

Basic Stamping Tools

- 1. Scissors:** Paper Snips for precision cutting; Craft Scissors ergonomic handle with long blade
- 2. Trimmer:** Cutting and scoring tool for a full 12”
- 3. Ink:**
 - a. VersaMark Pad** for tone-on-tone or watermark effect or for embossing powder.
 - b. StazOn Black ink pad** perfect for stamping those finely detailed stamps. Permanent ink that won't smear or bleed when used with watercolor techniques or coloring line images.
 - c. Colored ink pads** as you need them. Pick a color collection (Brights, Subtles, Regals or Neutrals) you prefer and started with 3 or 4.
- 4. Paper:** A good quality paper will make a huge difference in your end results. A pack of matte card stock in white (Whisper White) or ivory (Very Vanilla) and a variety of colored card stocks are indispensable. Start with the same color collection (Brights, Subtles, Regals or Neutrals) as the ink pads and get a variety pack (i.e. 20 sheets, 2 of each 10 colors).
- 5. Stamps**
 - a.** An “all occasion” stamp set that has many images and if possible even some greeting to go with it. Look for a set that has stamps suitable for cards for several occasions such as birthdays, thank you notes, thinking of you, etc. Good quality rubber stamps are an investment and will last many years if properly taken care of.
 - b.** An all-purpose greeting stamp set. Again, a large set for all occasions will be worth the expense in usefulness. Look for a stamp set with words that can stand alone or be used inside the cards.
 - c.** At least one alphabet set is a must for scrapbooking.
- 6. Blender Pens** - The blender pens allow you to create watercolor effects. You can also use these with ink pads to apply color to images when you don't have colored markers.
- 7. Stampin' Mist and Stampin' Scrub** to keep your stamps clean and conditioned to preserve the rubber.
- 8. Adhesives:** There are many choices for adhesive depending on the purpose. These are the basics.
 - a. Multi-purpose Liquid Glue** can be used for almost all project and is the least expensive. It can be used as a permanent glue or let it dry and use it as temporary tack. The one drawback is that it can be messy.
 - b. SNAIL** is a runner double-sided adhesive that is easy to use and holds most card stock.
 - c. Glue Dots** hold heavier embellishments – good for attaching bows, etc.
 - d. Stampin' Dimensionals** are foam dots that add depth or dimension to your project.
- 9. Stamp-a-ma-jig** is a stamp positioner useful for lining up images or words or individual letters.
- 10. Ruler** – You can use the grid on the Trimmer or purchase grid paper to protect your work area, but I find I pick up my little 6 inch ruler more often than not to check the dimensions of an image or to center an image on a card or to help find dimensions for layering.

There are numerous other items that are useful to have such as small paint brushes, small containers for storage, sponges, cotton swabs, an old dish towel or paper towels.