

PROJECT SHEET #4

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This Project Sheet gives you some ideas on how to “jazz up” all sorts of inexpensive articles for babies and toddlers using our Hand Stamper.

DECORATE ITEMS FOR BABY

The arrival of a new baby is a very special occasion and it's lovely to have a selection of nursery items that have been decorated with the same simple motif. Items suitable for decoration include tiny vests and t-shirts, inexpensive bunny rugs, bassinet sheets and pillowcases, baby's special towel and washcloth. You can purchase the above items relatively cheaply from a chain/department store and, using your PRINT GOCCO Hand Stamper and the design of your choice, turn these plain objects into individually decorated articles for baby. If your design is simple enough you can also make a hanging cot decoration – let's tell you how.

Remember to keep your design uncomplicated. Keep in mind, also, that the pieces you are decorating are quite small and a large design may not be suitable. Even items such as towels & sheets look better with a smaller repeated pattern. Some suitable design ideas are teddy bears, ducks, chicks, balloons, hearts, boats, elephants, fish, whales, stars, etc.

Materials

- **Baby items of your choice**
- **PRINT GOCCO Hand Stamper Unit**
- **2 x Print Lamps for each design**
- **PRINT GOCCO Adhesive Board**
- **PRINT GOCCO B6 or PG-5**
- **1 x B6 Master for each design**
- **PRINT GOCCO Cloth Inks of your choice**

Preparation

Read instructions thoroughly before commencing. Wash, dry and iron all cloth items first to remove any sizing in fabric. Decide on your design (hand drawn, photocopied, computer laser print) and where you want to place your print. I think a random stamping pattern on small sheets and bunny rugs looks effective but if you are printing a set repeat pattern on these items, use registration marks as guides. To do this, take an unused B6 Master and place it on the item to be printed exactly where you want the print to end up. Draw registration marks around the Master with tailor's chalk or water erasable pen. Repeat process for each print placement you want to make. Have everything ready to begin stamp printing as PRINT GOCCO Cloth Inks dry fairly quickly. Perform artwork clean-up preparation if necessary. Use your PRINT GOCCO to “flash” your design onto a B6 Master – leaving the original artwork on the B6 Master. Choose your ink colours. Place a PRINT GOCCO Adhesive Board under the item to be printed to stop it from slipping.

Method

Peel back the transparent film on the B6 Master and apply the inks of your choice. Use Ink Blocking if you are using different colours and don't want them to spread. Replace transparent film of B6 Master and fix the end securely with cellophane tape. Place flashed and inked-up B6 Master on your table/workbench, inked side down on scrap paper and place the Stamper onto the Master – the sticky back will hold it in place. Peel artwork away from the B6 Master, make a test print on scrap paper to check detail and begin printing. Remember, if the fabric you are printing onto is rough (towelling, vest material, bunny rug fabric), *DON'T* press harder – keep the Stamper Unit on *the fabric for a few seconds longer*. Lift the Stamper Unit off the fabric, using your fingers to gently loosen the Master. You will either be placing a pattern onto the centre of an item (vest or t-shirt), stamp printing your design randomly over a larger item or using your registration marks for a more formal repeat pattern. If you are using registration marks, match up the side of the B6 Master closest to you on the first lot of registration marks. The top of the Master will be tilted so the ink doesn't touch the item to be printed. When you are happy with the positioning, lower the Master and press down onto the fabric. Repeat this process for the second and subsequent repeat prints on the item. When article completed, remove from Adhesive Board, attach next item and repeat process until all finished. Let the printed items dry completely (a couple of hours depending on humidity), then heat set by placing a sheet of paper over the design and ironing for 2+ minutes on high temperature (no steam).

[Turn over to see another use for you 'flashed' B6 Print Master](#)

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Suitable For

The above is a simple way of turning inexpensive, plain items into co-ordinated, decorated nursery items and would be suitable for:

- **Sale at School Fetes**
- **Gift Giving**
- **Sale at Craft Markets**
- **Personal Use**

Other Uses for your 'flashed' B6 Print Master

The imaged B6 master you have made to decorate articles could be used for

- *Press print onto plain, folded card to make matching writing/note cards for children*
- *Wrapping paper – stamp print onto plain/butcher's paper*
- *Stamp print onto pencil cases, library bags, marble bags, etc.*
- *Make bassinet toy described below*



MAKE A SPECIAL GIFT – PRAM/ BASSINET TOY

If the simple pattern you have used (above) to decorate your baby items is not too small and is easy to cut around, you can use the same Master to make a cute little decoration for baby's pram or bassinet. I have used a very plain elephant shape for my cloth items, two elephants to a master (one printed in blue and the other in yellow) but any of the basic designs mentioned above would be suitable. Use the same technique with your choice of artwork. This is a "looking at only" toy and is really only appropriate for little babies and not for toddlers who like to put everything in their mouths!

Materials

- **Pastel card (100x150mm)**
- **Scissors**
- **Glue stick or glue gun**
- **Large pearl blue & pearl yellow sequins**
- **Your imaged B6 Master**
- **Hole punch**
- **Blue cord or ribbon**

Method

Stamp your design onto four pieces of pastel coloured card (either pale blue or lemon yellow) so you have four blue and four yellow elephants. Glue a large blue pearl sequin (about 2–2.5cm wide) in centre front of blue elephants and yellow pearl sequin similarly on yellow elephants. (If the sequin has a "thread" hole in the centre, cover with a tiny dot of ink). You may choose to have the cards laminated at this point to make them sturdier. Punch holes in the left and right hand side of your elephants. To connect the elephants together, thread the cord or ribbon through the holes and behind the elephants. Glue the cord into place at the back of the elephants. Make sure you leave a good length of cord at each end (approx. 30 cm) to enable you to attach to the bassinet.

Another option would be to sprinkle Glitter Powder onto design after printing and before laminating.

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