

ink chart 2012: *everything you need to know*

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With so many ink choices available today, choosing the right one can be confusing. This chart gives basic information on many popular stamping inks, based on manufacturer's recommendations. However, there are often variables, such as the type of surface, various coatings, etc., so if in doubt, read manufacturers' instructions, check the Web sites, or just experiment.

Brand	Type of Ink	Emboss	Water Resistant	Acid Free	Fade Resistant	Matte	Glossy*	Vellum	Acetate	Shrink Plastic	Wood	Metal/Foil	Polymer Clay	Porous	Non-Porous	Fabric/Leather	Plastic	Clean-Up
AMERICAN CRAFTS																		
American Crafts Pigment Ink	pigment	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	no	yes	no	21	22	no	yes	no	water or baby wipes
CLEARSNAP																		
ColorBox Archival Dye	dye	19	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	if heat set	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	if heat set	stamp cleaner
ColorBox Classic Pigment	pigment	yes	if emb	yes	yes	yes	if emb	14	if emb	yes	if emb or 3	no	yes	yes	if emb	11	if emb	water
ColorBox Crafter's Inc	craft	yes	if heat set	yes	yes	yes	if emb	if heat set	if heat set	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	if heat set	if heat set	if emb	water or stamp cleaner
ColorBox Fluid Chalk	blended	19	if heat set	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	if heat set	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	some fabric; yes leather	if heat set	water before it dries or stamp cleaner
ColorBox Mix'd Media Inx by Donna Salazar	pigment	yes	if emb	yes	yes	yes	if emb	if emb	if emb	yes	if emb or 3	no	yes	yes	yes	11	if emb	water
ColorBox Premium Dye Inkpad by Stephanie Barnard	dye	19	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	1	no	water or stamp cleaner
My First ColorBox	dye	19	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	1	no	water
Smooch	pigment	19	if heat set	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	if heat set	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	if heat set	17	if heat set	water before it dries or stamp cleaner
Smooch Spritz	pigment	N/A	if heat set	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	if heat set	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	if heat set	17	if heat set	water before it dries or stamp cleaner
Top Boss	embossing	yes	if emb	yes	N/A	yes	if emb	if emb	if emb	N/A	if emb	no	if emb	yes	if emb	if emb	if emb	water
Watermark (monochromatic)	pigment	yes	if emb	yes	yes	yes	20	if emb	if emb	N/A	if emb	no	if emb	yes	if emb	if emb	if emb	water
Dr. Ph. Martin																		
Creamy Pastel InkPak	pigment	yes	if heat set	yes	yes	yes	16	no	no	no	if heat set	no	no	no	no	no	no	water or stamp cleaner
Iridescent Accents	mica pigment	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	no	some	water or stamp cleaner
Iridescent InkPak	mica pigment	yes	16	yes	yes	yes	if heat set	if heat set	no	no	yes	no	no	no	no	no	no	water or stamp cleaner
UltraCraft InkPak	pigment	yes	16	yes	yes	yes	if emb	if heat set	no	no	yes	no	no	no	no	no	no	water or stamp cleaner
GARY M. BURLIN & CO.																		
Fresco	dye	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes, no glass	no fabric, yes leather	yes	Memories Cleaner or Ultra Clean
HAMPTON ART																		
A la Mode Dye	dye	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	stamp cleaner or baby wipes
A la Mode Pigment	pigment	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	stamp cleaner or baby wipes

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Decades Antiquing Ink	dye	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	no	no	yes	no	no	no	stamp cleaner or water
Studio G	pigment	yes	if emb.	yes	yes	yes	if heat set	no	no	no	no	no	if heat set	no	no	no	no	stamp cleaner or water
HERO ARTS																		
Hero Hues Chalk Ink	dye chalk	23	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	16	yes	no	water
Just for Kids	dye	no	if heat set	yes	yes	yes	8	if heat set	if heat set	no	yes	no	no	yes	no	if heat set	no	water or Ultra Clean
Shadow Ink	dye	no	if heat set	yes	yes	yes	8	if heat set	if heat set	no	yes	no	no	yes	no	if heat set	no	water or Ultra Clean
JACQUARD Castaway (not an ink)	color modifier	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	water
MARYV UCHIDA																		
Heritage	dye	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	water
Marvy Matchables	dye	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	water
Metallic Pearl	pigment	7	when dry	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	water or stamp cleaner
PRINTWORKS																		
Designer Ink	dye	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	14	no	yes	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	stamp cleaner
Outliner Ink	dye	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	StazOn Cleaner
QUICK QUOTES																		
Powder Puffs	chalk	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	if emb	yes	if emb	yes	yes	16	16	yes	yes	yes heat set	16	soap & water
RANGER																		
Jenni Bowlin	dye	yes	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	no	no	yes	no	no	no	stamp cleaner
Adirondack Alcohol Ink	solvent-based	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Ad. Alcohol Blending Solution
Ad. Alcohol Ink Mixatives	solvent-based pigment	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes, after shrinking	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	1 fabric, yes leather	yes	Ad. Alcohol Blending Solution
Ad. Color Wash Spray	dye	no	if heat set	yes	if heat set	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes	no	soap & water
Ad. Brights Dye	dye	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	no	no	yes	no	no	no	Ranger Water-Based Cleaner, Clear Stamp Cleaner or Cleansit Stamp Cleaner
Ad. Lights Dye	dye	yes	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	no	no	yes	no	no	no	Ranger Water-Based Cleaner, Clear Stamp Cleaner or Cleansit Stamp Cleaner
Ad. Earthtones Dye	dye	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	18	no	yes	no	no	yes	no	no	no	Ranger Water-Based Cleaner, Clear Stamp Cleaner or Cleansit Stamp Cleaner
Ad. Earthtones Pigment	pigment	yes	if heat set or emb	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	some if heat set	yes	yes	Ranger Water-Based Cleaner, Clear Stamp Cleaner or Cleansit Stamp Cleaner

