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FREE

Create hand-stamped TERRA COTTA FLOWER & GIFT POTS

Decorate terra cotta pots with Speedy-Stamp™ –
Make delightful one-of-a-kind gift containers or planters!

SKILL LEVEL

Easiest Easier Easy

MATERIALS CHECKLIST

- #4100 or #4141 Speedball®

Speedy-Stamp™ Stamp Carving Kit

Or Speedball:

- Speedy-Stamp™ Rubber Carving Block
- Speedball® No. 2 V-shaped line cutter
- Speedball® No. 4 U-shaped gouge
- Speedball® Wooden Cutter handle
- Speedball® Mounting Block with two-sided mounting tape

- Speedball® Soft-Rubber Brayer
- Tracing paper
- #2 pencil
- Speedball® #6 knife or craft knife
- Waterproof, fabric, or permanent ink stamp pad (any ink that will not bleed if plant is watered)
- A terra cotta pot, or two!
- Optional: clear cellophane wrapping paper, tissue paper, ribbon
- Free clip art or any image of your choice! (see samples on back of project sheet)

MAKING THE STAMP

1. Choose an image
2. Trace, draw or photocopy your image. (Computers are endless sources for clip-art and words.)
3. Instantly transfer your image to the Speedy-Stamp block with one of the following techniques.



Doggie gift pot



Candy dish pot



Chip dish pot



Plant pot

*Projects designed by Linda Bremnan

SPEEDY-STAMP™

• Transfer Rubbing Technique

Simply center your drawn, traced or fresh (still wet) ink-jet printed image face-down, directly onto the Speedy-Stamp block. Rub the back of the image with the back of your fingernail. When you lift away the paper, the image will be in place ready to carve.

• Iron-on and Acetone Technique

Laser and photocopied images may be transferred with the heat of an iron or with acetone. *The older copy machines that use dry toners and inexpensive papers work the best for both the heat and the acetone transfer methods. These transfer processes can be tricky. After anchoring the photocopy face-down you may quickly iron the image on by starting at a medium-low setting (do not over-heat). When using acetone, soak a cotton ball and completely dampen the back of the photocopy while rubbing the image onto the Speedy-Stamp block.*

CARVE THE IMAGE

1. Carve a trough border around the image by guiding the carving blade forward, – allowing its V-shape to do the work for you. Carved away areas will not print; the raised portion is what will become the image.
2. Test by inking and stamping the image as you carve.
3. EASY step-by-step instructions and illustrations are available in the *Speedy-Stamp Ideas & Tips* brochure inside every kit.

CUT OUT THE STAMP

Using a craft knife or Speedball #6 knife blade, cut around the perimeter of the stamp, cutting through



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the V-trough border; or carve down (lower) all areas you do not want to print as part of your design.

STAMPING THE POT

1. Use waterproof, fabric, or permanent ink pads. Black or darker inks will deliver the most impact, while color tends to be best for accents.
2. Ink your stamp with a Speedball soft-rubber brayer, roll repeatedly on the ink pad.
3. Smaller images are easiest and should be stamped on by quickly “kissing” the pot. Larger stamps need a steady hand and may need to be rolled on. Start with one edge of the image and roll the image on by rotating the stamp on the pot. Rotate and apply firm equal pressure to all areas of the image.
4. Allow ink to dry before applying another color next to or on top of the image.

FILL AND EMBELLISH WITH WILD ABANDON!

Gift pots may be filled with everything from food to car parts. A few ideas to help inspire the gift giver in you: coffee beans, gardening supplies, candies, cookies, fishing supplies, hair accessories, movie gift certificates and paraphernalia, sewing supplies, tools, lollipops and even plants. Cellophane or tissue paper can add color or help protect food items. Ribbons, matching stamped cards, dried flowers, etc. can add texture.

The following images may be traced to make the stamps in the samples pictured on front:

(Images may be easier to carve if enlarged on a photocopier.)