

The Patstamps TECHNIQUE JUNKIE NEWSLETTER

Ghosts in the Shadows Tutorial August/September 2005

Written, filmed and contributed by Staff Writer Julie Poe, this beautiful technique will quickly become one of your favorites! The striations of color, combined with the ghosting of the images, produce elegant cards that will WOW you! For best results, choose stamps that have solid, silhouette, or very bold images.



Supplies:

- VersaMark Ink or other Embossing Ink
- Solid-style Rubber Stamp
- Glossy Cardstock
- Heat Tool
- Scrap cardstock (longer than glossy CS)
- 3 colors of Dye Inks*
- 3 Sponges
- Tissue

**Note: Choose one each of light, medium and dark shades that will blend together well. Consider using colors in the same family.*



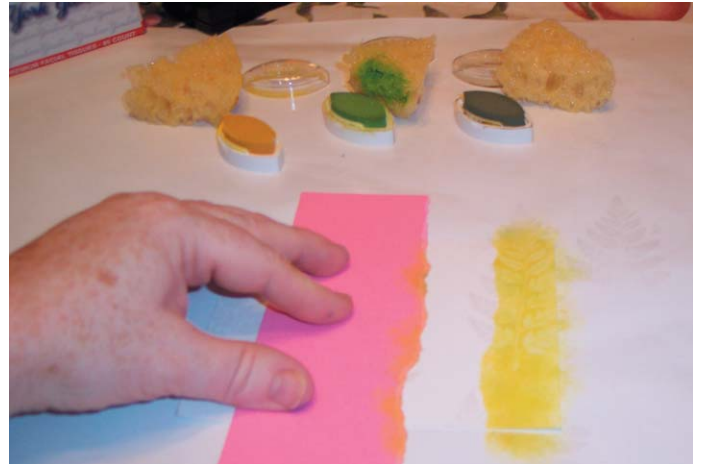
Step One:

Ink stamp with VersaMark. Stamp image on glossy cardstock several times, re-inking if necessary, leaving space between images.



Step Two:

Heat set the ink using heat tool.



Steps Three, Four and Five:

Tear the scrap cardstock piece so that there is one long ragged edge. Place the scrap cardstock over the glossy paper so that only one" of glossy paper shows.

Pick up the lightest ink color with the sponge and dab over exposed area, leaving some areas white.

Using the second sponge, dab ink over the light color of ink to fill in the white areas. If desired, dab more light ink on top.

Step Six:

Move the scrap cardstock over another inch. Using the medium color of ink, dab the medium color of ink onto the newly-exposed area, leaving some of the areas white.



Steps Seven and Eight:

Apply the dark ink color to the sponge and dab the dark color over the medium color. Dab the light color over this strip to cover any remaining white space.

Continue moving the cardstock scrap and apply color to the remaining sections of cardstock, alternating between the light and dark coloring.

Step Nine:

Buff the cardstock with a tissue to smooth the colors and to expose the stamped image beneath.



Step Ten:

Apply the darkest ink to the stamp. Overstamp each image in a slightly offset position.

Step Eleven:

Finish card as desired.

Finished Card

Artwork by: Julie Poe

Stamps: Sarasota Stamps, Rubber Cottage



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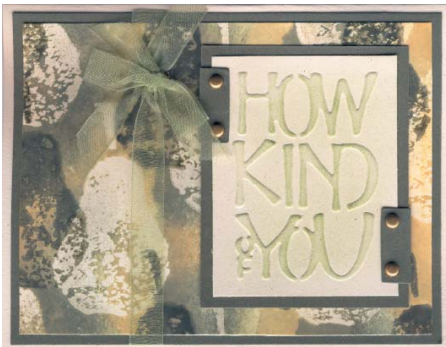
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Finished Card

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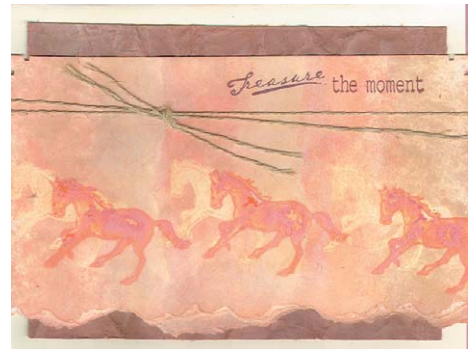
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