

heart stamp

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HEART STAMP TOTE

SUPPLIES

- denim or colored tote bag, washed
- heart stamp or supplies to carve your own
- cardboard, the size of your tote bag
- small glass container
- ¼ cup bleach
- 1 cup water
- paint brush

DIRECTIONS

**START WITH STEP 1 IF CARVING YOUR OWN STAMP.
START WITH STEP 4 IF USING AN EXISTING STAMP.**

1. Protect work surface with newspaper, a plastic table cover, or an old towel.
2. Cut out a heart shape from a piece of paper, and trace the shape on the carving block.
3. Carve the outside of the heart. Then draw another heart shape about ¼ inch from the heart edge. Carve the inside of the smaller heart shape.

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4. Make a pencil grid the size of your stamp along the entire tote front by making marks along the left and right sides and top and bottom. Using a ruler, draw a line to connect each mark.

Note: Consider placing a second layer of paper to protect your work surface.

5. Insert cardboard in the tote to provide a flat working surface and a barrier between the front and back sides of the tote.
6. Lay the tote with cardboard on your protected work surface and prepare the bleach water by mixing 1 cup of water with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of bleach in a small glass container.
7. Quickly check to make sure your stamp fits into the grid you created.
8. Gather your brush. Holding the stamp over the bleach solution, dip the brush in the water, and brush on the stamp. Continue brushing on the water solution until the entire stamp is covered. (It's hard to see, and the water will pile up in sections. That's OK because this is what will give the uneven/random look once stamped).
9. Once the stamp is completely brushed with the bleach solution, carefully bring it to your tote and quickly "stamp" one grid box on your tote.
10. Brush on the bleach water before each stamp.

Another option: In our sample, an alternating grid was used to give a repeating pattern look. If you don't want a repeating pattern, you can randomly stamp your tote to create your own design.



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