

## Stamping Basics – Stampin' Up! Ink Pads/Ink Refills/Cartridges/Markers



**Stampin' Up! Classic Pads and Refills** are water-based dye inks. These are general purpose inks that can be used for stamping on most kinds of paper. Dye-based inks set up by soaking in and staining the fibers of the paper. On porous surfaces, this tends to happen quickly, so they are generally not appropriate for use with embossing powders. On glossy, coated or other non-porous surfaces, they tend not to dry at all and will easily smudge. The inks are acid free and nontoxic. They may tend to fade with time and especially sunlight. And because they are not waterproof, they can run if they get wet. That is an advantage with some techniques. You can ink up a stamp and then use a spray bottle to lightly mist it with water before stamping to get a unique mottled effect. Or gently wash over stamped images with a small, damp paintbrush to achieve a watercolor look. You can even use your ink pads as water color paints by gently squeezing the lid onto the ink pad when it is closed. When you open the lid, you have a small pool of ink that you can pick up with a damp paintbrush, AquaPainter or blender pen and apply to your paper.

The Stampin' Pads are firm foam pads that can be re-inked using the Classic Stampin' Ink Refills. They have an exclusive lid that folds under so you can easily ink oversize images such as background stamps. When the lid is closed the pads are upside down to keep it moist and ready to stamp.



The Stampin' Up Classic Pads and refill colors coordinate with exclusive Stampin' Up! card stock and Stampin' Write Markers. They come in four color collections: Neutrals, Brights, Subtles, and Regals, as well as two In Color collections.

The Stampin' Ink Refills are available in 1/2 oz. bottles to re-ink the Classic Stampin' Pads and Stampin' Around Cartridges. The refills can also be used for watercoloring and to dye ribbon.

These water-based dye inks are easily cleaned from your stamps with the Stampin' Scrub and Stampin' Mist. Some people like to use damp paper towels or baby wipes to dab the ink off.

**Whisper White Craft Stampin' Pad and Refill** is a permanent pigment ink that is safe for scrapbooks because it is acid free, fade resistant and nontoxic. It can be used on wood, fabric, and other craft items. It is also great for embossing because it stays damp. Craft ink is thicker than our Classic (dye-based) ink, so you use more each time you stamp; we recommend keeping an ink refill handy so you can re-ink the pads.

Let Craft ink dry or heat set before adding photos or other embellishments.

The Craft pads are firm foam pads that can be re-inked using the Craft Stampin' Ink Refills. As the name implies it is available in Whisper White. The refills can also be used to re-ink Stampin' Around Cartridges.



*Whisper White Craft Stampin' Pad*

The Craft ink should be cleaned from the stamps immediately after stamping.

**StazOn ink pads** are solvent-based permanent inks available from Stampin' Up! in Jet Black and White. Solvent-based inks do not require heat setting and, once dry, are permanent on almost any surface, including plastic, glass, ceramic, metal, wood, leather, acetate and paper. However, they are not recommended for fabrics that will be laundered.

They are acid-free, archival and dry almost instantly on porous surfaces. They take about 3 to 5 minutes to dry on non-porous surfaces.



*StazOn Cleaner*

They work great for stamping outlines and then going over them with markers or paints.

You will need the solvent-based cleaner. Clean your stamps immediately and thoroughly to avoid staining.



*StazOn Jet Black Ink Pad*

**VersaMark** is a translucent (watermark) ink that can be used to stamp very subtle watermark images onto paper or card stock. It makes subtle tone-on-tone designs; appears a few shades darker than the card stock and looks like a watermark on light-colored, text-weight paper. This technique is excellent for producing interesting background designs, especially on colored papers. It is also perfect for resist stamping and dries slowly enough to work well with embossing powder (heat embossing). It has a refill available.



*VersaMark Watermark Stamp Pad*

**Illuminate Glimmer Watermark Pads and Refills** are a luminescent watermark ink that creates a shimmery, tone-on-tone look. It is nontoxic and acid free. There is no need to heat set this ink.



*Illuminate Glimmer Watermark Pad & Refill*

**Stampin' Around Cartridges** let you stamp Stampin' Around images without re-inking the wheel. Used with Stampin' Around Wheels and handles, they provide quick, non-stop, even stamping on projects. Inked cartridges are available in Basic Black or the un-inked cartridges can be inked with Classic Stampin' Ink Refills. As mentioned above you can dedicate a cartridge for use with the Whisper White Craft ink also.

Because cartridges are small, they tend to dry out more quickly than a pad. Store your cartridge with the lid on in a closed plastic bag.



*Jumbo Cartridge*



*Standard Cartridge*



*Triple Cell Cartridge*

## Stampin' Write Markers

- Dual-tipped markers: .5 mm fine point and flexible brush
- Use fine tip for details and journaling; use flexible brush for coloring and inking stamps
- Odorless, acid-free, water-based dye ink
- Available individually or in color collections (Neutrals Collection does not include Very Vanilla or Whisper White)
- Coordinate with Classic Stampin' Pads and exclusive Stampin' Up! card stock

For a soft watercolor look, outline your image with a Stampin' Write Marker, and then use a Blender Pen, Aqua Painter, or water-dampened watercolor brush to pull and blend the marker colors into the area you desire.

You can custom-color images by coloring directly on the stamp. Use the flexible brush tip on its side to shade and blend colors right on the rubber. The fine point lets you easily color small areas of the stamp. You can also omit parts of the design by coloring only those features you want to stamp.

**Encore Metallic Ink Pads**, as the name suggests, produce a metallic luster. These are available in Gold or Silver from Stampin' Up!



*Encore Gold Metallic Stamp Pad*

**Smooch Spritz** is actually a fine, pearlized accent spray that quickly adds shine to card stock, paper, chipboard, wood, fabric, clay, acrylic, and more. It is similar to the ink in metallic ink pads, so it gives a different look than stamping or spritzing with Classic or Craft ink. The sheen of the ink ranges from subtle to glittery depending on the surface you spray it on and how much spray you use

- Works great with stencils—just place the stencil on your surface and spray
- You can also stamp over it; spray it on a card, let it dry, and stamp your image
- Dries quickly on most surfaces, especially on porous surfaces like card stock
- Safe for scrapbooks
- Acid free, nontoxic



*Many Marvelous Markers*



*Brights Collection  
Stampin' Write Markers*



*Vanilla Shimmer  
Smooch Spritz*