

Inking to Create Dimension

Today, we are going to talk about how to use ink to create some dimension in our layouts. First, let's talk about the kinds of inks that are out there. They come in lots of different shapes and sizes. So, we have the square ink here, and we have the teardrop shapes. They also come from lots of different brands. As you can see here, they have lots of different colors. We've got reds, oranges, blues, greens, yellows, browns, blacks - any color you could want.

I'm going to start with basic mats. I have a mat for a photo. This is a double mat. I want to add a little dimension to this - make it look like it's sort of 3-D. In order to do that, I'm going to select a tear drop shape that's in a color a little darker than my mat. As I'm inking, I'm not going to worry too much about making it perfect. I want to see a little bit of smudging along the edges. So that shading there that's created by getting a little messy is going to help add the dimension to that photo. There's not really a wrong way to do the inking you're going to go with what looks best to you.

Once I've added this and I put my mat behind it, you can see how it changes the appearance so it's a little less crisp, but it also gives it that three-dimensional look. So that's how we use inking to create some dimension.