Make Your Own Hanko!



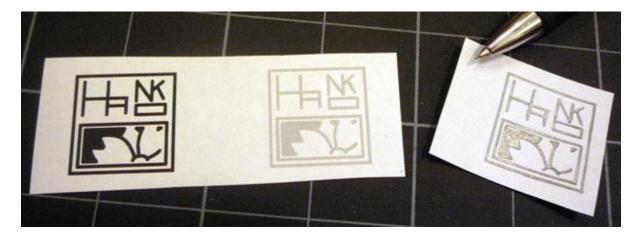
What you need:

- easy cut or eraser
- cutting tools
- pencil and paper

Your Design

- Draw your three possible designs in your sketchbook.
- Keep it very simple. You may include letters and/or an image.
- You can use english letters or japanese letters for your design. You may want to write your name, nickname or a word that represents you.
- Images need to be original and very simple. Attached is an example of the japanese alphabet.
- Experiment with the placement of the letters. Be creative.

Pick your favourite and draw in pencil to transfer to your easy cut. The dimensions should be 1 inch \times 1 inch.

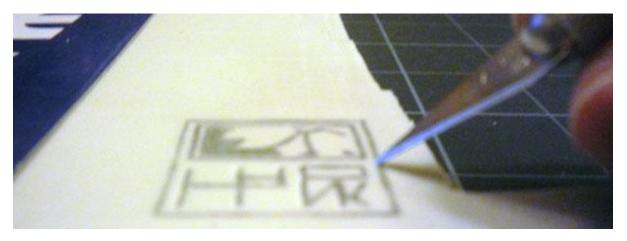


Transferring Your Design

Go over your design multiple times with a pencil.



Transfer image to surface by rubbing backside of image with a tool such as a nickel, or the back of your cutting tool. ***This is important that it is mirror image or else your words will print backwards! Flip the edge of the design up to ensure it's transferred. You can go over the design again with a pen if you want the lines to be stronger.



You can either carve out the white parts of the design (negative space) or the design itself (positive space). Either will give you a different look. Start with the smallest parts first and do the border last, this will give it a stronger structure while you work.

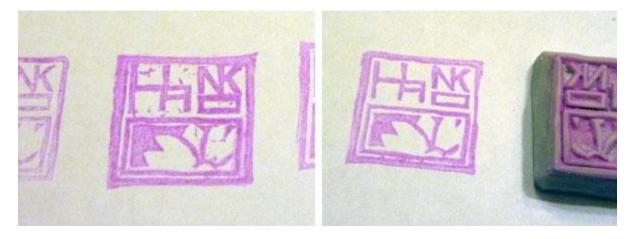


hite sections as you go or cut the lines first then remove the white sections.



Once the carving is done the stamp should be trimmed down to the size you want. Testing the stamp will help you know what you need to tweak to finish carving the stamp.

Press extra hard to find what spots are too high and carve them out. Repeat until satisfied with the result. Below are hard press versions before and after cleaning this design.



The Handle

When you are finished your stamp, test it out in your sketchbook. Glue a pokerchip to your stamp to use as a handle!



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