



Make Your Own Rubber Stamps

Fall is a beautiful time of year. The trees are turning colors, the air is crisp and special occasions abound. Now that the weather is cooler, you may find yourself in the mood to stay indoors and create. Thanksgiving and Christmas are not far away, providing you with ample reason to indulge yourself in your paper crafting passion.

Making cards is a quick and simple way to feed your creative energy. You can make several cards in an afternoon and those who receive them always appreciate the time you took to make them. Why not make them truly unique by making your own rubber stamps?

Using the [Pazzles Rubber Stamp Kit](#), you can design and cut your own rubber stamps. The Rubber Stamp Kit is easy to use and economical. Designed to work with the [Pazzles Inspiration Electronic Cutter](#), the rubber cuts easily and one kit can make several stamps. There are also refills available for the kit so your stamping creativity can continue on and on. You won't need to run to the store or order stamps from the internet anymore. You can even make a stamp of your child's drawing or hand writing.

The Pazzles Inspiration continues to make your life easier, whether creating scrapbook pages, cards, wearables, cakes or rubber stamps. Imagine all of the tools this one machine will replace. Spend more time creating and less time shopping for the perfect pieces for your project. With the Pazzles Inspiration making a project that is a reflection of you and you alone is at your finger tips.



Supplies for Thanks card:

Cutting Files for this project are free to [Craft Room members](#).

One 12 x 12 sheet of Dark Brown cardstock (Bo Bunny was used in the project)

1/4- 12 x 12 sheet Fall print cardstock (Bo Bunny)

1/4- 12 x 12 sheet gold textured cardstock

1/2- 12 x 12 sheet tan cardstock (ColorMates)

Gold Sheer Ribbon

Rust Satin Ribbon

Adhesive

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Baby Powder or Cornstarch

Paint Brush

Tim Holtz Distressing Ink by Ranger- Rusty Hinge

Pop Dots

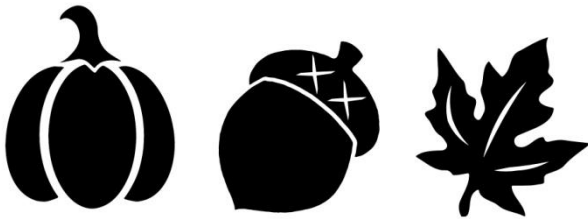
Optional: Strong packing Tape (clear) to use as a transfer tape to aid in placement of stamp layers.

Instructions:

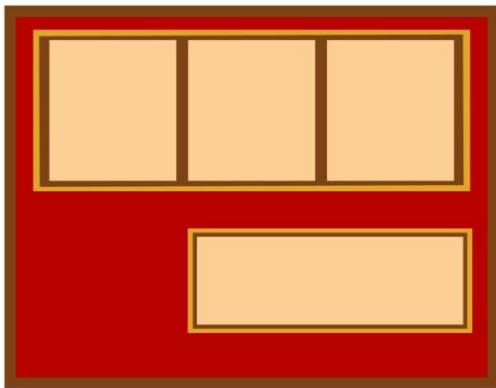
Download the cutting file from the [Puzzles Craft Room](#) or use clipart of your choice and create your own cutting file in the software



1. Open the cutting file or find your own clipart and use the Auto Trace feature to convert it to cutting lines.



2. Change images to black fill and lines.

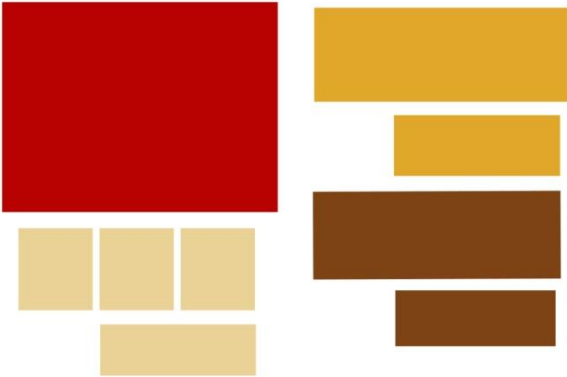


3. Design your card layout in the Inspiration Studio Software. Using the software to design it will assure that everything fits together when you start assembling the card. You also won't have to do tedious cutting of rectangles on a hand cutter.

