

To emboss is to raise the design on the paper and is traditionally achieved with a brass stencil and stylus. Faux embossing involves cutting the design out of paper that matches the background paper and using adhesive to stick it on top. This guest book features circles and rectangles that have been adhered to the matching page, making it look embossed, but with a lot less time and effort than embossing the traditional way.

1. Cut cover and inside pages (Judge the quantity of pages you will need by the amount of guests coming to the wedding). The sample is 11" x 8 1/2".
2. The front and back cover are lined with a slightly darker color to add interest and thickness. Score the front cover fold line 3/4" from the left hand edge using a bone creaser. Punch two holes in the book. Base the distance between the holes on the length of the band (Figure A).

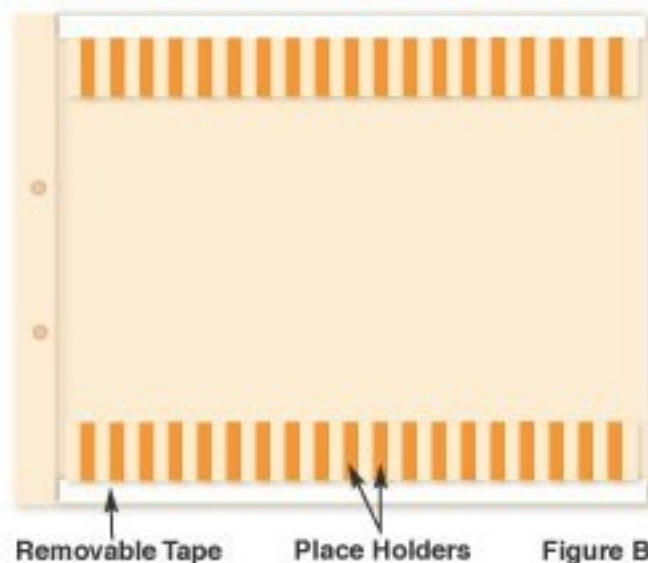


Figure C



Figure A

3. Create pairs of each rectangle by die-cutting or using the paper trimmer to cut strips that are 1/4" x 1". Use die-cuts or craft punches to create pairs of circles in multiple sizes. Remove backing from top shape and stick to matching circle or rectangle to double the thickness of each shape.
4. Use removable 3/8" white tape on the bottom and top of the front cover for a guide to position the rectangles (Figure B). Start just after the left of the crease and complete the pattern as shown using loose rectangles that are a different color as "place holders" to accurately position each rectangle (Figure B).
5. Randomly scatter the circles on the remainder of the page (Figure C).
6. Run a rectangle of gold .004 foil through the Xyron machine to add adhesive. Emboss with a brass stencil the word "Love". Multi mat the embossed foil using varying shades of cream and tan (Figure D).

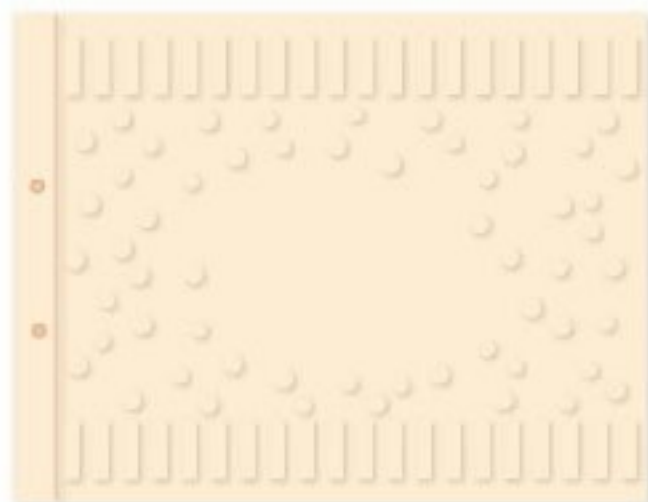


Figure D



7. For the inside pages select a font and print the date, signature lines and wedding couple's names on the computer (Figure E).
8. The first sheet is a color copy of a photograph of the wedding couple that has been photocopied on vellum and trimmed slightly smaller than the rest of the pages.
9. Punch holes in the vellum and inside sheets that align with the cover holes.



Figure E

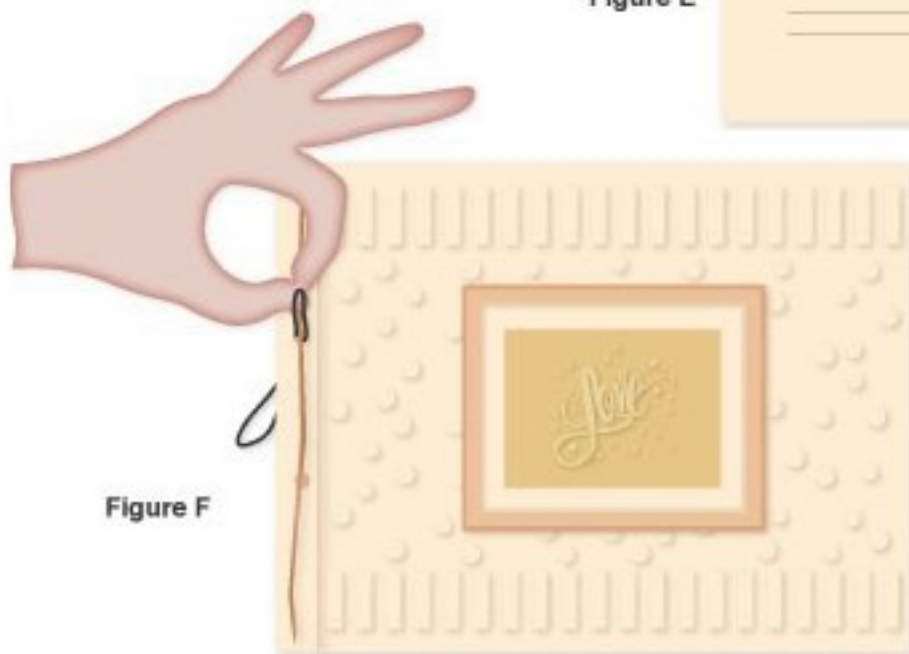


Figure F

10. Attach the matted embossed "Love" to the cover (Figure F). To complete the album go to the hair accessory section of your local store and choose a hair band suitable for a wedding guest book. Take the rubber band and poke through the top hole on the book. Insert a twig through the rubber band to hold the band in place (Figure F).

11. Stretch and bring the other end of the band through the remaining hole. Slide the other end of the twig through the rubber band and center the twig (Figure G).

Supply List

- Die-Cuts — Ellison®
- Paper — Canson®
- Gold Foil — Ellison®
- Brass Stencil — Posh Impressions by American Traditional Stencils
- Adhesive — Xyron®
- Black Hair Band
- Twig



Figure G