



SPONGING TECHNIQUES WITH LARGE LETTER DIES

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Sponging Techniques with Large Letters Die Cuts:



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This is one of my most popular cards, ever! I think it's because it's so bold and versatile. You could personalise it to anything with 5 letters that fits on to an A6 card.

It's also relatively easy for beginners to do whilst being enjoyable for more experienced crafters to make also.

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Cutting

For a U.K A6 card:

- Cut your Thick Whisper White cardstock 21cm x 14.8cm and score & fold at 10.5cm to create your cardbase.
- Then with your card long side up on your Stampin' Trimmer, cut a length at 4.5cm wide from side of card then cut again from same side a length at 3cm wide. This basically leaves you temporarily with a card front measuring 14.8cm x 3cm.
- You will use the 4.5cm piece for the bottom/front of the card. *I adhered with temporary/removable adhesive tape to hold in place until I got the Large Letters adhered in to position.*
- Cut your Large Letters firstly from Thick Whisper White cardstock 6.5cm x 14.8cm, then again from Gray Granite cardstock (or colour of your choice).
- Adhere the Gray Granite letters on top of the Thick Whisper White letters with some Multipurpose Liquid Glue.
- You can now adhere your letters to create your card front. Again I used Multipurpose Liquid Glue, just a little, on to the top and bottom of the letters. Positioning and adhering the first and last letters helps you to accurately space out the remaining letters.
- Stamp your sentiment using Gray Granite inkpad on to Thick Whisper White Cardstock. Your 3cm scrap piece could be useful for this.
- Now fussy cut the sentiment and adhere to cardfront using Mini Dimensionals. These are a must-have little item for your basic craft kit. In this instance I also added the 'th' on the 30th using my Gray Granite Stampin' Write Marker.
- Add whatever embellishments you wish. I punched some circles using my Itty Bitty Circle Punch (sadly now retired) from some Coastal Cabana Cardstock then applied Clear Wink of Stella to give them a little shimmer. Again these were adhered using Mini Stampin' Dimensionals.

Sponging Technique Tips

This sponging technique is suitable for beginners. It's a great way to get comfortable with applying ink with sponges.

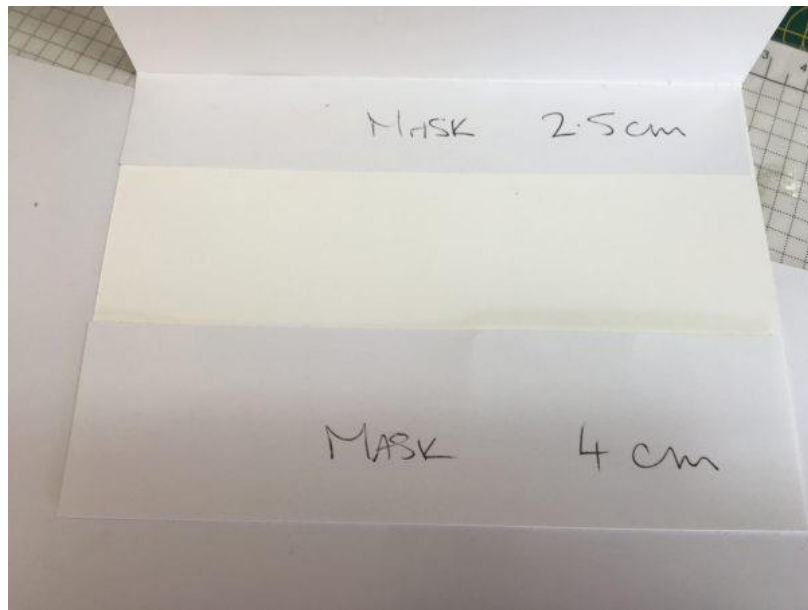
Tip 1: – After you apply ink to your sponge, dab a little off (once is enough) on to scrap paper before applying to your card. This will ensure no horrible splodgy marks appear.

Tip2: – Apply ink in circular motions, blending one colour in to another. You will be amazed at the beautiful colours this simple process can create where the colours blend together.

Tip 3: – Use a light, relaxed hand when sponging. There is no need to put pressure on to the sponge (nor have an aching hand in the process).

Tip 4: – I almost forgot to say, I like to make my masks from scrap printer paper and I use temporary adhesive tape to hold it in place. This tape rubs off easily and cleanly with your fingers.

Masking



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Cut two masks from scrap printer paper (or similar) 2.5cm x 15cm and 4cm x 15cm. Adhere with removable adhesive tape to the inside of your cardbase.

Sponging



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Now you can finally get to sponging. This is my favourite card craft technique of all.

- Here I used Mango Melody, Gray Granite and Coastal Cabana Classic Stampin' Pads for my ink.
- Once you complete your sponging, simply remove the masks (and removable tape) and you're left with a beautifully coloured ink panel inside the card. This will obviously show through the letters once the card is closed.

I neglected to take a picture of the sponged panel with the masks removed. Sorry.

And that's it for Sponging Technique with Large Letters Die Cuts. I just know you are going to love using these dies over and over again. Here's another example of it.



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Make sure to check my Blog and YouTube for loads more inspiration. And Don't Forget to check out the Handy Product List on the next page. 😊

Until next time xxxx

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P.S – handy product list on next page

Handy Product List:

				
Large Letters Framelits Dies [141711]	Labeler Alphabet Photopolymer Stamp Set [141939]	Whisper White A4 Thick Cardstock [140490]	Gray Granite A4 Cardstock [147008]	Card Stock A4 Coastal Cabana [151502]
				
Neutrals Stampin' Write Markers [147158]	Coastal Cabana Classic Stampin' Pad [147097]	Gray Granite Classic Stampin' Pad [147108]	Mango Melody Classic Stampin' Pad [147093]	Stamping Sponges [141337]
				
Clear Wink Of Stella Glitter Brush [141897]	Liquid Multipurpose Glue [110751]	Stampin' Dimensionals [104430]	1/2" Circle Punch [198660]	Paper Snips Scissors [103579]
				
Stampin' Trimmer [129722]	Big Shot [145283]			