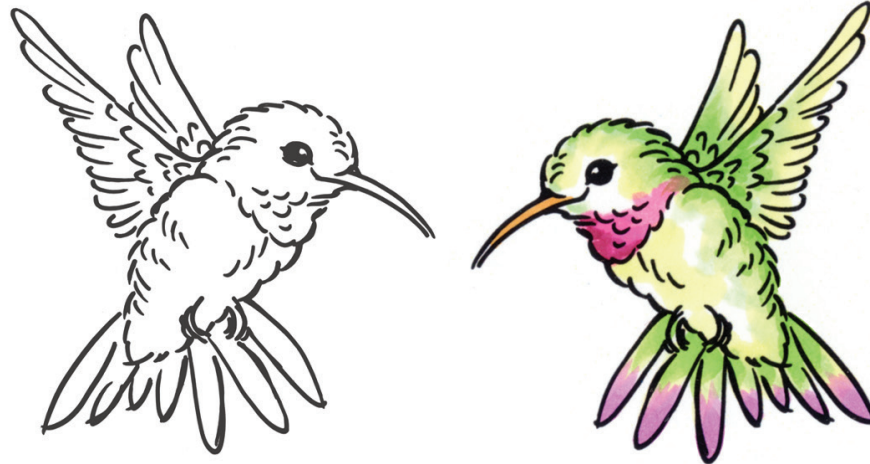


## Fran's Mirror Stamp Tips and Techniques

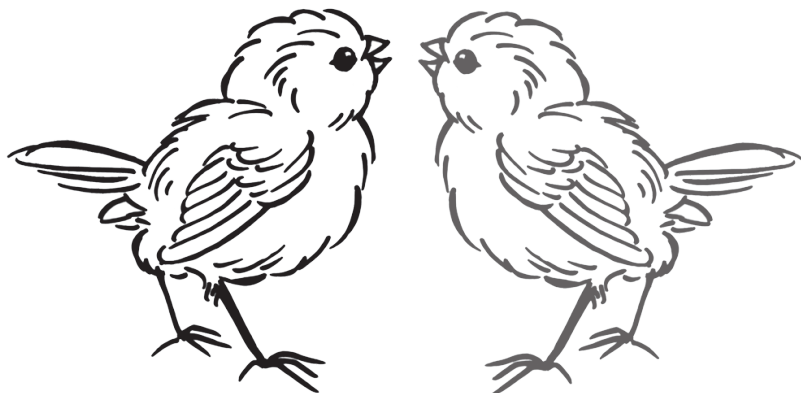


Stamp on this clear plate, then flip over and press to make a mirror impression.

- Mirror image may be slightly lighter.
- Make pairs of clear or rubber stamp designs.
- Large enough for almost any clear stamp.
- Cleans the same as any clear stamp.
- Requires cleaning to maintain visibility.
- NOT recommended with inks that stain.

### TIPS to read before you start:

1. Remove the liner that is easiest to pull away. Keep the back liner on for stability and ease if simply hand pressing from the back, OR remove back liner and mount it on a large clear block. Plate can also be used on the Misti Stamping Tool. Save liners for storage after cleaning.
2. Favorite inks are black VersaFine, VersaFine Clair, and Memento (especially for use with alcohol markers). OR use a grey or lighter color ink to minimize lines and enhance colors.
3. Clear Embossing Ink will make an invisible impression which can then be dusted with embossing powder and heated for a shiny raised design.
4. Avoid permanent inks which will stain Mirror Stamp.
5. When stamping on Mirror Stamp, use a light touch to maintain detail linework. If impression is smudged, wipe off and try a lighter touch. Wipe away any ink, including edges.
6. Flip Mirror Stamp, position as you wish and press firmly from the back. Gently remove paper. Voila!--a mirror image!
7. Clean with low-lint wet wipes, spritzed water, alcohol or other clear stamp cleaners between each mirror impression. For more thorough cleaning before storage, soak in shallow tray with very hot water for 5 minutes. Let dry. Replace liners.



### Remember:

- A. You may have to try it several times for best results.
- B. Stamp mirror first, not last; if not happy start over.
- C. Your mirror impression may be lighter or imperfect, but that will not be noticeable once colored in.

### Tips to cut out mirror image:

If you have a wafer cutting die for an image, you can use it to cut the mirror image.

1. Cut an extra paper first; flip it over and line it up to add the mirror impression.
2. OR after making mirror impression, hold die under paper, use backlight with phone flashlight, line it up and tape in place. Turn over paper with die and roll it through die cutting machine.

If you don't have a die, cut image with small scissors. Hold scissors in place and turn paper back and forth.

### Try these ideas:

- A. Use mirror images to make side view characters face each other.
- B. Make an asymmetrical image work for a spinner card by making a mirror image for the back.
- C. Position multiple cling rubber or clear images on a large clear block and then create mirror image all at once.
- D. Use mirror images as a reflection in water or a mirror.
- E. Make mirror images of messages for a clever kids' card that needs "decoding" in the mirror to read.

