

The MTL Gazette

A Free Newsletter For The Friends of: **Memories That Last**

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time. ~John Lubbock

Acrylic Stamps – The Clear Choice For All Your Holiday Stamping!

Hello Girls, and Welcome to your MTL October Newsletter. Spring is definitely here - the weather has changed as if someone has flipped switch. Not that I mind - finally warm feet at night!

This month's topic covers something just for you. Something you may not have tried before, but they're a whole lot of fun, and they give you the chance to pull back, do something creative, and recharge – until it's time to bake more cookies while you “company clean” the house.

Yes, I'm talking about Acrylic Stamps –

The Clear Choice for all your stamping desires!

I'm wondering: Have you tried the newest kind of rubber stamps – only they're not rubber, they're clear acrylic, mounted on clear blocks! Do you SEE the possibilities?!

Now, I have a confession to make. I will admit, when these babies first came out a few years ago, I was not altogether THRILLED.

And so I thought I'd sort of wait it out, see if these things would go away quietly of their own accord. No such luck.

Rather than fading away, they were picking up speed, becoming even MORE popular. And so, spurred on by the ever-growing array of fabulous new designs, I grudgingly, reluctantly, suspiciously, took the plunge, and selected my very first set of clear, acrylic stamps, a floral by AUTUMN LEAVES, and a satisfyingly solid feeling medium clear block. I peeled off that flower head, stuck it to the middle of the block, inked, and voila – a fabulous little daisy. But that was the easy part. Now, I had to match up the stem. And thus, **the magic of the acrylic was revealed.**

(I think you know where I'm going with this.)

There was no craning of my neck, trying futilely to position that little stick just so – it was like

looking into the water through the floor of a glass-bottomed boat. Everything was perfectly visible, and my stem, AND the following leaves were placed exactly where I wanted them.

A whole new world opened up for me. Suddenly I found myself envisioning LETTERING and TITLES in perfect, confidently placed and spaced rows across my scrapbook pages and greeting cards. The world was my oyster!

What's more, I was finishing pages and projects more quickly and confidently than I ever had before. This was so much fun! The need for skillful guesswork was gone! Now, even I could make a card worthy of actually mailing.

And believe me, if I can do it, you can do it too! Were you thinking it might be fun to try making a few (or ALL) of your Christmas cards this year? Come on in, and see our new acrylics for the Holidays. We can even show you a few simple ideas you can choose from to get you started. Don't worry - making holiday cards, and even a few tags, doesn't have to be a huge time commitment.

And the benefits don't stop there.

Clear stamps are not a Big SPACE commitment.

Because they are removable, you just store them on the piece of plastic they come on. No giant cases filled with bulky blocks of wood to make room for.

And clear stamping doesn't have to be a big cost commitment either. Our clear stamps start at just \$2.25. After that, all you need is ink!

These little gems are a must see item. If you'd love to get started right away or would like to see some more ideas, sign up for our XMAS CARD MAKING CLASS on 15th Nov. Check the calendar for more classes throughout the month. Plus, did you know? You are welcome to scrapbook (or stamp) ANYTIME during regular store hours and give it a



whirl. Give us a call to let us know you're coming, and put it on your calendar, RIGHT NOW, before you forget.

Now, like I said, even if you've never stamped before, these acrylics want to be your friend! There's nothing like the ease and versatility of something simple and CUTE to make a person want to try something new.

A few more helpful hints:

Select a clear block that is slightly larger than the stamp that you are going to use. If the block is a lot larger than the stamp, you may get ink on the block, which could end up in the wrong place on your project. If you use a block that is smaller than your stamp, you will get an uneven impression where the stamp is not supported by the block.



If you want to stamp faster, place several clear stamps on a larger clear block, so that you can stamp entire words, phrases or scenes.

Use a gentle rolling and pulling motion to remove your stamp from the storage sheet. Although they are strong, if you pull them off too fast or use too much force, you might tear your stamps, especially in thin, detailed areas.



When acrylic stamps get dirty or they are damp, they lose their stickiness and won't cling to the block as firmly as they should. So when you are done stamping, clean your clear stamps to return them to their natural sticky state. For the most thorough cleaning, and to help preserve and protect your stamps, use a clear stamp cleaner. (In a pinch, you can use a damp sponge or mild soap and water, and dry the stamps and block with a lint-free cloth.) When you are finished, peel the stamps off the clear block, and return them to the storage sheet. It's just that easy.

