

HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR RUBBER STAMP

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Traditional (Regular)

Pros:

- Generally the cheapest.
- Smallest stamp to face ratio.
- Largest available stamp face.
- Easily use different color inks.
- Easiest to clean.
- Can use permanent ink with real rubber
- Most adaptable.
- Available with easy to use knob handle

Cons:

- Stamp face exposed.
- Sometimes hardest to stamp.
- Must use/buy ink pad

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Self-Inking

Pros:

- Most Popular
- Convenient (no pad required)
- Price (when compared to pre-inking)
- Stamp face protected automatically
- Can change colors with effort
- Easy to find ink.
(Can use any self-inker ink)
- Can re-ink. (Inks faster than pre-ink)

Cons:

- More force required than pre-inking
- Limited size (1.5" x 3" max)
- Re-inking can be tricky.

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Pre-Inking

Pros:

- Most Convenient
- Ink lasts more than twice as long.
- Less force required.
- More ergonomical.
- Comes with protective cover
- X-Stamper® has lifetime warranty
- Potentially the cleanest stamp
- Can re-ink. (Easier than self-ink)

Cons:

- Must not press too hard
- Ink is harder to find.
- Ink takes longer to rejuvenate.

When to choose a particular style:

Color change is required.....Traditional
 Permanent Ink required..... Traditional with Real Rubber
 Very fine detail required.....Traditional or Self-Inking
 Large completely filled print areas.....Pre-Inking
 Large surface area of stamp (over 1.5" x 3").....Pre-Inking then Traditional
 Very Large area (over 4" x 4").....Traditional with Rocker Mount
 Price is the biggest factor.....Traditional (if you already have ink pad)
 Convenience and Price both factors..... Self-Inking
 Stamp is weighted or not centered.....Self-Inking or Pre-Inking

Which style to choose:

Questions:

Which stamp is easier to stamp?

Answer: None. Each individual stamper tends to be biased towards one or the other but, this is only individual preference.

Why is a rocker recommended on large traditional stamps?

Answer: It is very hard to provide enough pressure for a clear impression on a flat mounted stamp.

Why do I need to request a traditional real rubber stamp if I am using permanent ink?

Answer: Permanent ink eats through "new" photopolymer and self-inking stamps.

Please see hand-out **HOW TO USE YOUR RUBBER STAMP** for further information.