

The Scrapbook Sentinel

A Free Newsletter For The Friends of:

Imagine That! Scrapbooks & Gifts

“When I was a kid, I used to imagine animals running under my bed.

I told my dad, and he solved the problem quickly. He cut the legs off the bed.” — *Lou Brock*

Summer Has Arrived!

I know I'm different, but with summer coming, this is the time of year when I really enjoy diving back into my photos. I'm not sure what it is, but the pace of life... well, it doesn't exactly *slow down*, but it changes. It shifts a little bit to the less-stressful side of the pendulum, and I find myself taking a big breath of fresh, warm air, while my spirit relaxes just a tiny bit. And my fingers begin to itch to get at my pages and supplies. Must be the smell of the charcoal fluid...



because they take up so much less space. That also makes them more lightweight, so they're easier to transport.

The way they work is, one side is PERMANENTLY sticky. (Helpful Hint: If your clear acrylic stamp is starting to lose some of its stickiness and is not sticking to the stamping block as well as you would like, simply wash it with soapy water and *let it dry*. Remember a wet clear acrylic stamp WON'T stick to anything!) When you're ready to use your stamp, just mount the sticky side to a clear acrylic block, and you're ready to go! Because your mounting block is also clear, you can see EXACTLY where you want to place your stamp, and even if you miss a spot, you can even re-ink and try again!



So this year, as I've been switching gears from the manic craziness of May to the relative peace of June, I found my fingers itching to get a hold of my clear stamps.

Have you ever used them? Clear stamps rock the house! Did you know there is an entire happy world of clear stamping filled with

endless possibilities? My only problem is, once I pull them out, keeping myself focused on my scrapbook pages! Not only can you use them to make layouts, they make cards, bags, tags – you can stamp on metal, fabric – even walls!

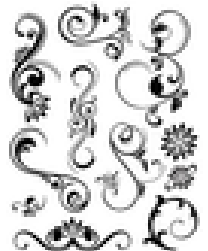
If you've never tried them before, there are a few big differences between clear stamps and rubber ones. The main difference is the way they are mounted. Rubber stamps are permanently mounted on wooden blocks, while clear stamps come un-mounted. Which means that you can store them in a drawer or binder very easily,

Another nice thing about un-mounted stamps is that you can arrange and rearrange them on the block, any way you would like to. This is HUGE when it comes to making words. With clear stamps, you can make titles without expensive equipment... and place them evenly to boot!

Stamping is fun! Make girly, swirly corners and borders...

Dress up a title or journaling tag...

Did you know you can also use your inkpad to distress the edges of your page, mat, journaling box, even stickers, chipboard and any other embellishment you can think of. Just



scrape the edge of your paper against the inked surface of the pad.

Creating Full-Color Images

One question people often have, is how to add color to their stamped images. You have several options. The first and most simple is to simply stamp with different colored inks. Or, get out your pencils or markers and color in your stamped image.

If you want to get fancy, you can even use brush-tip markers to “paint” the stamp itself with several different colors, instead of a single colored ink pad. Heck, with this technique, you don’t even NEED ink pads! Simply color right on top of the stamp with brush-tip markers, and then apply the stamp. (HELPFUL HINT: After you finish coloring in your stamp, just before you stamp your image, give your stamp a good “huff” of breath to make sure the ink stays wet.)



embossing ink like “Versamark,” stamp your image (make sure your stamp is really well-inked), and sprinkle the stamped design generously with embossing powder. Next, pour off the excess powder onto a paper plate or spare sheet of paper. Tap your cardstock to make sure you get off all the extra powder. (When you’re finished, you can funnel that extra powder back into its jar.) Now the

design should be completely covered with the powder, with no extra powder anywhere else on your paper.

Here’s the fun part. Use a heat gun to apply heat to the powder which will make it melt and form your raised design. Be careful so your paper does not burn. (Hold the gun about 4” away from your paper, moving it slightly back in forth over your image. Depending on how big it is, about 15 seconds should do it.) Once melted, the embossing powder dries quickly, and creates a great professional looking focal point for your piece.

Different colors and techniques create endless possibilities when it comes to heat embossing. Use gold or silver powder to create a metallic finish. Try clear, glittery, or even holographic powder over colored craft ink to add sparkle and dimension.

Another method, which is pretty cool, is to stamp in steps. For example, if you want to stamp a yellow daisy, you would start by stamping just the stem and leaves in green, THEN stamp the

petals in yellow, and finally add the center of the flower in dark brown or black. Each part of the flower is a separate stamp, so you can ink them separately. And since your stamp block is CLEAR, you can put each part exactly where you want it to go!

Heat Embossing How-To’s

I think – no; I definitely KNOW – that my favorite part about stamping is HEAT EMBOSSING! I must confess that the wonder of watching embossing powder melt to liquid, then harden into shiny 3-D perfection is the closest I will ever come to performing sheer scrapbooking magic.

And it’s ridiculously easy to do. Using your regular stamps and a special kind of



Welcome New Scrappers!

Here are the new people that became members of our scrapping family this last month! We'd like to welcome you publicly, and wish you all the best!

Barbara G., Janet K., Susie S. , Evon M., Kara P. , Lynette M., Katie L., Terri D. *We love giving recognition to our new friends and our wonderful existing customers who are kind enough to refer their friends and relatives to us! We're all helping each other, which is the whole point of all this! Right?*

How to Stay Married



A man and woman had been married for more than 60 years. They had shared everything. They had talked about everything. They had kept no secrets from each other except that the little old woman had a shoebox in the top of her closet that she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask her about.

For all of these years, he had never thought about the box, but one day the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would not recover. In trying to sort out their affairs, the little old man took down the shoebox and took it to his wife's bedside.

She agreed that it was time that he should know what was in the box. When he opened it, he found two crocheted dolls and a stack of money totaling \$25,000. He asked her about the contents. "When we were to be married," she said, "my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doll."

The little old man was so moved; he had to fight back tears. Only two precious dolls were in the box. She had only been angry with him two times in all those years of living and loving. He almost burst with happiness. "Honey," he said, "that explains the dolls, but what about all of this money? Where did it come from?"

Oh," she said, "that's the money I made from selling the dolls."

Thank You for all the prayers & support during Ronnie's Illness!

Children Live and Learn

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.

If a child lives with fear, he learns to be apprehensive.

If a child lives with jealousy, he learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement he learns to be confident.

If a child lives with praise, he learns to be appreciative.

If a child lives with acceptance, he learns to love.

If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.

If a child lives with recognition, he learns it is good to have a goal.

If a child lives with honesty, he learns what truth is.

If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.

If a child lives with security,

he learns to have faith in himself and those about him.

If a child lives with friendship, he learns to find love in the world.

June "Stamp It" Sale!

Come on in this month, and take advantage of our "Across-The-Board" Stamping Sale!
Stock up on stamp sets as well as embossing powders, and go home with
a bagful of happiness and fabulous fun potential!

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JUNE GIFT TO YOU!

**15% off Our Entire Stock of
Clear Stamps!**

Offer good 6-1-09 through 6-30-09.

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with any other coupons or special offers.

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**Buy 1 get 1 Half Off
ALL OUR EMBOSSING POWDERS!**

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