

PAPER MANIPULATION

Embossing and Bleaching

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Explore ways to manipulate paper through bleaching and faux embossing. Both techniques are simple to do but with stunning results.

FAUX EMBOSSING

Combine a beautiful pre-embossed album cover with faux embossed inside pages for a mini-book that is both subtle and beautiful.

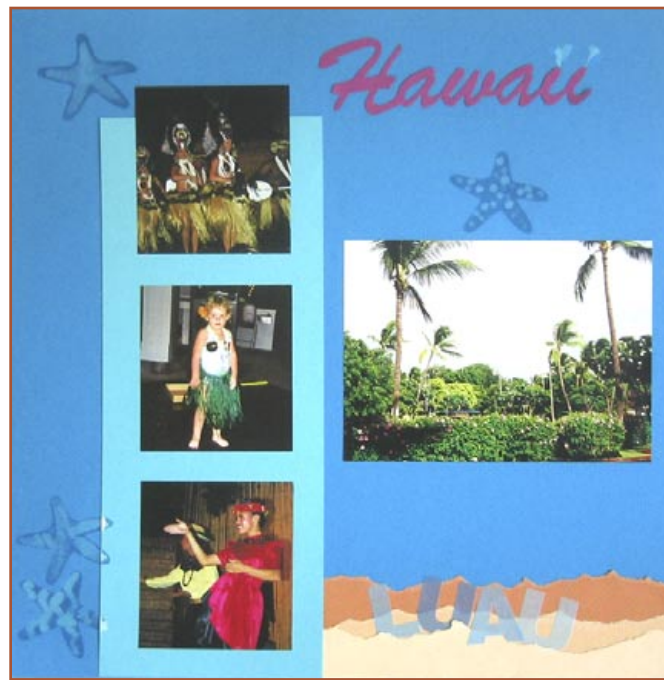
1. Apply foam adhesive to the back of a floral heart wreath sticker. Be sure to leave the top protective sheet in place on the foam adhesive.
2. Brush baby powder on the back of the heart wreath sticker all around the foam adhesive.
3. Remove the protective covering from the foam adhesive and position the treated sticker atop a matching heart wreath sticker. Repeat the step before attaching the double raised heart wreath sticker inside the window in the embossed album cover.
4. Apply foam adhesive and powder in the same way to a lacy heart sticker and attach it to a matching heart sticker before attaching it to an album page that matches the sticker heart color.
5. Cut 1/4" strips from matching paper that has been run through a xyron machine. Trim all strips to two inches and fasten to the page to create a border at the bottom of the page.
6. Decorate the lacy heart with rose buds and ribbon that are also raised with foam adhesive.



MATERIALS

- Stickers: Mrs. Grossman's
- Foam adhesive: Mrs. Grossman's
- Adhesive: Xyron
- Embossed album: Mrs. Grossman's
- Paper trimmer





BLEACHING

Paint on colored paper with bleach instead of paint for a unique look that replicates the look of batik.

1. Tear 3 shade of neutral colored paper to create the look of sand, layering them in the bottom corner of the page.
2. Tuck vellum letters between the torn paper layers.
3. Attach photos to a paper strip and fasten to the 12" x 12" page, overlapping the torn paper.
4. Attach the larger photo as shown.
5. Print Hawaii in a computer font and use it as a pattern to cut out the page title. Attach the title to the page.
6. Die-cut star fish from self-adhesive rubber and attach to a clear plastic mount.
7. Ink and stamp the star fish rubber stamp.
8. Dip a paint brush into bleach and use the brush to add texture to the stamped images to complete the page.

MATERIALS

- Vellum stickers: Mrs. Grossman's
- Die-cutting system: Sizzix
- Self-adhesive rubber and stamp mount: Ellison
- Water brush pen: E K Success
- Bleach



Apply bleach with a water brush pen or blender pen for an unusual card accent.

