



Scrapbook Soup TV Project Instructions
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Hand Carved Interlocking Stamps

SUPPLIES

- Sakura Permapaque Markers
- White Paper
- Pencil
- Ballpoint Pen
- Speedy Carve
- Carving Tool(s)
- Ink Pads
- Box Cutter
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Glass Cutting Mat

INSTRUCTIONS

Stamp carving is fun and easy. To create a two-part interlocking stamp set, follow these instructions

1. You will need to cut two blocks of Speedy Carve to exactly the same size.
2. Trace the block on a piece of white paper. Draw your design inside the traced rectangle in pencil. Cut out the block shape.
3. Transfer the design to both blocks by flipping the pencil-drawn design onto the block and rubbing with your finger. The one drawing should easily transfer to both blocks.
4. Trace the transferred pencil design with a ballpoint pen so that the lines are bright and easy to see.
5. Use a Sakura Permapaque Marker to carefully mark both blocks, remembering that one is the positive and the other is the negative. It's important to use a Permapaque as other markers either will run dry on top of the Speedy Carve or won't be permanent and will rub off on your hands.



6. Carve away the colored areas on each block.
7. After you carve, there is absolutely no trimming. In order to line up the two images when printing, the blocks must be the same size. Because we're leaving the blocks at full size, be sure to carve away any excess rubber thoroughly so it doesn't create a mark when printed.
8. When printing, be sure to use a registration point. What does this mean? Choose a point, I tend to use the lower left corner, and make sure that both blocks line up to this point. If you're

printing repeatedly, move the registration point with each double printing.

Note: I find it helpful to draw an arrow on the back of both blocks to indicate which way they should be printed in order to match up perfectly. I draw the arrow immediately after transferring the design to both blocks.

Now that you have your stamps carved, you're ready to make lots of unique prints for all of your crafty projects!

If you'd like to learn more about stamp carving, check out Julie's book, "Carve Stamp Play."