

Bleach-out Technique

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Materials:

Black cardstock

Embossing ink

Black Fine Detail embossing powder

Bleach (any brand)

Water

Small containers for mixing

Cotton swabs or old paintbrush

Favorite rubber stamp

Heat gun



Protect your work surface and clothing from bleach. Test different strengths of bleach or bleach and water solutions on scraps of the same type of cardstock you will be using to find out how the cardstock will bleach out. Different brands turn different colors when bleached. Bazzil was used for this project. Wait thirty minutes to see the effect of the bleach or heat gently with a heat gun to speed up the process. When you're confident with the results, stamp your image onto black cardstock with any brand of embossing ink. (Top Boss, Versa Mark, etc.) Emboss with black fine detail embossing powder. Using a cotton swab or an old paintbrush, carefully apply bleach solutions to areas within the embossed image. Avoid dripping on the background or getting bleach outside the embossed lines of the image. For highlighting, use full-strength bleach. For shading, use bleach and water solution. Use a heat gun to dry. For cardstock that warps too much from being wet, put it face down on a piece of paper and gently iron it flat on the back using a low heat setting. To cover any drips or bleached spots that seeped beyond the embossed area, use a black marker to color them in. Layer the image onto a card front and embellish as desired. Experiment with other colors and brands of cardstock to see what bleach will do to them.