



Get the most from your rub-on alphabets! I always seem to run out of a's, b's and o's from my rub-ons first. To remedy this try turning v's upside down for a capital A and use another not so popular letter to make the cross. Turn small q's upside down for a small b and use a zero as a large o. U's can become n's and vice versa. Try cutting and pasting your letters to make do with what you have left. Let's see what you can do!

I am so excited to bring you a line of patterned papers from one of our very own design team members! When I put a call out to the DT to design their own papers, Mikki Livanos jumped at the chance. She has done such an outstanding job, and the feedback was so encouraging, that she decided to start her own company: Paper Heart Studio! We are very pleased to introduce this line to the public and if you are enthralled with it as much as we all are, be sure to look in the storefront for her other lines. And goodness – just wait to see what she comes out with at CHA!!

You will notice we added a very unique foam stamp to the kit this month as well. I have to be honest and say I was shocked at the size when it arrived and wondered if everyone would be intimidated by it. That thing is HUGE!!! For that reason alone, I decided to base the technique around foam stamping. I know there are questions on the web about using foam stamps, not to mention cleaning and storing them; this NL will answer any questions you may have. So, without further ado....



Dole Plantation ~ Libby Jack

Creative Techniques for Foam Stamps by Sharly Balcaen

You can use foam to create some amazing backgrounds. There are foam brushes available in most craft stores. (Some have a wooden handles and come in a variety of sizes.) Foam alphabet letters along with corners and shapes also help make beautiful background colors and shapes. Swirl the foam stamps or alphabet stamps to create different looks on your papers; an example of this is an alphabet letter can be swirled in several directions to make cool designs or swirl the letter in a circle then stamp the circle into the center of the your swirled image.



Thank You Card ~ Mikki Livanos

