

Stamping Fun Art

1. What letter did God send to us?
 - a. Memorize Exodus 32:16.
 - b. Read Exodus 34:4 and Esther 3:10.
 - c. Was there something stamped or written in the two above texts?
2. Find in the Bible three or more people who wrote a letter to personal friends or churches.
3. Name a few projects you can do using rubber stamps.
4. What materials do you need to do a rubber stamp project?
5. Learn and demonstrate three to five stamping techniques, such as those suggested below:
 - a. Two-step stamping
 - b. Decorating with chalk
 - c. Decorating with markers
 - d. Using watercolor pencils
 - e. Masking image
6. Explain how to care for rubber stamps.
7. Make three different projects to give to friends or family members.



Helps

1. The Bible. God's second book is nature.
2. In the New Testament Paul, James, Peter, and Jude wrote letters to friends and churches.
3. You can use rubber stamps for art projects that show love, appreciation, and creativity through:
 - a. Handmade greeting cards
 - b. Bookmarks, tags, decorating paper, bags to wrap gifts
 - c. Scrapbooking supplies
4. Basic materials: White card or different colors of craft cards, rubber stamps, stamp pads, Versa mark pads, stamping sponges, sponge tip applicators, Q-tips, stamp cleaner, stamping chalks, markers, watercolor pencils, blender pens, glue stick or pens, double stick adhesive tape, mounting squares, glitter, punches, decorative ribbons.
5. Stamping techniques:
 - a. Two-step stamping: Stamp the base image with lighter ink and overlay or adjoining image with darker ink.
 - b. Decorating with chalk: Stamp image with a Versa mark ink pad and then apply chalk color using a sponge tip or cotton swab to fill in color.
 - c. Decorating with markers: Use different colored markers to apply color directly to the stamp. Blow onto the ink image to remoisten the ink with your breath before stamping onto paper.
 - d. Using watercolor pencils: Stamp image onto paper. Outline a section of the stamped image with a watercolor pencil, then use a damp brush or blend pen to move color where desired.

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- e. Masking image: Stamp image on cardstock and stamp it again on a piece of scratch paper. Cut carefully around the scratch paper image, cutting just inside the lines—this will be the mask. Place the mask on top of the cardstock image and stamp the desired image over the mask. Remove the mask so the new image will “disappear” behind the first one.
- 6. Clean the stamps after each use, especially when the changing colors.** Use a stamp cleaner bottle with scrubber or roll on applicator top. A cellulose sponge works best because it does not break down. The sponge may be dampened with plain water, or add 1 or 2 drops of dish soap to the water, then blot dry with a paper towel. Alcohol-free baby wipes also work well for cleaning stamps. **Never soak rubber stamps in water or use oil-based solvent to clean the stamps.**