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Stamping with Bleach on Fabric

Fabric is an outstanding surface to use with card making and scrap booking. The reverse of colors allows stampers to use their favorite fabric and ribbon strips as the canvas for monotone stamping.

Instructions:

Though flowers and leaves are always a favorite image, plaids and prints offer a dramatic look as well. Choose some of your favorite images, most attractive fabrics and few embellishments for a beautiful handstamped card or scrapbook page.

One of the central benefits to stamping with bleach is the variety of manners that bleach reacts to fabric. For example, fabrics that are colorfast do not work well at all. Fortunately, inexpensive and thin cotton cloth tends to work best. It is therefore cost effective to experiment with scraps before starting your project.

In order to get the most contrast, try using the darkest materials available. For a subtle look, choose a lighter fabric. Note that lighter colors will give you an almost watermark look, similar to that of stamping with VersaMark on card stock.

Before you start:

It's very important to prepare your work area before working with bleach products. Use a plastic cutting board and lay down a paper towel to absorb excess bleach from the back of the fabric. In order to avoid carpet and clothing accidents, try stamping in the kitchen where it's easier to clean up and wear a smock or apron. Be sure to work in an area that is well ventilated.



Keep the following supplies on hand: sponge brush, bleach gel, fabric, iron, paper towels, paper plate and stamps. A heat gun is helpful as well as you can heat the fabric to quicken the bleaching process.

Instructions:

1. Iron fabric to ensure a flat surface.
2. Place fabric onto prepared work surface.
3. Squeeze some bleach gel onto a paper plate.
4. Dab the sponge brush into the bleach and apply evenly to the rubber stamp.
5. Stamp onto fabric, pressing evenly and firmly.
6. Heat fabric with a heat gun or set aside to allow the bleach to react.
7. When dry or desired effect is achieved, hand wash and rinse, allow to dry.
8. Press with an iron.
9. Affix to cardstock using a glue stick.

Tip:

Try bleach gel instead of liquid it adheres to the fabric more successfully.

Clean stamps with water soon after use.

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