So come on in and check out the new Christmas stamps from Kaisercraft, Imaginisce and Autumn Leaves.

We love helping our customers and their friends and relatives with all of their photo and scrapbooking projects! We are here to help you keep scrapbooking fun and stress FREE! Don't be a stranger. Stop in or Call us, and we will assist you with all of your scrapping needs.

Congratulations

**SEPT SCRAP CHALLENGE
WINNER**

Kylie Broadbent

Remember challenges must be in by the 20th of every month. Have a go - you might be pleasantly surprised.

Welcome New Scrappers!

Here are some new scrappers that became members of our scrapbooking family last month! We'd like to welcome you publicly, and wish you all the best!

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| <i>Irene M.</i> | <i>Richelle R.</i> | <i>Leonie S.</i> |
| <i>Agata O.</i> | <i>Deborah B.</i> | <i>Amanda A.</i> |
| <i>Peggy K.</i> | <i>Sherina N.</i> | <i>Francesca R.</i> |
| <i>Tracey M.</i> | <i>Kiran D.</i> | <i>Joanne P.</i> |
| <i>Diana H.</i> | <i>Kathy W.</i> | |

"GIRSL DAY IN" CROP FOR A CURE FUNDRAISER

Come and support a great cause.
Raffle tickets avail from 13th October

WHEN: Sunday 26th October
TIME: Shop open from 10am - 4pm

Crop places booked out but 10% of all sales on the day will be donated to the Cancer Council.

STOP PRESS

Special Guest **Sally Wilson** from Delish Designs
will be teaching a class at MTL and previewing her new "Peppercorn" Line !!!

WHEN: Sat 11th October
TIME: 2.30pm
COST: \$40 only incl tea & cake

Places are limited and filling fast. All Kit materials included.

The Scrapbook Store

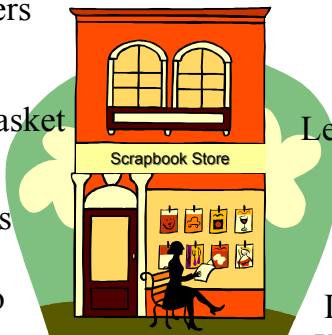
I went to the scrapbooking store today
Just to buy one thing,
Then I saw this layout on the wall
It made the products sing.

Oh, I need to have those stickers
Showcased on the rack,

I've only got two things in my basket
No need to put one back.

Wait, now I see those flowers
Oh, maybe just one or two,
My shopping has turned into
Buying not one, but a few.

Look, there's some pretty paper
With polka dots galore,
I need it for my layout



I've got to have some more!
Brads, eyelets and ribbons
My collection is getting low,
Just add these to my shopping spree
It's almost time to go.

Now, I've found some albums
You never have enough,
Leaving this store with just one thing
I'm finding very tough.

Okay, that's it, I'm done now
I bring my stuff to pay,
I look at my watch to see the time
Have I been shopping here all day?

*Allison Connors - Chicken Soup for the
Scrapbooker's Soul*

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SHOP NEWS

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**DON'T MISS OUT ON
SALLY WILSON CLASS**

11TH OCTOBER

2.30PM

\$40

PLACES LIMITED !!!

**SCRAPIN' WEEKEND AWAY
2009**

\$50 deposit

will reserve your spot
Kiah Ridge, Tahmoor
Fri 7th Aug to Sun 9th Aug

BOOK NOW!!!

NEW ARRIVALS

KAISER Christmas Papers, Stamps,
Off The Page, Bling
Basic Grey Papers, Chipboard and Rub-Ons
Chipboard Titles & Robots
MIJEMOO Brad & Eyelet Guides
Rhinestone Buckles & Loopy Brads
Karen Foster Papers & Embellishments

**KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
CLASSES**

Memo Cube/Box
Blast Off Photo Frame
Gift Cards
Scrapbook Page

check website or ring to book

FOR SALE

We have some ex-workshop equipment
that we are letting go:
Selected Sizzlits Alphabets - only \$80

1 x Red Sizzix machine, converter &
new cutting pad - **only \$50**

Old Scrapbooking Magazines - **\$2ea**