



## Basic Stamping Instructions

### Fabric Requirements

- Use pre-washed, pressed 100% quality cotton for best results.

### Ink Requirements

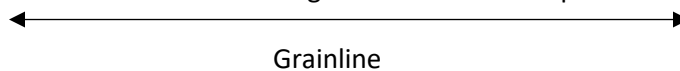
- Choose an ink pad and refill intended specifically for use with fabric.
- Lightly re-ink your stamp pad at the beginning of each stamping session, and occasionally during your stamping session as needed. If excessive pressure is required to transfer the ink, your ink pad may be in need of re-inking or replacement. Recommended practice is to replace your stamp pad every 2-3 years.

### Prior to Stamping on Fabric

- Lightly tap the stamp across the stamp pad to evenly coat the rubber with ink. Start with a light touch and add pressure as needed. Too much ink can cause as many problems as too little.
- Test the stamp first on a paper towel or a fabric scrap. Check that all lines are transferred evenly. Test the pressure needed to transfer the ink – note that pressure may vary less for light fabrics and more for dark fabrics.
- Test the stamp both with the handle and without and see what works best for you. The handle transfers the pressure well for small, symmetrical stamps. Large stamps or long stamps may require extra pressure on the outer edges to get a consistent stamp.

### Stamping on Fabric

- Choose a flat surface with friction such as a cutting mat, craft mat, or a piece of sandpaper. A smooth surface might cause your fabric to slide and blur your stamp lines.
- Lay your fabric on the surface, wrong side up. Recommended practice is to place fabric so that grainline is lengthwise on the surface. The grainline on the stamp is oriented the same way.



- Press the stamp onto the fabric. Large stamps or long stamps may require extra pressure on the outer edges to get a consistent stamp.
- Ink may be air-dried or heat set. Refer to ink manufacturer recommendations.
- Cut fabric on the outer line. Sew fabric on the inner line. 1/4" seam allowance is provided.
- Clean stamps after use. Stamps may be rinsed with cool water in a utility sink (avoid porcelain sinks as ink may cause staining) or wiped with a commercial cleansing wipe or baby wipe.