



# HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN STAMP

## 3 Simple Ways to Make Cool Stamps!

Making your own stamps can be so rewarding and it does not need to be really complicated. If you follow my instructions, you will be up and running with your own stamps almost immediately.

There are several different methods you can use but I am going to stick to the simplest method to make it easy for kids and adults alike to create their own stamps.

Before you begin, you will need something you can carve or cut. There are 3 ways you can make your own stamp, all of them are easy and do not require a lot of expensive materials.

**#1 Foam Sheets.** This is by far the simplest of the 3. Find a shape outline you would like to use for your stamp. Trace the outline on the foam sheet. Cut out the shape and glue it to a block of wood or something similar. You are now ready to dip into the ink and stamp away.

### #2 Printing An Image

One other really great way to make your stamp is to print out several pages of the same image, cut them out and then glue them together (usually 2 or 3 is plenty). Once they are glued together and are flat (this is important), you can then glue it to a wooden block. The image will be raised and make a great stamping surface.

**#3 A Bar of soap** is the easiest but it will crumble and when it gets wet, the results are not ideal unless you "seal" the soap after you have made your carving!

Your bar of soap should be flat on one side - Ivory Bars are perfect for this task.

For this project Use a very simple drawing such as a dog's paw. Here is a small one you can use on the second page of this sheet.

Cut out the paw pieces and tape them to the soap.

Carve out the spaces around the paw so that you have a stamp that will make paw prints.

I mentioned sealing the soap. You can cover your soap bar and carved stamp with a thin layer of varnish or something similar - this will preserve the soap and the carving at the same time.

Once the varnish is dry, you can start stamping.

I find soap carvings the absolute easiest way to make my own stamps. There are other materials you can buy that are specifically made for creating your own stamps such as craft foam or denser materials that are sold in art stores.

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