

Technique

Using Bleach

Here are two ways to create background paper using your stamps and regular, household bleach. Stampin' Up! cardstock is colored all the way through the paper – no white core – which makes it perfect for “bleaching.”

Straight Bleaching

You will need:

Cardstock

Bold Image stamp(s)

Household bleach

Small container

Paper towels or felt

Fold the paper towel so that it fits inside the container.
Add a small amount of bleach – just enough to barely wet the towel.

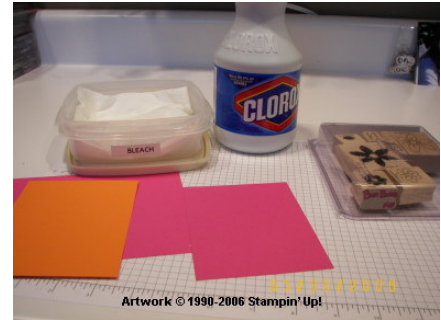
Tap your stamp onto your “bleach stamp pad.”

**I recommend stamping on a scrap piece of cardstock first so that you can determine how much bleach to use!*

Stamp your background paper and allow it time to dry.
The image will continue to bleach for about 15 minutes.

If you decide to use your heat gun to speed up the drying process **BE CAREFUL**. You actually catch bleached paper on fire! (Don't ask how I know this!)

Embellish as desired. ■



Emboss and Bleach

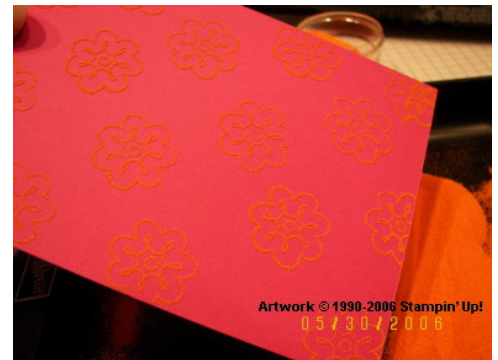
You will need:

Cardstock
Outline image stamp
Embossing ink
Embossing powder
Tidy Tray

Use the outline image stamp and the embossing ink to stamp your background paper.



Use the Tidy Tray and pour the embossing powder over the images.



TIP – cover a clipboard with aluminum foil and use the clip to hold your background paper.

Heat with heat gun until the embossing powder melts.

** When embossing hold the heat over each image until the powder melts. Don't wave it back and forth like a hair dryer.*



Use the paintbrush to apply bleach inside the embossed areas.

At this point you can either leave it just bleached out or you can apply color using inks, pastels, markers – just about anything – to the bleached area. Remember – if decide to apply color you will have to wait for the bleach



to completely dry or use a heat gun (carefully).

Embellish as desired!



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