

# Coloring Using a Reverse Mask

**Step 1:** Stamp image twice on post-it notes or scratch paper. I like using a post-it note because then the image has some stickiness which will hold it in place in a later step.



**Step 2:** Cut out different parts of each image. For example I cut out just the fur on the left images and just the body on the right image. Hint: Cut on or very slightly *outside* the line



**Step 3:** Stamp image on your “final project”



**Step 4:** Cover the “final project” image with one of the post it notes with just part of the image cut out. Using a Sponge Texture Tool, sponge ink on the exposed portion of the image. Notice that only that portion of the image will be colored because your “reverse mask” is covering the rest of the image. Remove the mask to reveal the colored image. Repeat with the other “reverse mask” to color the other portion of the image using a different color.



Sponge the body with Desert Sand ink, remove the mask and it's colored!

Note: the texture tools are stained with red – the colors used are **Cocoa** and **Desert Sand**

**Step 5:** Remove the masks and your image is colored perfectly (and it has a soft “stuffed animal” look to it).



In this example, I used another texture tool and **Crystal Blue** ink to create the “sky” and **Olive**, **Sunny Yellow** and **Holiday Red** markers to complete the coloring.



Another way to “color” in the kite is to stamp just the kite on a different color of cardstock or patterned paper and then cut it out and layer it on top of the stamped image on the “final project.” I’ve also added a small piece of black waxy flax to the image for the kit string.

Products used in this project:

- D1434 **Happy Forever** stamp set
- Z2118 **Desert Sand** Exclusive Inks Pad
- Z2114 **Cocoa** Exclusive Inks Pad
- Z1090 Sponge Texture Tools
- Z2117 **Crystal Blue** Exclusive Inks Pad
- Z2327 **Olive** Exclusive Inks Marker
- Z2352 **Sunny Yellow** Exclusive Inks Marker
- Z2327 **Holiday Red** Exclusive Inks Marker

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