Decorative Rubber Stamps

Materials and Technique:

Wrapping Paper

Enclose gifts for your wedding party or favors for your guests in handmade wrapping paper covered in impressions made with a square rubber stamp. For a uniform pattern, stamp a large sheet of paper repeatedly with the same stamp, leaving a small space between each impression. Or stamp just the center of a piece of wrapping paper. If your box and stamp are the same size, you can just stamp the top. If the box is larger than the stamp, the pattern can trail down the sides. A stamp rolling pin also makes an attractive pattern.

Confetti Bags

Playful polka-dot bags will hold confetti until guests are ready to shower the newlyweds with it. Decorate premade fabric bags with ink from a circular pad for perfectly round impressions. Slip a piece of card stock into the bag to prevent the ink from bleeding through (and remember, fabric needs more drying time than paper).

Cocktail Napkins

Dress up simple cocktail napkins with romantic old song titles or favorite lines of poetry. Use a ruler as guide for straight impressions.

Favor Boxes

To create matching tokens for everyone at the wedding, dress up gift boxes, and fill them with favors. Stamp 1/2-inch quill paper repeatedly with your wedding date, and use the paper for wrapping the box. To wrap the box, tape the left end of a paper strip to the inside of the box's right side. Place the lid on top, and wrap paper around the box, moving it under and then across the lid. To fasten on the right side, tuck paper under lid. Trim the paper, leaving a 1/2-inch tail.

Sources:

Wrapping paper

New York Central Art Supply 62 Third Avenue New York, NY 10003 800-950-6111 www.nycentralart.com

Silk ribbon

YLI Corporation 800-296-8139

Custom-made stamps Stampworx 2000

36 East 29th Street New York, NY 10016 800-998-7826 www.stampworx2000.biz

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Magenta rubber stamps 2275 Bombardier Street Sainte-Julie, QC Canada J3E 2J9 800-565-5254

Hanko Designs 875 A Island Drive, #286 Alameda, CA 94502 510 523 5603

Versa Color stamp pads American Art Stamp 3870 Del Amo Boulevard, Suite 501 Torrance, CA 90503 888-260-7500

Stampaliner Stampendous (wholesale only) 800-869-0474

Quilling paper Lake City Crafts Box 2009 Nixa, MO 65714 417-725-8444

Cotton-filled jewelry box U.S. Box Corp. 800-221-0999

Confetti Bags Artistry in Motion 818-994-7388 www.artistryinmotion.com

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