

Stamp & Ink Savvy

Learn the basics of stamping to add eye-catching looks to your layouts.

Imagine always having the ideal accent for your layout, in just the right color to complement your design. Sounds pretty nice, doesn't it? That's the magic of stamps. These easy-to-use tools can help you create a detailed scene for your layout or jazz up a plain border with very little effort. The secret is all in knowing a few basic terms and universal techniques, so you can pick up a stamp and some ink and achieve beautiful results.

Here, you'll discover the benefits of different types of stamps, learn about the different varieties of ink, and explore tools that will help you succeed in stamping every time. We invite you to read on—in no time at all, you'll be stamp and ink savvy.

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Chalk Ink

- ✦ Semi-opaque
- ✦ Fast drying
- ✦ Archival
- ✦ Dries to smear-resistant chalk finish
- ✦ Works best with rubber and photopolymer stamps
- ✦ Works best on cardstock and paper
- ✦ Available in inkpads and re-inkers



Hybrid Ink

- ✦ Semi-opaque to opaque
- ✦ Fast drying
- ✦ Waterproof
- ✦ Fade resistant
- ✦ Archival
- ✦ Works best with rubber and photopolymer stamps
- ✦ Works best on cardstock and paper
- ✦ Can be used on glossy surfaces and fabrics if heat set
- ✦ Available in inkpads and re-inkers



Solvent Ink*

- ✦ Opaque
- ✦ Permanent
- ✦ Waterproof
- ✦ Alcohol based
- ✦ Works best with rubber and photopolymer stamps
- ✦ Works best on cardstock, paper, and nonporous surfaces
- ✦ Available in inkpads and re-inkers
- * India or Indian ink is a specific type of solvent ink primarily used for writing and sketching.



Alcohol Ink

- ✦ Translucent to semi-opaque
- ✦ Fast-drying
- ✦ Great for blending techniques (use with dye ink)
- ✦ Works best with rubber stamps
- ✦ Works best on cardstock, paper, and nonporous surfaces
- ✦ Available in markers and re-inkers

