

Stamping Basics Part 3

Wood-Mount Stamps vs. Clear-Mount Stamps



With clear blocks, you only need one set of blocks for all your stamps. This saves a lot of storage space. You can reposition stamps on the clear blocks. Clear blocks can hold one stamp or multiple stamps if you want to create a collage of images. The blocks are each 3/4" thick with the size letter etched on side for easy identification

Available in nine sizes:

- Block A: 1-3/16" x 1-1/4" (#118487)
- Block B: 1-5/8" x 1-15/16" (#117147)
- Block C: 2" x 2-1/4" (#118486)
- Block D: 2-7/8" x 2-11/16" (#118485)
- Block E: 3-7/16" x 4-7/16" (#118484)
- Block F: 4-7/8" x 6" (#118483)
- Block G: 3/4" x 2-1/2" (#118489)
- Block H: 1-5/8" x 4-7/16" (#118490)
- Block I: 2-1/4" x 5-7/8" (#118488)

The complete set of clear blocks includes one block of each size

There are bundles available:

- Clear Block Starter Bundle includes blocks C, D, and H (#129851)
- Clear Block Bundle includes all blocks (A-I) (#118491)

Clear-mount stamps come in a plastic case about the size of a DVD case and have inserts that slip into the front and spine of the case so you know exactly what is in each case.

To adhere the stamp to the clear block, “huff” on the stamp, place it on a hard surface and press the clear block onto the stamp holding it for a few moments.

Stamps will adhere best to a clean block. Although you don't need to clean the block after each use, you'll need to clean it occasionally so the stamps adhere well. You can remove most ink stains from the block using a Clear-Block Cleaning Cloth and Stampin' Mist. If you have to use any adhesive remover to get sticky pieces off the clear blocks, I usually clean it up with liquid dish soap to remove any residue.

Wood-mount stamps are permanently mounted on the wood blocks. Each set of wood-mount stamps comes with a set of wood blocks. They also come with a sticker of each stamp to mount on one side of the wood block opposite the stamp itself. The new wood-mount cases have the set name and stamp images on the spine just like the clear-mount cases. The new cases make storing and finding stamps much easier.



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Applying Ink to Stamps

Just a few tips when it comes to inking your stamps.

- Tap the stamp gently onto the ink pad (especially with the newer foam pads)
- When you have a larger stamp, it is sometimes easier to place it upside down on the table and tap the ink pad onto the stamp.
- Do not rub the stamp across the ink pad.
- Always look at your inked stamp to be sure all the areas are covered with ink
- Avoid getting ink on the area around the image – do not rock the stamp or “squish” it into the ink pad. Clean off any excess ink with a cotton swab or paper towel.
- Test on scrap paper before stamping on your project
- You can also use markers to ink stamps. Use different colors on different parts of the stamp. Be sure to “huff” on the inked stamp to dampen it before stamping.

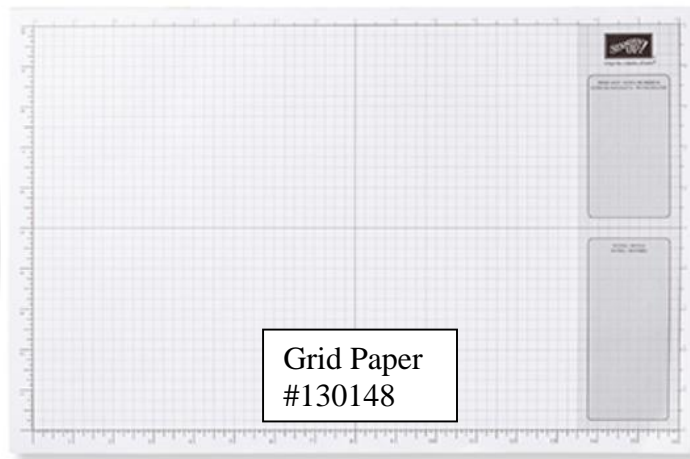


Stamping an Image

- Hold the stamp, rubber side down and stamp firmly on paper. Use the scrolled sides of wood or clear blocks to grip the stamp on either side with your fingers.
- Try not to wiggle or tilt the stamp as you press down firmly.
- Carefully lift the stamp up, holding the paper with one hand so the stamp releases the paper.
- Practice on scrap paper to be sure your image is what you want – no missing areas or over-inked edges
- Clean your stamp with Stampin’ Mist cleaner and Stampin’ Scrub. This will lengthen the life of your stamps and keep them conditioned.
- Grid paper provides a clean surface to stamp on and has ¼” grid to help align elements of your project.
 - Perfect for protecting work areas and for practicing
 - If you struggle with lining up and spacing your titles, stamp them on the grid paper first, following the grid lines. Then place the grid paper over your project but below where you want your title. Line up the stamps following the same grid lines you used to stamp your title on the grid paper.
 - Includes space for notes and a wish list



Stampin’ Scrub
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Grid Paper
#130148



Stampin’ Mist
#101022