



STAMPARATUS TIPS AND TECHNIQUES FROM THE STAMPMAVEN

Cleaning related tips:

1. Place a silicone mat on top of the foam pad to protect from ink.
2. Use baby oil to remove SNAIL Adhesive from plates.
3. DO NOT use alcohol or alcohol based products to clean plates.
4. Use Press and Seal Wrap from GLAD on the plates to protect from ink stains.
5. Use the new Simply Shammy (#147042 - \$8.00) to clean plates.
6. Simple Green household cleaner works well to clean plates.

Tips for getting a clear, crisp stamped image:

1. Insert a silicone craft mat underneath the foam pad. This will give you crisper images and allow you to stamp more evenly in the corners near the hinges.
2. Use a piece of mylar with gridlines (available at most quilting stores), cut down to fit the foam pad.
3. Use stamping "spots" from Paper Pumpkin kits (or uninked ones you can make any color #141822 - \$9.00/5) to ink stamps. These are smaller and less likely to get onto plates.
4. If stamping in the corner, use the top plate, not the side plate.
5. Cut a piece of grid paper the size of foam mat and laminate. This helps to align cardstock.
6. Stamp in the center for the absolute best image.
7. Take plate off to ink large, detailed stamps and the re-attach to stamp onto cardstock.
8. Always stamp on a piece of scrap paper (like copier paper) to verify placement before stamping onto cardstock.
9. If magnets get in your way when stamping, use repositionable tape on the back side of cardstock.
10. PRACTICE! PRACTICE! PRACTICE! Remember when you were learning to ride a bike??!!

Magnet Related:

1. Wrap Washi Tape around magnets; easier to lift out of bottom storage and slide apart if magnets accidentally attach to each other.
2. Use only one magnet. These magnets are super strong and you will rarely need two. Think of the second one as a spare!
3. If the magnets do get attached to one another, SLIDE instead of PULLING them apart. Sliding will make them easier to separate.

Storage:

1. DO NOT store or place tool with magnets near anything metal or near a computer.
2. DO NOT close both plates at the same time; remove one before storing.
3. Use Washi Tape to create "tabs" for the plates. This makes it easier to lift off the plates.