



NEW PAPER CRAFTERS INTRODUCTION PT 2

ARE YOU NEW TO PAPER CRAFTING AND Stampin' Up!? Are you wondering how to get started? Here are a few of the easiest ways to get started:

- **Paper Pumpkin Kit subscription:** Paper Pumpkin is an all-inclusive kit what includes everything you need to make a set of cards, and sometimes the finished products are three-dimensional. There is no cutting; everything is con for you! Kits include ink, stamps, pre-cut card bases, matching envelopes, embellishments, and other goodies. The kit comes monthly in the mail through a subscription. Subscribe [HERE](#).
- **Catalog Kits:** There are other all-inclusive kits (stamps, ink, pre-cut paper, envelopes) in the catalog and others where the stamps and consumables are sold separately. Some kits allow you to buy refills as well. Click [HERE](#) to see what kits are available in the current Annual Catalog.
- **Create your own custom set of products!**
 - You know that you will need stamps, inks, cardstock, adhesives, and a paper trimmer at least. One way to do this is to purchase a "Suite" from the catalog, which gives you all the coordinated items you need to make cards. You just need to add cardstock, adhesive, and perhaps a paper trimmer.
 - OR, you could choose your products and join Stampin' Up! to become a Demonstrator. You get \$125 worth of products for just \$99.00, and sometimes throughout the year there are other incentives added to further entice you to join, such as new "In-Color" papers and inks. The best thing about being a demonstrator, even if you do it as a hobby only, is you get a discount on the products that you purchase in the future! Click [HERE](#) for more information
- **Having a hard time deciding what colors of ink or cardstock you should choose?**
 - Stampin' Up! organizes colors (both ink and paper) into groups called Neutrals, Bright, Subtles, and Regals. If you buy a set, you get all the colors in the set. The inks and papers coordinate with each other in the sets.
 - There are also two groups called the "In-Colors," which change every two years. These are based on current color trends in art and design. Each set includes five colors, and they change every two years.

- Another way to decide on colors is to purchase a "Suite" of products, which includes stamps, embellishments, and designer papers. The suite lists the coordinating ink and cardstock papers to match.
- **Stuck on what stamps to choose from the very beginning? Here are some ideas to consider:**
 - Get a set of sticky notes and go through the Annual Catalog marking stamps that you find attractive, then narrow down your search.
 - Always pick stamps that you like, so that you will be inspired to create with them.
 - Choose stamps that have both images and sentiments.
 - Also, stamps that are part of a "Suite" are always a good start because they include a variety of images, sentiments, dies, and even embellishments and DSP.
 - Think about stamps in terms of purpose: holidays, thank you notes, masculine, sympathy, all-purpose, etc.