

PROJECT SHEET #3

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The following is a simple press-printing project using PRINT GOCCO B6 or PG-5 and one B6 print master. Giving cards to celebrate a special occasion or anniversary has been a popular custom since before the turn of the century. However, they are also suitable to give as thank you/get well soon cards, special party or dinner invitations or just to use as "keep in touch" cards. Handmade cards may take a little time, but they are easy and inexpensive to make and convey, in a personal way, a thought or wish to someone you care about.

CREATE YOUR OWN DIMENSIONAL GREETING CARDS

This table setting would be particularly suitable for outdoor lunches and barbecues. Craftwood place mats are readily available from your local art/craft supplier, come in a range of shapes and are inexpensive (a little over \$2.00 each). You can also purchase low priced, plain napkins from many outlets or you may prefer to make your own. We are using floral artwork, but many designs would look attractive – e.g. shells, art deco corners. Children's drawings can also look lovely and would make a great gift for granny or a favourite aunt.

Materials

PRINT GOCCO PG-5 or B6, PRINT GOCCO Hand Stamper, 1 x B6 Print Master, 2 x Print Lamps, Stamp Inks for Cloth, Craftwood Place Mats, Cloth Napkins, Adhesive Board, Spray Gloss or Matt water based Sealer.

Note: When printing craftwood both HM paper inks AND Stamp inks can be used, but only Stamp Inks will print fabrics.

Preparation

Read instructions before commencing. Wash, dry and iron napkins before decorating to rid them of any sizing. Lightly sand the place mats, wipe down with damp cloth and leave to dry. Choose your ink colours. Have everything ready as stamp inks for cloth dry fairly quickly. Decide where you want to place your print. The best way to ensure the print ends up where you want is to take an unused B6 Master, place the Master on the item to be printed exactly where you want the pattern to go, and draw registration marks around the Master with tailor's chalk or water erasable pen. I want my print in the top left hand and bottom right hand corner of my place mats and napkins, so that is where I will place my registration marks. Decide on your design, perform artwork clean up if necessary and use your PRINT GOCCO to "flash" your design onto a B6 Master – leaving the original artwork on the B6 Master. Choose your ink colours (cloth inks can be used on Craftwood).

Method

Peel back transparent film on B6 Master and apply inks of your choice. Don't forget to use Ink Blocking if you are using different colours and don't want them to spread. Replace transparent film on B6 Master and fix the end securely with cellophane tape. Place flashed and inked-up B6 Master on table/workbench, inked side down on scrap paper and place the Stamper onto the Master – the sticky back will hold it in place. Peel your artwork away from B6 Master, make a test print on scrap paper to check detail and begin printing. Match up the side of the B6 Master closest to you onto the first lot of registration marks. The top of the Master will be tilted so the ink doesn't touch the place mat. When you are happy with the positioning, lower the Master and press down onto the place mat. Lift the Stamper off the place mat, using your fingers to help gently loosen the Master. Remember, if the surface you are printing onto is rough or porous, DON'T press harder, just keep the Stamper Unit on the item for a second or two longer. Repeat this process for the second print on the place mat, and then continue for the remaining mats. Leave to dry. Place an adhesive board under a napkin and repeat printing process above. When first napkin completed, remove from adhesive board, attach next napkin to adhesive board and repeat process until all completed. Let the printed napkins dry thoroughly for a few hours, then heat set by placing a sheet of paper over the design and ironing for 2+ minutes on high temperature (no steam). When the place mats are dry, spray with matt or gloss sealer – this protects the wood and enables mats to be wiped clean.

Suitable For

Whilst a whole table setting of place mats/napkins may not be suitable for sale at school fetes (as you may want to keep sale items below a certain price structure), perhaps they could be offered as place mat sets and napkin sets. Alternatively, place 1 placemat and napkin on a piece of cellophane, add an inexpensive mug and a selection of teabags, tie with curling ribbon and sell as a breakfast set.

- Sale at School Fetes
- Personal Use
- Sale at Craft Markets
- Christmas/Easter Project
- Gift Giving
- Children's Craft Project

Other Uses for your 'flashed' B6 Print master

The imaged B6 master made for this project can be cleaned, kept and used for a variety of other items, including:

- Press print onto folded cardstock to make matching writing/note cards
- Stamp print onto plain paper and use as gift wrap
- Stamp print onto plain, light coloured hankies (remember to heat set)

Internet - You can also download this project, and others @ www.nehoc.com.au/download