

Make Your Own Foam Stamps



1. Trace the design on a piece of vellum, using a pencil... it's the easiest to use a bold design!

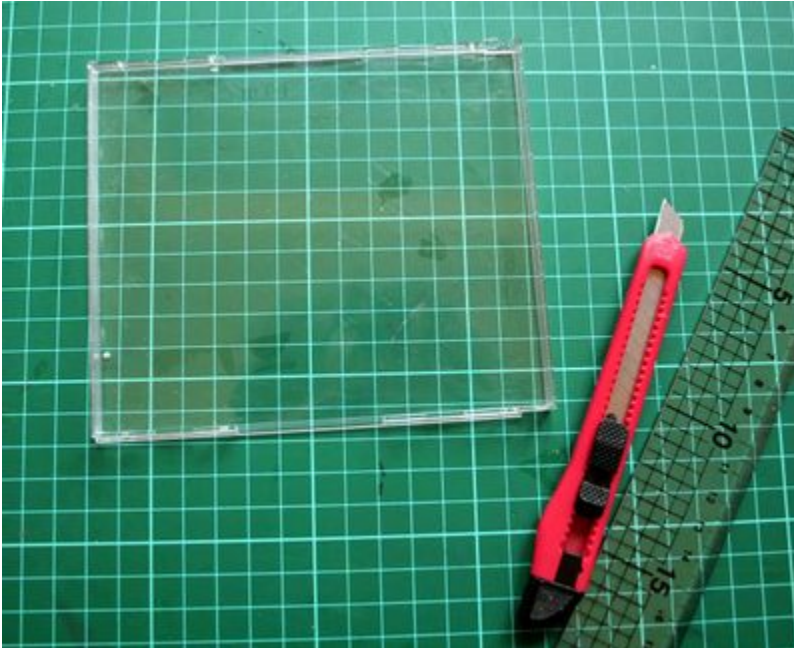


2. Use a thin sheet of light colored foam... (at my craft store they call it “fun foam”). Turn the vellum and put it on the foam sheet, then rub firmly with your fingers over the image, so it gets transferred onto the foam...



3. Cut the transferred image carefully... the better the image is cut, the neater your stamped image will be... use a needle to poke a hole where the eye should be...





4. Cut up an old CD case, so you can mount your foam shape on... just make a good indentation with your craft knife, and then bend far enough so the plastic snaps... (you can use chipboard or something like that to mount your stamp, but I like to see where I stamp, so I use clear plastic...)
5. If the plastic has sharp edges, you can use some sandpaper or a file (I used the new **Basic Grey precision file set**) to make the edges smooth... Now you glue down the foam image with strong craft glue on the plastic mount using an adhesive like E6000 (available at your craft store – probably in the “model” section).



6. Because the paws were so small, I didn't cut them out of foam... I drew them on my mount (just as the tiny details on the bird) so I can draw them in stamped image... the wing is cut loose from the image, and glued in place... the lines will show in your stamped image!

That's all! Have fun, and I would love to see what kind of stamps you guys made!