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Stampbord™ Bracelet



List of Materials:

- Stampbord™ 1" x 1" squares
- Tsukineko® VersaMark™ Watermark Stamp Pad
- Stamp A Mania Petroglyph Background Stamp SF6560L
- Clearsnap ColorBox® Fluid Chalk Ink Pads
- Tiger Eye Gemstone Necklace, ArtSeeds.com
- Kleenex®
- Toggle closure set
- 6mm jump rings
- Jewelry cutters and pliers
- Craft drill
- Cosmetic wedges



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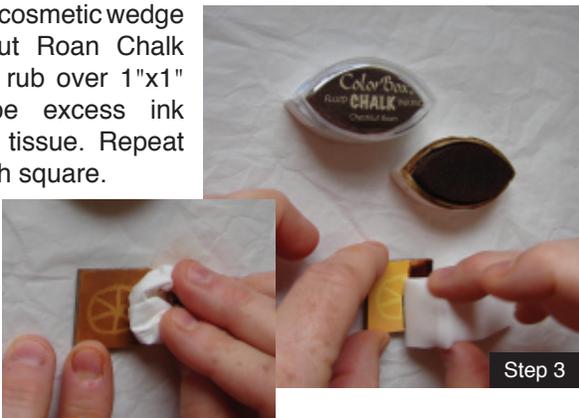
Step 1: Ink desired sections of stamp with VersaMark ink pad. Leave stamp rubber side up and press each 1"x1" Stampbord square with an inked petroglyph design. Let pieces dry approximately ten minutes.



Step 2: Wipe a cosmetic wedge over Yellow Ochre Chalk Ink Pad and rub over dried 1"x1" square. Wipe excess ink away with a tissue. You will notice the petroglyph image remains white from the ink in Step 1. Repeat for each square.



Step 3: Wipe cosmetic wedge over Chestnut Roan Chalk Ink Pad and rub over 1"x1" square. Wipe excess ink away with a tissue. Repeat steps for each square.



Step 4: Drill a hole in each of four corners of the colored 1"x1" squares using a craft drill. Repeat for each square. Feed a 6mm jump ring through each of the four holes leaving them slightly open. Repeat for each square.



Step 5: Cut a single gemstone piece from the gemstone necklace strand using jewelry cutters. Make sure each gemstone piece has a silver loop closure on each side of stone. Feed gemstone piece through top left jump ring on first square. Repeat for remaining jump rings.



Step 6: Connect top right jump ring with top jump ring of next square with jewelry piece. Repeat for bottom jump ring. Repeat for each square until all squares are connected together.



Step 7: Connect top and bottom gemstone pieces together on left end with a jump ring. Repeat for the right end.



Step 8: Attach toggle ring to one of the joined jump rings and close. Attach toggle bar to the opposite joined jump ring. You now have a beautiful piece of Stampbord jewelry.

Tips

- You can use a Crop-A-Dile™ to punch the holes in the squares. However, there are going to be four holes in each square and the smallest punch leaves a pretty good size hole. Choosing a smaller craft drill will leave more of the stamped design exposed.
- You can seal the pieces if you wish. However with this resist technique the finish is permanent and does not have to be sealed. If you prefer a different finish to the surface, use the sealer of your choice.
- This bracelet with the four 1"x 1" squares, the links between and the closures measures approximately 6.5 inches in length. Each additional 1"x 1" square will add another inch. So, for a 7 to 7.5 inch bracelet, add another square and so on.