

Suggested Rubber Stamping Guide Lines

Beginner, age 11 and under

Basic Stamping

- learn the difference between slow and quick drying ink
- the difference between wood mounted and rubber mounted along with the advantages and disadvantages
- use only stamps which are small (close to palm size or smaller)
- suggested projects: bookmark, postcard, greeting card, placemats

Stamp using only one color of ink; eleven-year-olds can start embossing, using one single type of embossing powder and learning how to use a heat gun. Color in images with markers or colored pencils. Backside of each item must include some sort of "stamped by" emblem with name or initials of stamper and date.

Junior, age 12 – 13 years old

Use of previous skills and:

- use larger stamps
- use water color based markers to color on stamp (each item is colored before stamped)
- suggested projects, gift bag, invitation, greeting card, stickers, postcards, door hanger, etc.
- more advanced embossing techniques
- learn to color images with chalk

Try multiple colors of ink and embossing powder, be creative!

Senior, ages 14 and older

Use of previous skills and:

- use of large stamps, including background stamps
- use of decorative scissors to do layering techniques on cards
- use of vellum paper and mulberry paper
- use of pop dots to give 3D effect
- be creative to decorate, puff paints, tiny beads, try water color pencils
- suggested projects: paper clay, greeting cards, framed stamp art, envelope art, etc.

One entry per person per year, each entry must include 5-7 items, each item must be slightly different (different type of technique, must be recognizable). It is not recommended to do just bookmarks or just cards, please try a variety of items.