

The Fine Art of Rubber Stamping

Mission Bells

The
Amherst
1789-P



The
Adirondack
1788-P



The
Newport
1792-P



The
Chesapeake
1790-P



The
Haverhill
1791-P

From
Holly Berry House
Originals

Rubber Art Stamps

Basic Instructions for Bells

Bells may have five flat sides or be gently rounded.

- #1 Emboss five images of the bell.
- #2 Cut out images close to the outside edge of the embossing
- #3 Carefully cut off the tab on the right side of each bell (straight down the channel).
- #4 Embellish the bell images with Twinkling H2O's, glitter, beads and more.
- #5 Carefully score the remaining three channels on each bell image. **Important note!** If you are planning to make the bell round, do not score (or fold) the side channels.
- #6 **Important!** Fold up the bottom panel at score line and glue in place. This creates a double thickness to give the bell strength at the bottom edge.
- #7 Carefully cut along the bottom image line through the two thicknesses of cardstock.
- #8 Fold back the remaining tabs (unless you are planning to make the bell round).
- #9 To create a round bell, with your thumbs and forefingers gently manipulate the bottom double thickness of cardstock into a shallow curve on each bell piece.
- #10 Being very careful to keep the embossed lines parallel glue the bell panels to each other with the remaining left tab. Bring the last tab around and glue it to the right edge of the bell.
- #11 Fold the top flaps down one at a time.
- #12 Carefully glue the top flaps down making sure the bell remains perfectly five-sided using the five sided template as a guide. Glue the five sided template to the top. It will hold the five flaps in place and strengthen the top of the bell
- #13 Pierce a small hole in the center of the five sided top of the bell with a needle. Run ribbon through the bell with a large knot in it to keep it from freely passing through the hole. Leave enough length at the bottom for hanging a clapper such as a bell, charm or beads inside the bell. Leave enough length at the top to hang the bell adding a small loop at the top.

The bells may be embellished with cascading ribbons. They are perfect for ornaments or wedding, birth and anniversary celebrations. Some bell images may be turned upside down to create a small basket. Simply attach a handle and fill with candies, potpourri, a small gift or a small bundle of flowers. Create a May basket or fill for party favors.

