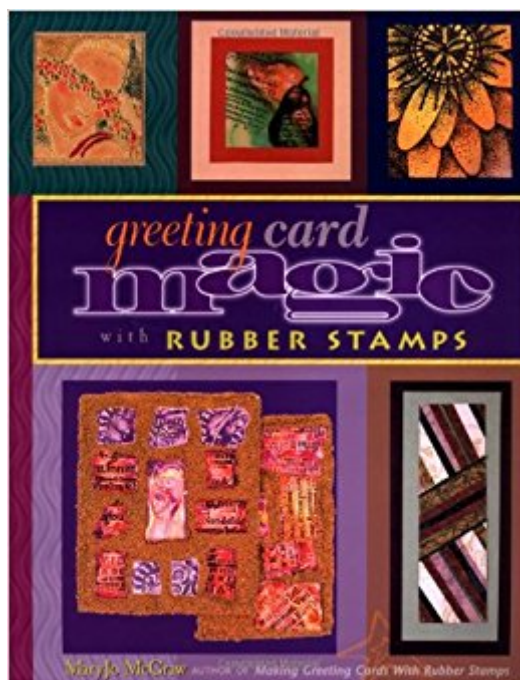


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# Greeting Card Magic With Rubber Stamps



## Synopsis

Discover great new tricks for creating extra-special greeting cards! Pick up your stamp, follow along with the illustrated, step-by-step directions inside, and ta-da! - you'll amaze everyone (including yourself!) with your beautiful and original creations. This book features 21 quick and imaginative projects in styles from the classic to the dazzling. The techniques are easy - from basic folds and simple cuts to extravagant embellishment with silk threads, glass beads, dried flowers, seashells, embossing powder, watercolor washesâ even your own handmade charms! Galleries at the end of each chapter are filled with colorful examples to inspire you to create your own greeting card magic.

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## Customer Reviews

Greeting card prices keep going up, but with a little imagination the clever crafter can make customized cards. The cards in these books go beyond simple greetings, however, and are small works of art. Twenty-two designers contributed projects to Gilchrist's book using collage, fabric, printing, and photocopies decorated and embellished to make one-of-a-kind creations. McGraw, who is well known as a rubber-stamp artist (*Making Greeting Cards with Rubber Stamps*), has projects that are even more artistic. Rubber-stamped impressions are just the point of departure for her colored cards, which are embellished with natural objects, beads, and photos. No one receiving any of these cards would throw them away. Both books are recommended for public libraries.

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Mary Jo McGraw is a well-known rubber-stamp artist throughout America. Her work has been featured in leading rubber-stamp enthusiast publications. She has taught classes for eight years at stamp stores across America, and has conducted demonstrations at all the major retail stamp shows. She has been a sample artist for many of the largest stamp manufacturers and has sold her original artwork to several art stamp companies. Her original ideas and techniques and innovative use of materials make her a much sought-after stamping instructor for demonstrations and classes.

I have been waiting since April to get my hands on Mary Jo McGraw's new book. Of the three, this one is the best. Just when you think there is nothing new to the rubber stamping world, up comes some exciting techniques. Mary Jo gives step by step instructions with photos to match. The illustrations are beautiful, clear, and detailed. Any greeting card made with these techniques will surely be difficult to give away! This book is a must for the rubber stamper's library.

I have all of Mary Jo's books and each is a treasure. This one is another winner. Nine chapters cover a number of techniques including paper mosaic with a double-sided tape base, Diamond Glaze 'glazing' on acetate, an image transfer technique using color photocopies and self-adhesive laminate or acetate and shrink plastic tricks & techniques. As usual, Mary Jo's samples are marvelous and each technique is illustrated with step-by-step photos. I HIGHLY recommend this book as well as all of Mary Jo's paper arts books. .

This book is great for people who want to do more than just cut and paste with cards. It has a very good envelope template. The directions are clear and great pictures to follow along with the directions.

This book makes cards making with rubber stamps real ART. The cards are very Unique and the instructions are easy to follow.

This is an excellent book if you are looking for ideas on how to better make use of rubber stamps in an interesting and intriguing way with greeting cards. If you are VERY experienced at that, this book is not for you. That is not to say this is for beginners either. It is for someone who wants to do "cooler" things with cards and rubber and ink, but doesn't want to take all day to do it.

MJ McGraw continues a tradition of well written and illustrated books on making artistic magic with

rubber stamps in her latest tome. Even if the reader never made ANY of the projects included in this book, her unique ideas and techniques feed the creative muse residing within any art stamper. After reading and following the various project ideas, my mind began to race with ways to incorporate them in new and interesting ways. This book is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for any serious rubber stamp artist who wants his or her work to rise above the ordinary. I am anxious to see what comes next from MJ's imagination.

Greeting Card Magic With Rubber Stamps is a great resource for inspiration! This book is filled with terrific ideas right from page one. I like the fact that even a beginner can follow the simple instructions in all the categories. If you think rubber stamping is only a blot of ink on paper, you are WRONG! This book shows you how to emboss your images, color them in, cut them out, shape them, add accessories, and turn them into your unique, personal treasure. Greeting Card Magic really throws in some great ideas, for example embossing different articles such as flowers or shells, how to create a stamped mosaic, or how to use up those wallpaper scraps. To top it all off, this book is FILLED with wonderful colored photos!! The 'magic' of this book is how it gets your creative energy flowing. You just can't stop thinking of all the ways to try out your new ideas. Just a hint, there is a really neat idea on page 70...check it out!

Great Book - Would recommend!

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