

Background Streaking  
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Fold your chosen cardstock to make your card. I use white cardstock. Place a mask of whatever shape you choose in the middle of the card front. Ink up the slim end of a wedge shaped makeup sponge with your chosen color of a dye ink pad.

Anchoring your mask with the fingers of one hand, drag/streak the sponge out to the edge of the card front with the other hand. Always start a short ways in on the mask and apply a little pressure when streaking. Continue this all the way around the mask, re-inking the sponge as needed. Experiment and practice a little until you can get the desired results. This technique is fun, quick and easy..... and slightly addictive. LOL My favorite mask shape is a scalloped oval. I usually use a single color 'streak' but have also used two contrasting colors and even several colors. I keep the sponges and re-use them and when they get too trashed I pitch them and start with new ones. Non-stamping friends are usually impressed with this technique and are always puzzled about how I achieve it. I don't tell them how easy it is.

