



10 Paper Saving Crafting Tips

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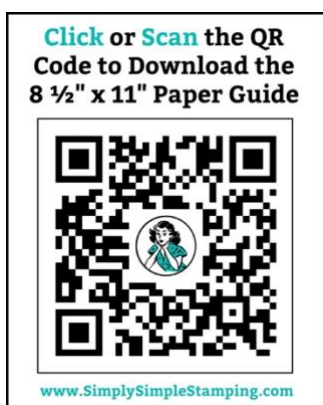
- Stampin' Up!'s Basic White and Very Vanilla Cardstock is Double Sided** – Have you ever stamped and made a huge boo-boo? We all have but when you use Stampin' Up!'s White and Vanilla cardstock, it's thick enough you can use both sides. This will save you money in the long run because there will be no bleeding from the other side. **Bonus:** The cardstock is also designed to take stamps and ink beautifully.
- Test Sentiments on Grid Paper First** – There's nothing worse than finishing a card and adding the sentiment to the inside only to learn it was mounted crooked. Ensure they are straight before stamping on cardstock by lining the stamps on grid paper first. Ink up the stamp, line up the edge of the block with a line on the paper and stamp. Use the other lines on the grid paper to ensure it's straight. Adjust as needed.
- Copy Paper Just Might be Your New Best Friend** – Creativity in our head doesn't always transfer to paper like we thought it would. Don't practice a new stamp idea on your good cardstock but on cut-to-size copy paper. I keep a stack of 4" x 5 1/4" pieces ready to practice a design first. This allows me to practice color changes, stamp sets, etc. before pulling out the good stuff. **Bonus:** Invest in Premium 32 lb. copy paper for a better looking image for practicing.
- Practice Fun Fold Ideas with Copy Paper or Office Supply Card Stock** – Fun folds can be intimidating and sometimes they need a practice run before you jump in with your good cardstock. Try practicing a fun fold idea with copy paper or with cardstock from an office supply store. This type of cardstock is usually very fibrous and doesn't lend itself to stamping but it sure does great when practicing a new fold.
- Layers are Great but Use them Wisely** - Before you adhere that large layer on your card base, punch or die cut from it first. Use these on the card your creating OR save them for other cards you have coming up. I love reaching into my scraps to find a rectangle or circle punch already ready to go.
- Upcycle Your Junk Mail or an Old Magazine** – Get creative with detailed dies by looking through junk mail catalogs or magazines. You just might find you have a really beautiful die cut... or it's not good at all BUT it was junk mail anyway so why not try it? Detailed dies work best so that you can't really see what the original image was. Look for pages with great colors or designs.
- Made a Stamping Mistake that Can't Be Fixed?** – Don't throw it away just yet. Use the opposite side of the cardstock for layering, punching, die cutting, etc. When a layer is adhered down, the recipient will have no idea there is a mistake on the other side.

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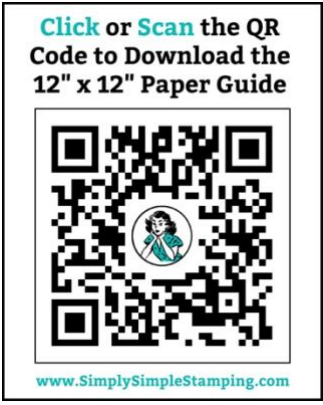


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8. **What To Do with Small Colored Cardstock Scraps** – Many times we want to use different colored ink on different colored cardstock but how will you know if it will look good? For example, you might want to see what Calypso Coral looks like on Pretty in Pink, or Coastal Cabana on Daffodil Delight. These aren't typical colors that would go together so pull out those small scraps and stamp an image on them in different colors of ink first before you stamp on a card.
9. **Cardstock Strips Make Great Layers** – If you have way too many thin strips of cardstock, try this. Start with a piece of copy paper 4 ¼" x 5 ½". Using Multipurpose Glue, adhere the strips on the paper, lining them up against each other, allowing the strips to hang off the edges. When the strips are adhered and the glue is dry, cut the paper to 4" x 5 ¼" and use as a layer on a card OR use this to die cut shapes to use on a card. **Bonus:** Use the cardstock from tip #8 for this too! No one will see the other side.
10. **Be Smart When Cutting and Know Which Direction to Cut** – I saved the best tip for last because this incredible paper cutting guide will be a lifesaver. You can download the guides by clicking the links OR scanning the QR Codes below:



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