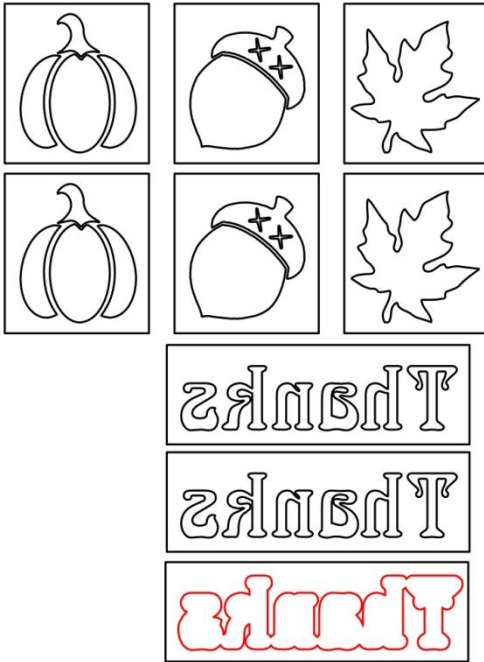


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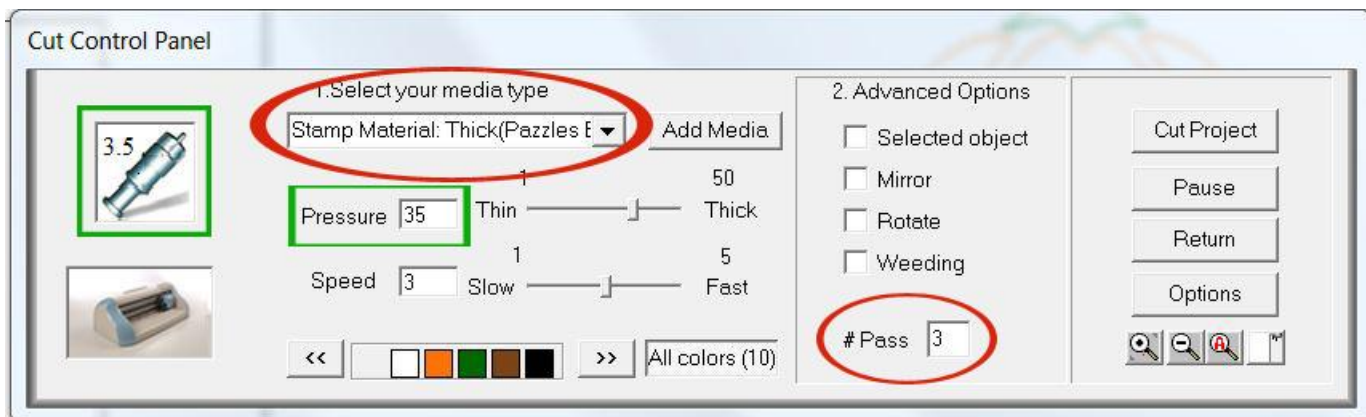
4. Make a larger outline of any design that has a lot of detail like the work *Thanks* in this example. Be sure to Mirror or Reverse your words so they will stamp correctly.
5. Adjust the stamp designs to fit inside of the pieces you will cut to stamp on.



6. Cut out all of the pieces for the card from cardstock in the colors you desire.
7. Place the blue rubber from the Pazzles Stamp Kit onto the Inspiration cutting mat. Use blue painters tape if needed to hold it securely to the mat. Load mat into the Inspiration.



8. On your Inspiration Studio workspace make 2 copies of the stamp images and include the rectangles around them. (You can also choose the Weeding option in the Cut Control Panel.) Make two copies of the word Thanks and one copy of its outline.



9. Open the Cut Control Panel by clicking on the Cut Project button. Make sure you select **Stamp Material: Thick** in the Media Type window. Note that the blade length should be 3.5 and the pressure should be set to 35. You will want to cut the design 2 - 3 times so type 3 in the # Pass window. Cut the rubber. (I like to set my first pass at a lower pressure- for example a 25 pressure for the first cut.)



10. Remove (weed) away the undesired pieces of rubber. Use a needle or the Pazzles Pick tool to remove small inner pieces. Optional: Press a piece of clear packing tape on top of one of the rubber layers. Then use the packing tape to transfer the layer on to the top of the base layer.



11. Stack the rubber layers together as shown. For the word Thanks you will have 3 layers with the larger layer on the bottom. Press layers together firmly.



12. Cut a piece of foam cushion (Pazzles Stamp Kit) so that it is slightly larger than the stamp. Peel away the protective layer from the sticky side. (The other side is a cling material.) Layer the stamp onto the sticky side of the foam. Press down to seal together. You should wait several minutes for the glue to grab before moving on to the next step.



13. Rub baby powder or corn starch onto the sticky parts of the foam. Be careful not to dislodge the rubber stamp. The powder will protect your scissors by neutralizing the exposed adhesive.



14. Trim the foam around the stamp but not too closely. Leave some margin around the edges to get the best stamped impression. Use a paintbrush to brush away any powder residue.



15. Lightly sand the rubber with the sanding block included in the Pazzles Stamp Kit.



16. Remove the protective paper from the cling side of the foam. Press the finished stamp to the acrylic block included with the Pazzles Stamp kit. You are now ready to create your card.

17. Stamp your designs on the cardstock pieces you have already cut and assemble your card. Use pop dots if desired to make the stamped pieces stand out.

18. Tie a knot near one end of the satin ribbon. Glue the sheer ribbon to the print cardstock layer and glue the satin ribbon over the sheer ribbon. Tuck the ends behind the print cardstock layer before gluing it to the card.