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Ad. Brights Pigment	pigment	yes	if heat set or emb	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	some if heat set	yes	yes	Ranger Water-Based Cleaner, Clear Stamp Cleaner or Cleansit Stamp Cleaner
Ad. Lights Pigment	pigment	yes	if heat set or emb	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	some if heat set	yes	yes	Ranger Water-Based Cleaner, Clear Stamp Cleaner or Cleansit Stamp Cleaner
Archival Inks	dye	yes on glossy	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Ranger Cleansit or Solvent Stamp Cleaner
Big & Bossy	embossing	yes	yes	yes	n/a	yes	yes	yes	if emb	no	no	yes	no	yes some	yes some	no	yes	Ranger Water-Based Cleaner, Clear Stamp Cleaner or Cleansit Stamp Cleaner
Watermark Resist Ink	watermark resist	yes	yes	yes	n/a	if emb.	if emb.	if emb.	if emb.	no	if emb.	if emb.	no	if emb.	if emb.	if emb.	no	Clear Stamp Cleaner or Cleansit Stamp Cleaner
Distress Inks	dye	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	no	no	yes	no	no	no	Ranger Water-Based Cleaner, Clear Stamp Cleaner or Cleansit Stamp Cleaner
Distress Stains	dye	yes	no	yes		yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	no	no	yes	no	no	no	Ranger Water-Based Cleaner, Clear Stamp Cleaner or Cleansit Stamp Cleaner
Perfect Medium	embossing, resist, watermark	yes	yes	yes	n/a	yes	if emb	if emb	if emb	if emb	if emb	if emb	if rebaked	if emb	no	2	if emb	Ranger Cleansit Stamp Cleaner
STAMPIN' UP! Classic Stampin' Pad	dye	no	no	yes	no	yes	no	no	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	no	no	no	Stampin' Mist Cleaner
Craft Stampin' Pad	pigment	yes	if emb	yes	yes	yes	if emb	if heat set	no	if heat set	yes	if heat set	yes	yes	no	if heat set	if heat set	Stampin' Mist Cleaner
STEWART SUPERIOR India Ink Black	dye	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no, yes on paper clay	yes	yes	yes	yes	Memories Cleaner or Ultra Clean
Kiddly Inks	dye	yes	yes															Memories Cleaner or Ultra Clean
Memories Chalk	dye	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no, yes on paper clay	yes	heat set	yes	no	Memories Cleaner or Ultra Clean
Memories Dye	dye	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	if heat set	if heat set	if heat set	yes	if heat set	no, yes on paper clay	yes	if heat set	yes	if heat set	Memories Cleaner or Ultra Clean
Memories Pigment	pigment	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	if emb	if emb	if emb	no	heat set	if emb	heat set	heat set	if emb	heat set	no	Memories Cleaner or Ultra Clean
Memories Pigment Metallic	pigment	yes	if heat set	yes	yes	yes	if emb	if emb	if emb	no	heat set	if emb	heat set	heat set	if emb	heat set	no	Memories Cleaner or Ultra Clean

