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Put Your Stamp On It: 20 Adorable Projects, Plus Instructions For Hand-Carving Beautiful Stamps



Synopsis

Stationery lovers, paper crafters, hand-printing enthusiasts and anyone looking to make personalized gifts will love the simple, colorful projects found in Put Your Stamp On It. Irresistibly cheerful, this book offers step-by-step instructions for hand-stamped gift wrap, tea towels, totes, aprons, and even hair accessories made with reverse printing, layering, borders, and more! Charming illustrations and vibrant photography inspire an endless variety of stamped creations. Best of all, the book includes directions for carving handmade rubber stamps to print on wood, fabric, and paper for a truly personal touch. So go aheadâput your stamp on it!

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Customer Reviews

What a cute and fun book! This little book is bound to inspire and the artist and craftsman within you. I was raring to go after reading through the introduction and even before getting to Chapter 1. And the organization is wonderful as the author leads you from the easier projects on into the more advanced, fanning the flames of creativity!

I recently received this book and I am so excited! I have purchased stamps from the author on her website at Etsy.com, and I have used them for letters, cards, correspondence, notes, wrapping paper and gift tags. I can't wait to try stamping an apron and maybe pairing the apron with some cute stamped kitchen towels for Christmas presents. The photographs are beautiful and the instructions are very clearly written, along with some tips and suggestions. I love how the projects are listed by skill level! It helps!

This book is great for beginner crafters who would like to learn how to make or personalize their own gifts and accessories. There is a good introduction with basics on materials and tools, as well as useful information on good combinations of materials (ink, paint, ink pad) to go with different printing methods and surfaces. Author Megan Lewis also gives a quick tutorial on carving rubber stamps - something you will need to know how to do for many of the projects. Lewis guides the reader in making or personalizing a variety of objects, from stamped bookplates and foam stamped journals to storage boxes and pillow cases. The project involve different types of stamping (repeat pattern stamping, negative space printing, reduction printing), as well as printing with objects like bubble wrap, cut foam, moldable foam stamps and string. The projects are quite easy and templates are provided for many of the stamp patterns, but some of them may require a bit of practice before you can carve them perfectly - if that's what you prefer although the imperfection of handmade objects is often what makes them just perfect! The instructions are clear and easy to follow although they are mostly written. The accompanying drawn illustrations are basic and not a detailed step-by-step guide for anyone who might prefer more visual instructions. Lewis' designs are very cute and simple to execute - excellent if you want to put your stamp on things you have bought or have made yourself, but have no idea how to do so. This book may not be as useful for experienced crafters though as the techniques are quite basic.

Megan's book "Put Your Stamp On It" has sown me that I too can be creative. If I can think it, I can make it! It takes just a few little steps and I can make inexpensive but meaningful gifts for the people I care about. Before I saw this book, I had no idea how to create cards or stamps from scratch. You make it so easy! Your books shows how to add that special, personalized touch. Thanks Megan for your GREAT ideas. Now I am looking forward to your next project!

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