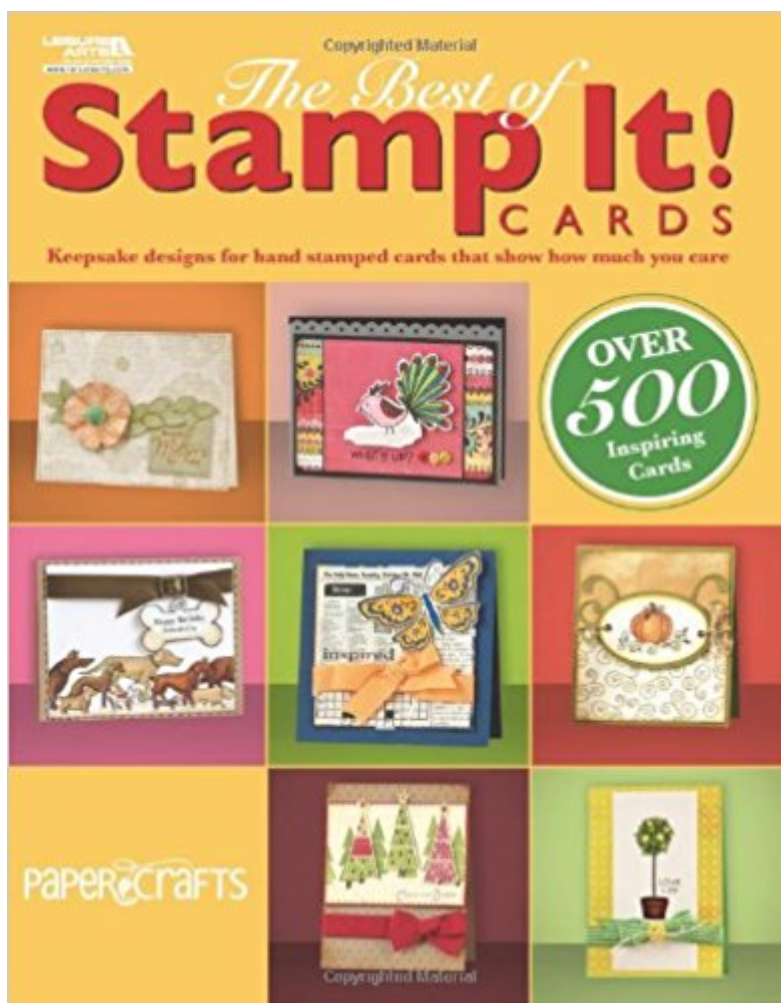


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# The Best Of Stamp It! Cards (Leisure Arts #5555)



## Synopsis

The Best of Stamp It! Cards is an inspiring collection of more than 500 unique greeting cards to make for a multitude of occasions. These keepsake-quality cards combine stamping with a wide range of techniques that enhance their artistic appeal. Step-by-step instructions explain how to color stamped images with markers, chalk, and watercolor. Some designs feature unique uses of buttons, bows, and all kinds of bling to really make the stamping shine. There are cards with heat embossing, spotlight stamping, masking, and more. There is even a section where three designers use the same stamp set to make completely different cards, demonstrating the versatility of the tools and supplies. Themes range from holidays and birthdays to thanks and friendship, and there are designs for all ages. Surprisingly, many cards require less than 5 steps to complete, so even the busiest persons can find time to create pleasing, personal cards. Novice card makers will find everything they need to get started in this rewarding field, and experienced paper crafters will enjoy spreading their creative wings.

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## Customer Reviews

Paper Crafts magazine editors work out of Bluffdale, Utah.

Great book for newbies to have in their collection for techniques and experienced card makers to own for inspiration and ideas. The book begins with stamp technique and care. It then moves to a

sixteen page section (Stamp It 3 ways) which suggests how to use particular products in multiple ways. Some may consider this section out of date since the particular branded products may no longer be easily available. This is short sighted however - for two reasons. First there is always Ebay as a source for new and used older items. Second and more importantly the ideas presented can easily be broadly applied by thinking in terms of general shape (Circular Flower Stamps) or item type (buttons) instead of the specific named product. The bulk of the book offers fabulous ideas for every card giving opportunity - and not just one or two! You will find PAGES of examples for every occasion. For example, I like that in the Graduation section there are the usual YOU DID IT cards along with TO THE COLLEGE BOUND GRADUATE cards. Some deal with the accomplishment while others point aspirationally to the future with ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE NOW. Another handy feature of the book for newbies is the step by step section at the back. I really like it. I thought the Finishing Touches and Pattern section at the very end fairly senseless but maybe they needed to fill a couple more pages for print purposes. Last comment I have relates to colors. I was a little worried about buying the book as to its front cover because I thought the colors looked a bit 1970s. Not humongously so but just a tad for me; probably because I am not an orange person. Once the book arrived I see this is not a concern in the least. The colors used on cards throughout the book are very timely. I should not have judged this book by its cover!! Me bad. I recommend this book to any cardmaker EXCEPT the over-the-top-with-frilly-fluffiness cardmaker. All of these cards will squeeze into an envelope. None will need to be handed over in person-- unless you wish to do so.

This book is okay, but is it a book that I will not use often. There are a lot of very basic ideas. The book is well laid out and photographs of the cards are perfect. There are a few cards with poor composition, some that give the impression that some one had not put a lot of thought into designing them, and a few whimsical cards as well (which are not my cup of tea). However, there are a few that I enjoyed as I flipped through the pages. I think this is great book for beginners. There is a supplies list listed for each card and the instructions follow a 1, 2, 3, ... format.

This is an excellent book - if you are just starting or are an experience stamper. It starts with the basics and what equipment you will need. How to clean and care for all the different types of stamps. Gives you step by step instructions on how to make hundreds of cards, covering all occasions: complete with pictures so you can see the finished project. You will never have to buy another card or be stuck for ideas. Compared to over books I've used I find this one so easy to

follow. The large size makes the images easy to use as reference. it just looks and feels good. It is always on my desk for easy use. It would be nice if there was some sort of quick index for the different categories ie: either tabs/colour/or indents ect. but that is me just being picky. Over all and excellent purchase

I love this book. It is simple cards done by stamping techniques mostly. You don't need any fancy dies or embossing folders. Perfect beginner book and also good for experienced people. This book has a lot of examples. Other books do not have nearly as many examples. Worth the money

I purchased this book for the fact that it offers sooooo many different cards to make. If you can't find a design that you like out of 500 choices, you are in big trouble. My only wish is that it came in a 3 ring binder form. My work space is limited and having a huge 9 x 12 book on the desk to refer to can be a pain in the butt. The reason I did not give it five stars is that I have only had it a few weeks and the pages are already separating from the binding. I have started to put them in a 3 ring binder myself because of this.

I have not had the book for that long. It was in my mail when I returned from my vacation up north. I am very careful all my books and this one is already coming apart at the seam. Not at all happy with this condition. I have had books much older and longer than this one that are in perfectly good condition.

Great Book - Would recommend! Large book full of great projects and ideas, so many to choose from :)

There are a lot of these cards that I have marked that I want to make using them as templates--nothing elaborate, but very pretty. Probaby a 15-25 min. to make the 1st card and faster after that. Have looked through it more than 10 times and have only had it a few weeks. Lots of ideas!

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