



Rose Bracelet

3 Step Stamping with shrink film

Materials:

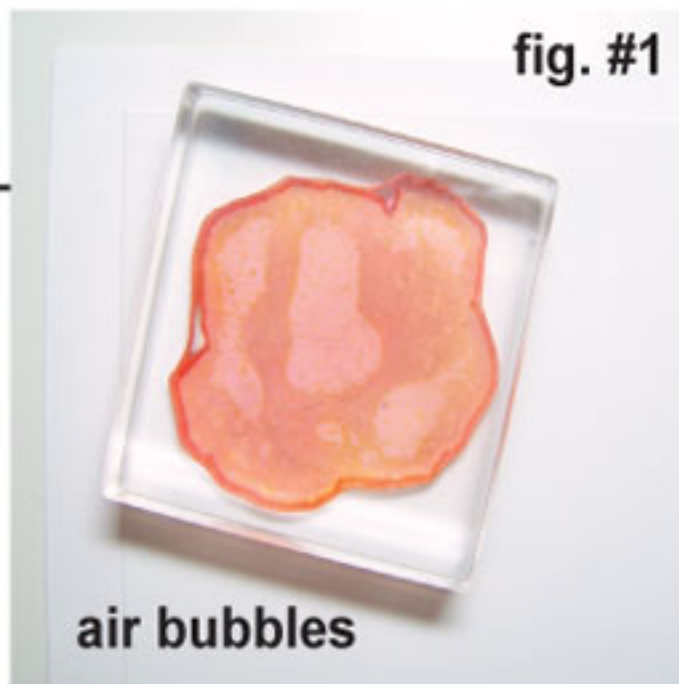
- 3 Step Hearts & Roses stamps
- White "Shrinky Dinks" shrink film **for Ink Jet Printers**
- dye base inks (Stampin' Up used)
- 1/8" hole punch
- oven or toaster oven
- double stick tape
- scissors
- clear nail polish
- Silver Sharpie permanent marker
- jump rings
- lobster claw clasp
- flat nose jewelry pliers



Please note, the set in this tutorial has had a lot of use and has been stained over time by some inks. The staining does not effect the quality of the stamps.

OPTIONAL:

- Staz-On ink



An example of stamping a flat, solid stamp on shrink film without rocking the stamp from corner to corner to push out the air.

FIRST A WORD about stamping with solid stamps.

When using a solid stamp as with Step #1 (fig. 1), air bubbles can be trapped between the stamp and paper. These air bubbles or pocks prevent the ink from making full contact with the paper resulting in a blotchy impression. To avoid this from happening, placing the stamp at one edge and rock the stamp down to the opposite edge until the stamp is completely flat. The rocking of the stamp helps push the air between stamp and paper preventing it from being trapped. **This technique is very helpful when stamping on glossy paper or shrink film, resulting in less blotchiness.**



