

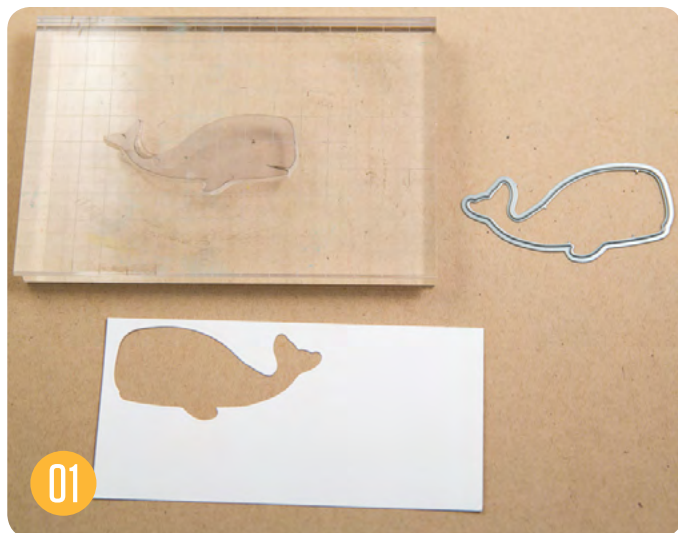


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The Copper Mountain card kit was the first to come with a steel die. For those of you who have never used such dies before, I have a step by step tutorial on how to use them together with the kit stamps for best results.

### SUPPLY LIST :

Copper Mountain card kit, Spaulding Bowl card add-on, Versafine Onyx Black ink, Watercolor Brush, American Crafts Foam Tab Squares, American Crafts Glue Dot Roller

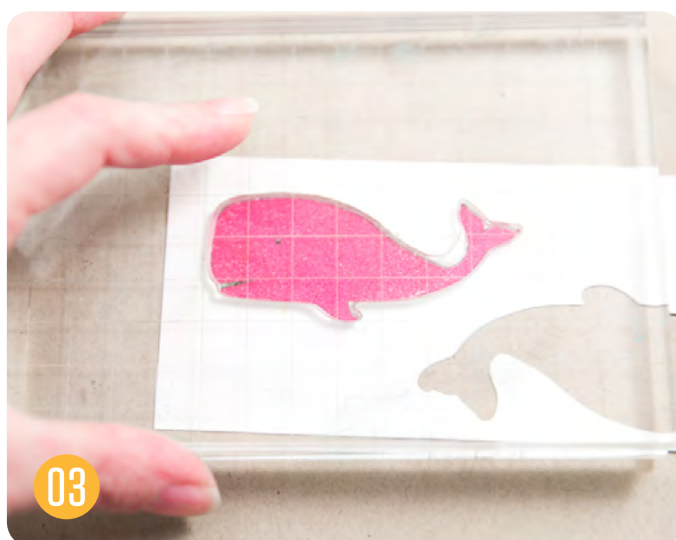


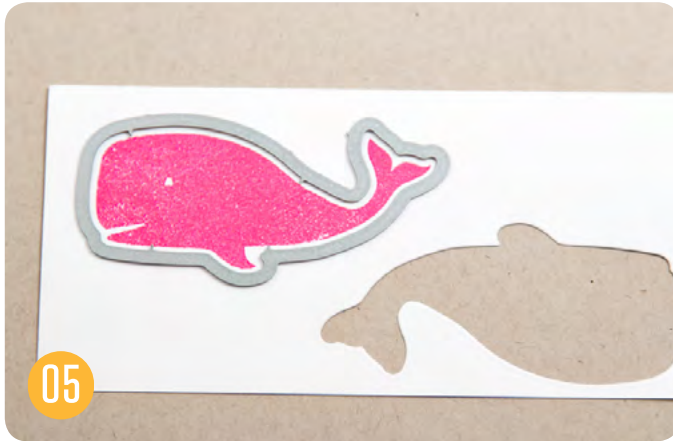
**Step 1 :** Gather your supplies. You'll want a piece of cardstock a little wider than your stamp to fit the die later.

**Step 2 :** Pull your stamp from the acetate sheet and mount it on an acrylic block, then ink your stamp evenly.

**Step 3 :** Stand up and press down the inked stamp onto your cardstock. Standing rather than sitting helps to apply an even amount of pressure to the stamp. If you still don't get an even impression, you may want to put a mouse pad under the cardstock and stamp again.

**Step 4 :** This is how my stamped image looks like. Be sure to let it dry when using pigment or other slow drying inks before moving on to the next step.





**Step 5 :** Place your die over the stamped image. If you still have the nibs inside of your die like I have, you can use these to help you center the die around the image.

**Step 6:** To make sure the die doesn't move in your die-cutting machine, you can temporarily adhere it to the piece of cardstock with an adhesive note.

**Step 7 :** Place the die and cardstock between the appropriate "plate sandwich" of your die-cutting machine and crank it through to die-cut. For my Cuttlebug machine, I use (from bottom to top) the A plate, B plate, then the die/cardstock and a C plate on top.

**Step 8 :** Peel the adhesive note from the die. Your perfectly centered, die-cut stamp image is ready to use on your project.

