



My Top 10 Stamping Hacks

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1. If you are creating something for the first time, practice on 4 1/4" x 5 1/2" (or the size of your layer) copy paper first. The images might not look great, but you will get an idea if the layout, colors, or stamps will work the way you want.
2. Cardstock matters! Cardstock from the office supply is not designed for stamping – it's too fibrous. Stampin' Up! cardstock has a smooth finish on it that will give you clean results. Your artwork is worth it!
3. Thin lined stamps - tap lightly and stamp lightly on your cardstock. Solid image stamps - tap with a firmer hand and ink and a firmer hand on cardstock. Big stamps - ink with the rubber side up and tap the ink pad on the stamp.
4. Stand up to stamp rather than sitting. This will allow you to see straight down the cardstock rather than at an angle. Ink straight down and lift straight up. **Bonus Tip:** Catching the outer edge of your stamp? Trim it with Paper Snips.
5. Is a sentiment too long for your design? Cut it but don't trim away anything else. When you want to use the sentiment long, just line up the ends and it will be whole again.
6. Crooked sentiments? Line the stamp up on grid paper first. Line up the clear block with a grid line. Stamp on grid paper using the grid line to stamp straight. You will easily see if the sentiment needs to be adjusted.
7. Create quick & easy backgrounds with Blending Brushes.
8. Don't want to color an image? Use Blending Brushes or 'blob' stamps for fast and easy coloring. Create easy watercolor washes with Water Painters.
9. The Stamparatus Tool is great to help you get the perfect solid image, especially with black ink.
10. Wondering if a die or punch will work with your stamp? The images in the catalog are shown at 100% (unless otherwise noted). Lay your die on the catalog page to see which one to use OR punch from copy paper or junk mail first to see if an image will fit in a punch.



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