

Stamping Designs



The process of adding an impression of ornamental type and images (such as a logo or monogram) on surface materials. The stamping process involves using a die with raised or an intaglio surface to apply ink stamping or metallic-leaf stamping.

You Will Need

- ink pad
 - stamp
1. Cut paper to desired size, or use purchased card. Print message on paper or card, if message is desired on the stamped paper.
 2. Press stamp firmly on to stamp pad, lift and repeat as necessary until design on stamp is evenly coated with ink. Press stamp straight down onto card front or paper, using even pressure.

Pressure Embossing

Pressure embossing is relief printing or stamping in which metal dies or color shaping are used to raise (or lower) an image above (or below) the surface of paper or board.

You Will Need

- card stock or heavyweight paper
- embossing plate

A wedding is a ceremony that celebrates the beginning of a marriage or civil union. Wedding traditions and customs vary greatly between cultures, ethnic groups, religions, countries, and social classes.

In some countries, cultures and religions, the actual act of marriage begins during the wedding ceremony. In others, the legal act of marriage occurs at the time of signing a marriage license or other legal document, and the wedding is then an opportunity to perform a traditional ceremony and celebrate with friends and family.

A woman taking part in the ceremony is called a bride, a man called a bridegroom, after the ceremony they become a wife and a husband, respectively.



Wedding ceremonies vary within country and cultures however, most contain wedding vows of some kind and a proclamation of marriage, usually officiated by a local religious clerk. Most weddings also involve wearing the traditional clothes of the culture in which the couple is wedding. A wedding is often followed or accompanied by a wedding reception.

Other elements may include music, poetry, prayer, scripture, or other traditions. In most societies a number of traditions or customs have emerged around the wedding ceremony, many of which have lost their original symbolic meaning in the modern world. Other wedding traditions are relatively recent. Some elements of the Western heterosexual wedding ceremony symbolize the bride's departure from her father's control and entry into a new family with her husband. In modern Western weddings, this symbolism is largely vestigial, since husband and wife are of equal power and status. In some cultures, same-sex weddings are celebrated.

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If you are planning on being a wedding consultant or photographer there is a strong likelihood you will be limited to the number of weddings you can do on any specific day.

Most weddings are local, so look for information pertaining to your area. For the number of weddings in any specific area call the County Clerks office in that county.

Statistics for the Wedding Industry

- **2,226,000** weddings occurred in the US from June 2004 to June 2005 spending approximately \$85 billion. If considering all the items a bride will purchase 6 months prior to 6 months after her wedding the total exceeds 120 billion dollars.
- Over **9,000,000** weddings in China per year with an average \$19,900/wedding.
- 714,000 Japanese brides spend an average of \$70,000 per wedding in 2005.
- Number of worldwide weddings 115,000/day.
- #1 wedding city in the world is **Istanbul, Turkey** with 166,000 for the year.
- #2 wedding city in the world is **Las Vegas, Nevada, USA** with 116,000 weddings.
- #3 wedding city (2nd in USA) is **Gatlinburg, Tennessee, USA** with 42,000 weddings.
- #4 wedding city (3rd USA) is **New Orleans, Louisiana, USA** with 36,545 marriages in 2002.
- In Australia figures show that the average age of a bride in 2003 was 29, compared with 26 in 1993. And 75 per cent of couples lived together before marrying, up from 16 per cent in the 1970s. Average number of guests that are being invited to a wedding is 164.

If you are looking to determine the number of brides in a specific area and you do not have the time to locate the county or city clerk's office to get that information. About .007% of the population will wed in any specific area during a year's time frame.

- ball-tip stylus
 - removable tape
 - light box or other illuminated glass surface
1. Cut paper to desired size, or use purchased card. Print message on paper or card, if message is desired on the embossed paper.
 2. Tape embossing plate to light box, or place small lamp under glass top table; tape embossing plate to tracing paper and tape to glass.
 3. Place card or paper, wrong side up, over plate in desired position. Tape card edges down, using removable tape. Test tape on scrap paper first to be sure it won't damage paper.
 4. Trace outline of design with stylus, apply firm pressure. If stylus squeaks during use, lubricate the end by rubbing it in palm of your hand. Remove tape.

Average traditional wedding in the USA is \$20,000 - \$25,000 ** Average age for first-time brides is 25 years. For grooms, it's 27. ** June is the most popular month for weddings, followed by August, September, October and May ** One third of engaged couples retain a wedding consultant. ** The average household income of a newly married couple is \$60,000/year.

99% of couples who get married go on a honeymoon. ** Couples spend an average of \$5,000 on their honeymoon. ** The honeymoon industry is a 12 billion dollar a year industry. ** An average honeymoon vacation is one week. 45 percent of honeymoon trips are to domestic locations; 55 percent are international. ** Most popular honeymoon activities that honeymooners enjoy are:

- Visiting a new place for sightseeing, restaurants, entertainment and nightlife - 75%
- Beaches and lakes - 45%
- Casinos - 20%
- Cruises - 15%
- Golf/sports vacations - 10%
- Skiing trips - 5%

Thermal Embossing

Thermal embossing is also relief printing or stamping in color shaping are used to raise (or lower) an image above (or below) the surface of paper or board. However, in this technique heat is applied to a powdery substance which replaces the need to physically raise (or lower) by cutting with metals dies.

You Will Need

- Rubber stamp
 - Embossing ink pad
 - Embossing powder
 - Heat source, such as a light bulb or heat gun
1. Follow steps 1 and 2 above using embossing ink. Sprinkle with embossing powder while ink is still wet. Shake off all excess powder.
 2. Hold paper near heat source, such as a light bulb or heat gun, until all powder melts, forming raised design.