

## BLENDING BRUSHES CLASS\*

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\*Class includes small technique cards.

### HINTS & TIPS

- Use the brushes gently and have patience. You are building up layers of ink slowly. Use your finger on the top of the brush but avoid pressing down too hard.
- Ink up the brushes by gently tapping on the ink pad using a different area of the ink pad each time. You may need to use your re-inker, if so, apply the new ink sparingly & let it soak in.
- Once your brush has ink, tap the brush on a scrap before going to your project or you will get a spot of extra dark color. Then start off the edge of your cardstock, sweep onto the cardstock and use circular motions to build up the color.
- Use a circular motion to blend the ink, moving in both directions will provide good coverage. When coloring a small area tap with the brush to add color or use the brush at an angle to get a narrow area of color.
- When using two or three colors make sure you overlap your colors by swirling one over the other. I recommend starting with your lightest color first.
- If you are blending over a stamped image, use STAZON ink to avoid bleeding. If you are blending first, then stamping, use any regular ink

- Also, as you work on your grid paper, be careful not to pick up a different color on your brush ~ from the grid paper.
- The ink does stain the brush but will come out by using running water. If you are repeatedly using the same color (family), clean it quickly by rubbing the brush on a microfiber cloth instead of using water. That way you can use it again right away.
- Label your brushes by COLORS so that you are not mixing the colors. For example, use one brush for BLUES, one for GREENS.
- When storing your brushes make sure they are dry. Store in individual cello bags so that the colors don't mix.

The brushes are wonderful ~ much better than the Stamping Sponges (141337) or the Sponge Daubers (133773) but creating colorful backgrounds does require a gentle hand and a little patience. You will love the results!!! Susan Elise ~ The Cat/Art Studio

