

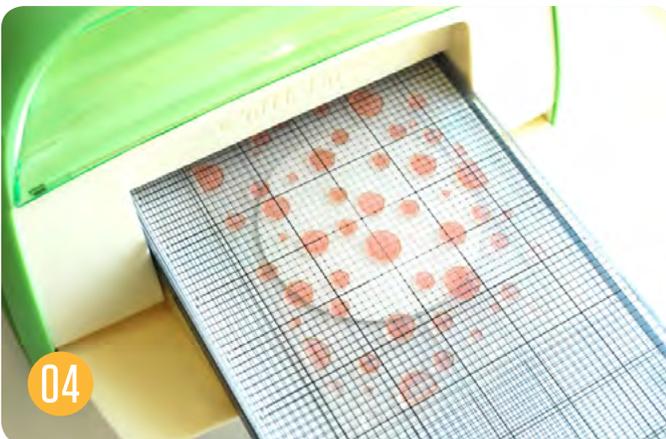
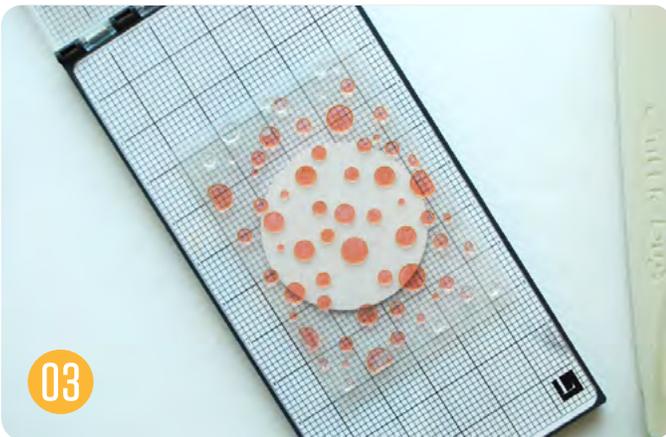


No Mess Letterpress Coasters | Nicole Reaves

Learning how to letterpress at home has been one of my favorite new techniques this year, but it isn't always a quick process. Especially when it comes to changing colors and cleaning your supplies. In this tutorial, I'll show you a no-mess solution with the Color Theory inks and your favorite letterpress plates to make some fun party coasters.

SUPPLY LIST :

Confetti letterpress plate; letterpress coasters; Color Theory ink pads in Coral Bay, Sunny Day and Mint Hint; letterpress cleaning cloths; Cuttlebug or other manual die cutting machine

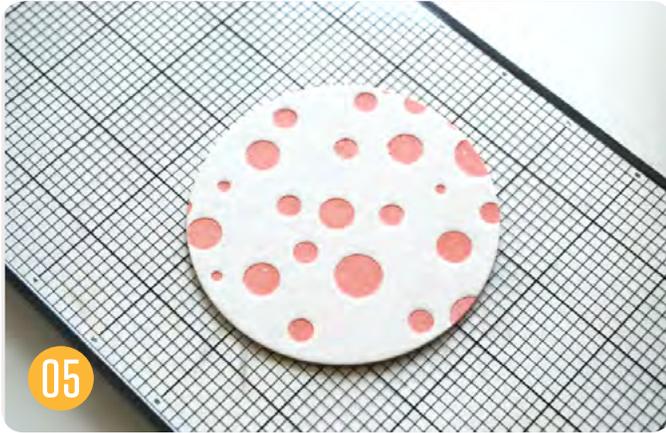


Step 01 : Collect your supplies and select your favorite inks. I've had the best luck letterpressing with pigment ink and Color Theory inks, rather than other dye ink.

Step 02 : Place your letterpress plate flat side down and gently dab and rub the ink pad on the design portion of the letterpress plate until it is covered with ink.

Step 03 : Open the letterpress platform and place a coaster on the grid base of the printing plate. Place the letterpress plate, design side down, on the coaster. This way you can eyeball what part of the plate you want to hang over the edge of the coaster.

Step 04 : Close the printing plate and run the platform through your manual die-cutting machine.



Step 05 : Open the printing plate and gently lift the letterpress plate off the coaster. Remove the coaster and set aside to dry completely.

Step 06 : Re-ink the letterpress plate and repeat steps 2-5, or use a letterpress cleaning cloth to remove the excess ink and try a different color.

Step 07 : If you really want to be no-mess, try running the letterpress plate through the machine with no ink on it. A simple debossed image will appear.

Step 08 : Planning to use your new coasters at a party? Leave some pens out on the tables and ask your guests to sign the back of their coaster before they leave. This could be a fun idea for a high school or college graduation open house, and gives party guests an opportunity to congratulate and send best wishes to the new graduate.