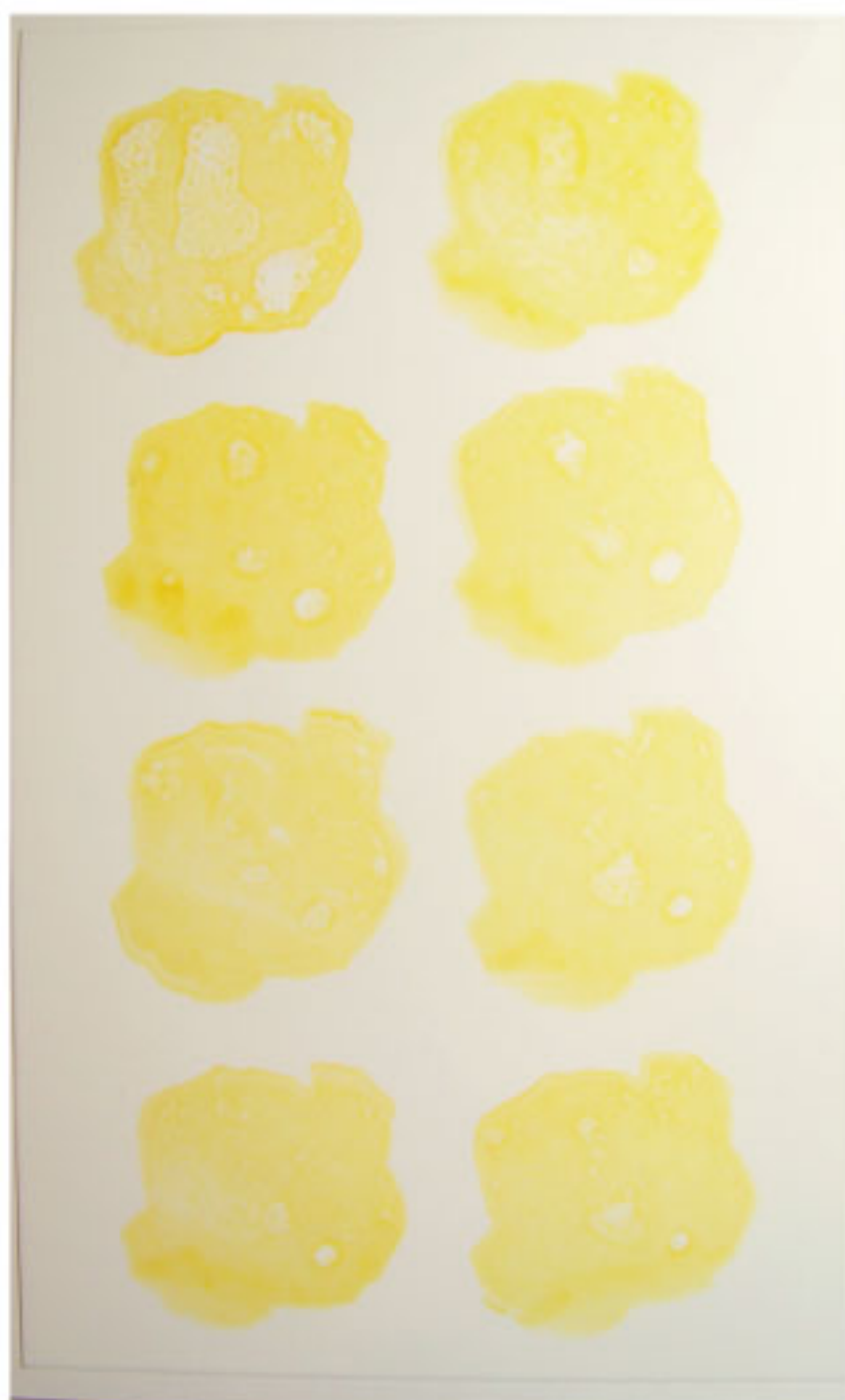
An example of rocking the flat, solid stamp on shrink film with more desirable results.

About multi step stamping on shrink film.

When multi step stamping with dye inks, a shrink film made specifically for ink jet printers should be used. One side of the shrink film has a special coating so the ink from the jet printer will adhere. This coating is what will help the dye inks adhere to the shrink film instead of whipping off.

When doing Step #1, don't be too alarmed if the impression has some botches. Rocking the stamp will help reduce the air bubbles resulting in less of a blotchy look. These imperfections in Step #1 will be hidden after all the steps have been stamped.

Also, after each step is stamped, the stamp will feel less slipper slide less when you stamp the next Step.



Step #1
Barely Banana



Step #2
Pretty in Pink



Step #3
Regal Rose



Step #4
Riding Hood Red

Step One:

On the coated side of the shrink film, stamp 7 to 9 roses for a bracelet. The example at the end of this tutorial uses 8. It is not necessary to allow drying between steps, but allow finished roses to dry about 10 to 15 mins. before cutting the roses out. The ink will still feel tacky, but, so long as the ink does not smudge, it is safe to trim.

Step Two:

Cut out all stamped roses.



Step Three:

Using a 1/8" hole punch, punch a hole on each side of the rose. These holes will be used to connect each rose together with jump rings later after the shrinking process.

Step Four:

Pre Heat oven or toaster oven to 275°, Line a cookie sheet with brown paper or a paper grocery bag. Place roses to be shrunk the paper ink side up.

Put into Pre-Heated oven and watch the roses shrink. This should take 3-5 mins.



Step Five:

After all the rose lay flat, give an extra 30 seconds of baking time to finish before removing from the oven.

Pull paper from the cookie sheet and press the roses flat with a folded piece of paper.



Size proportion of Large rose stamped to rose after being heat shrunk.

Step Six:

After all the roses are cool. Adhere strips of double back tape to a piece of scratch paper. Place the shrunken roses to the tape ink side up. Coat the tops of the roses with a clear nail polish. The nail polish will give the roses a glossy finish, plus a protective coating from water. Allow the nail polish to dry completely before removing the roses from the tape.



Step Seven:

To finish the rose to look like it has been encased in metal, run a silver Sharpie along the front edge, side and back edge.



Step Eight:

To add a signature stamp to the back of one of the rose charms, use Staz-On ink.



Step Nine:

Link each rose together with jump rings and add a lobster claw clasp at one end. Additional jump rings can be added at the other end to fit all sizes.



Tutorial on Multi Step Stamping - 101 (go here)

More color recipes for Roses (go here)