

Foil Printing At Home

How-To Guide



**Path
with
Art**

Supply List

Here is *what you will need*

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Scissor, and a pencil/pen

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Laser Printer: Must use black resin laser toner (*inkjet printers will not work*). Commercial printers like FedEx Printing is perfect!



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Smooth Cardstock: 65lb–80lb ultra-smooth or untextured cardstock. Textured paper makes it hard for your foil to stick to the surface so smooth cardstock is best for this project.

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Heat Source: Laminator or a dry household iron (no steam).

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Plain Paper: Used as a protective carrier folder to keep your foil in place when it going through the laminator or use a piece of parchment paper between the foil and your iron.



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Toner-Reactive Foil: Brands like *Deco Foil*, *iCraft*, or *Heidi Swapp Minc* (do not use metal die hot stamping foils). You can find this on Amazon or in craft stores.

Foil Printing

Step-by-step instructions. Questions? Ask Emily!



Step 1: Prep Your Design

Print artwork on smooth cardstock using 100% black laser toner or hand-draw your design and use a laser copier to make an all-black copy. Set your printer to print at high quality/heavy paper setting for maximum toner laydown.

→ *Today, we have pre-printed designs you can choose from! We recommend you first try this process before moving onto the alternative on the next page.*

Step 2: Choose Your Cardstock + Foil

Choose what color cardstock and what color foil you want to use. Cut a piece of foil to the size of your artwork. **Lay it color-side UP on your cardstock.** Smooth cardstock will help the foil adhere fully so avoid textured papers.

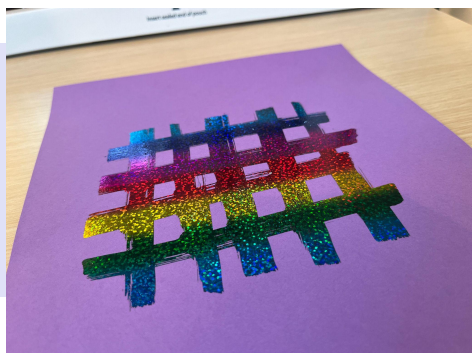


Step 3: Apply Heat

Place a protective piece of paper over the top before you put through the laminator to help keep the foil flat.

You can also use a household iron set to “cotton” setting with NO steam and use a piece of parchment to protect the foil.

The magic of this process is that the polymer in the toner ink heats up and gets sticky so that our foil adheres! ***Wait until it is cool to peel off the foil.***

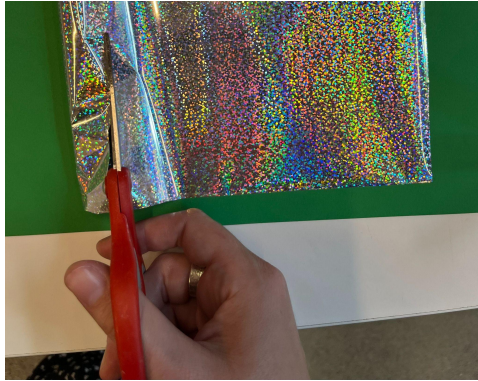


Step 4: Decorate!

You can keep your foil print as-is or continue decorating it. Collage with it, make it into a greeting card, artwork, or a bookmark. We have acrylic markers, magazines, and other supplies to make this foil print uniquely yours.

Alternative Foil Printing

Further experiments!



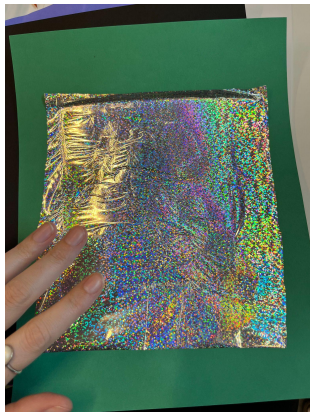
Step 1: Pre-Cut Foil

Think about the design you want to make on your cardstock and pre-cut a piece of foil to the size you need. This will come in handy for step 3!



Step 2: Prep Your Design

Draw your design on a piece of cardstock and then use a small paintbrush and elmer's glue to apply a thin layer of glue over top of your design. You can also use a glue stick for a more textured line effect OR draw directly with glue on your paper



Step 3: Work Quickly!

When your glue is STILL WET, apply your piece of foil (color side UP) overtop of your design. In our experiments, wet glue seemed to work best.

You can work in sections of your design and lay down foil as you go. Please note that any small “puddle” of glue may turn into a drippy-looking foil smudge (cool!).

Step 4: Apply Heat + Decorate

Now follow the same process as previous to apply heat to your foil. Instead of the toner ink, your glue is the sticky substrate that will lock the foil in place. You may end up with some unexpected smudges or pieces of foil that do not stick completely to your design. This is a practice in “letting go” and enjoying the process! Decorate your piece as you like.

