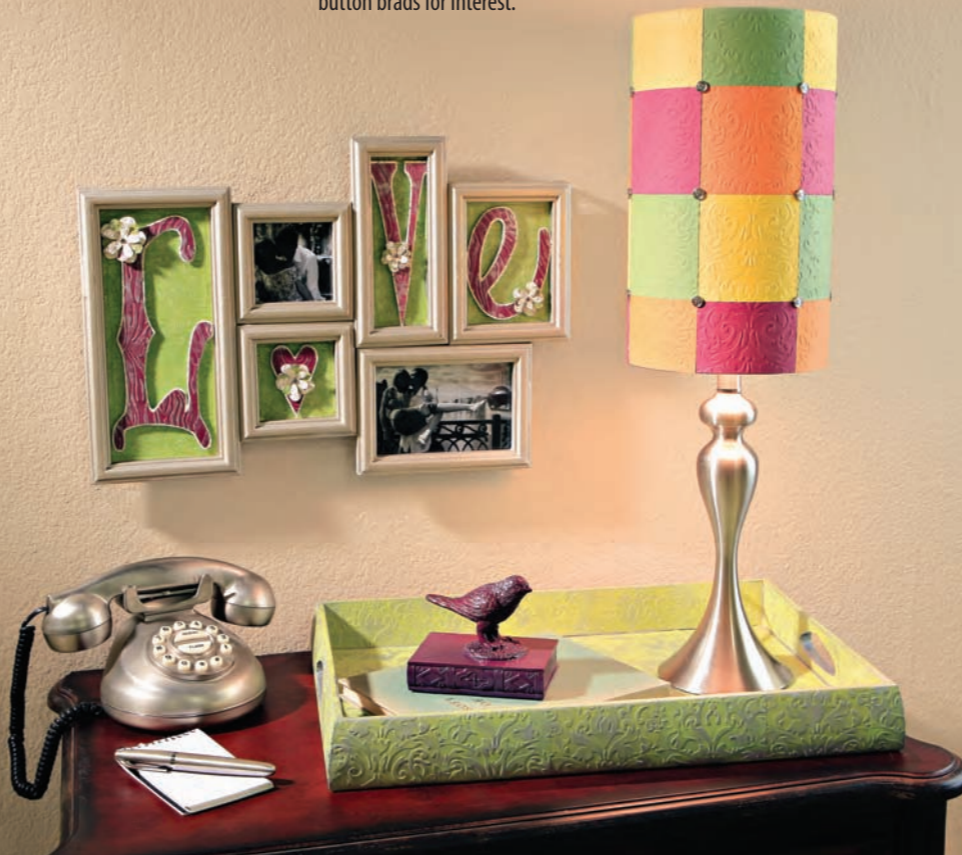
**like a fox** Here's a project that's all about the gift of grrrrr! We used a zebra-striped embossing folder to create the faux furry texture on this foxy little favor bag. Another folder provided contrasting texture for the eyes, the mouth and the quirky tail. **Tip:** If you wish to control the placement of the pattern, it's best to emboss before doing any cutting or punching.



**full heart** Art with heart? It's easier than you think! Ornate embellishment (courtesy of a swirly embossing folder) gave this layered design a professional pop. And that's why we chose to put it in a frame! It's perfect as part of our unique "love" collage (below).

**in the shade** Upgrade a boring shade with some color-blocked embossing. We used an embossing folder and embossing machine to imprint each 3 x 3" square with an elegant damask pattern. Then, we used double-sided adhesive to secure the cardstock before dotting on some smart button brads for interest.

**tray treasure** Now that's the way to cover a tray! Make a dramatic change to a bit of "been there" décor by embossing it from top to bottom. This piece gets its look from a damask embossing folder and metallic paint, brushed over the design and wiped off for antique appeal.



**wax wrap** Just a little style turns an everyday item into one-of-a-kind décor. Case in point? These paper-wrapped pillar candles. They feature metallic papers, embossed using our versatile embossing folders. We punched and cut them into the shapes shown. Then, we layered them with decorative brads, pushed directly into the wax to hold everything in place.



**egg-shaped elegance** This limb is trimmed with a bevy of pretty, oval ornaments. For this look, we imprinted cardstock using a leafy embossing folder and a simple, hand-operated embossing machine. Then, we cut out our shapes and assembled them as shown—we even mixed in patterned paper and cute button brads.



**ring zing** Cardstock, thin metal, and chic organza ribbon. They do wonders for nondescript napkins—especially when they're mixed with a bit of hand-embossed texture. Emboss metal first, and then carefully cut out the shapes. Some ink, some eyelets, some beaded scrapbooking embellishments... and you're done!