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Memories Mist	pigment-based spray	no	yes	yes	yes	dries fast	dries with heat set	if heat set	if heat set	no	dries with heat set	no	no	yes	some, if heat set	heat set	no	soap & water or Ultra Clean
Palette	hybrid	4	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	heat set	heat set	heat set	heat set	heat set	heat set	heat set	heat set	heat set	if heat set	Memories Cleaner or Ultra Clean
Precious Impressions	pigment	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	yes	no	no	no	Memories Cleaner or Ultra Clean
Stamp & Stick	glue pad	yes	Heat-activated. The application depends on the material to be glued rather than the surface. Glitter must be used on a non-porous surface. Metal leaf, PearlEx and chalks work on almost any surface. The surface must be heat-resistant.													no fabric, yes leather	16	Memories Cleaner or Ultra Clean
Watermark	embossing	yes		if emb	yes	n/a	Can be covered with embossing powder, chalk, mica powder, etc.						16	no	yes	if emb	no	no
TECHNIQUE TUESDAY																		
Chalk Ink	pigment	no	no	yes	yes	yes	8	yes	14	yes	16	16	16	yes	no	16	16	Clear Stamp Cleaner or soap & water
Hybrid Ink	hybrid	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	8	8	8	8	yes	if heat set	yes	yes	8	yes natural fabrics; test on leather	8	Clear Stamp Cleaner or soap & water
TSUKINEKO																		
All-Purpose Ink	craft ink	no	17	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	no	yes	no	no	1	no	yes + silk	no	StazOn Cleaner or water
Brilliance	pigment	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	14	yes	yes	8	yes	yes	yes	no fabric, test leather	no	StazOn Cleaner
Delicata	pigment	yes	if emb	yes	yes	yes	8	8		yes, after shrinking	8	8	no	1	no	no	no	StazOn Cleaner or water
Encore! Ultimate Metallic	pigment	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	if emb	if emb	no	no	no	no	yes	1	no	no	no	StazOn Cleaner
Essential Glue Pad, The	craft product	yes	if emb	yes	n/a	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	no	no	yes	no fabroc., yes leather	no	StazOn Cleaner or water
Impress	dye	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	slow	no	no	16	no	no	1	no	no	no	StazOn Cleaner
Ink Potion no. 9	used with water-based inks	no	no	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14	no	no	16	no	16	yes	no	16	no	StazOn Cleaner or water
Kaleidacolor	dye	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	14	no	no	no	no	no	1	no	no	no	StazOn Cleaner
Memento Fade-Resistant Dye	dye	4	yes, when dry	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	6	no	no	1	no	1	no	StazOn Cleaner
Opalite	pigment	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	if emb	14	if emb.	yes	yes	no	yes	1	no	no	no	StazOn Cleaner
Splendor	pigment	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	if emb	if emb	if emb.	no	3	no	yes	1	no	no	no	StazOn Cleaner
StazOn	die solvent craft ink	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no fabric, yes leather	yes	StazOn Cleaner

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StazOn Metallic	pigment	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	16	yes	yes	yes	yes	no fabric, yes leather	16	StazOn Cleaner
StazOn Opaque	pigment solvent craft ink	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	16	yes	yes	no	yes	no	16	StazOn Cleaner
VersaColor	pigment	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	if emb	if emb	no	no	3	no	yes	1	no	no	no	StazOn Cleaner
VersaCraft	craft ink	yes	17	yes	yes	yes	if emb	no	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	17	no	StazOn Cleaner
VersaFine	pigment	7	yes	yes	yes	yes	if emb	if emb	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	no	no fabric, yes leather	no	StazOn Cleaner
VersaMagic Chalk	pigment	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	14	yes	yes	no	yes	1	no	16	no	StazOn Cleaner
VersaMark (Monochromatic)	pigment	yes	yes	yes	n/a	yes	if emb	if emb	25	no	no	no	yes	1	no	no	no	StazOn Cleaner
Walnut Ink	craft ink	no	no	yes	no	yes	8	yes	no	no	yes	no	no	yes	no	1	no	StazOn Cleaner
USARTQUEST																		
Piñata Colors	solvent-based	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	15	yes	yes	yes	yes	Clean-up Moisturizer

NOTES:

*Some glossy papers have an absorbent coating, some have a plastic coating, and ink will react differently to each. If in doubt, test first.

Ad. = Adirondack

emb. = embossed

n/a = contains no color to fade

1 = Yes, but not permanent

2 = Use Fabric Medium on fabric; emboss on leather

3 = Use sealant for durability

4 = Yes on glossy, but work fast

5 = Not permanent on fabric; emboss on leather

6 = Yes, if heat set, but test first

7 = If done quickly

8 = Yes, but slow to dry; can be heat set

9 = Yes; works best on ink jet transparencies

10 = Yes, if you sand first and let the ink pool

11 = Yes on fabric, if clear embossed; no on leather

12 = Heat set on fabric; yes on leather and silk

13 = Not on fabric if washable; yes on leather

14 = Yes, but slow to dry

15 = Let ink dry on clay before mixing in

16 = Test first

17 = Permanent when heat set

18 = Stamp on underside

19 = Yes on coated, but work fast

20 = If emb, or with resist technique

21 = Yes, but blot after application

22 = Yes, but blot after application on some materials; test first

23 = Yes, if inked first with watermark ink then chalk ink before stamping

24 = Not on fabric; yes on leather if heat set

25 = Yes, if embossed, but may warp acetate