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Memo Pad Holders Designed And Made By Ann Mailhot



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Instructions Ann Mailhot sent to Technique Junkies for Making her Memo Pad Holders.

With some side notes by Marian Robinett

Ann's Memo Holders

All stamps by Stampin' Up

Stamps: In Full Bloom, Ancient Art, Pinecone, Classic Captions (last three retired)

Inks: varied!

Paper: perfect plum and pale plum, creamy caramel and really rust, barely blue and night of navy, glorious green and forest foliage, Ultrasmooth vanilla, confetti white

Other: RSVP pens, acrylic frames 4x6, and plastic caps for chair legs, brayer

For Marian's Memo Holders

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Stamps: Watercolor Garden II, By Design, French Script, Noble Deer, Antique Cracking

Inks: Mellow Moss, Baroque Burgundy, Bordering Blue, More Mustard, Close To Cocoa

Cardstock: Mellow Moss, Ultrasmooth Vanilla, Close To Cocoa, Chocolate Chip

Other: Papermate Suregrip Retractable pens, acrylic frames 4x6, and plastic caps for chair legs, Paper Crimper, Adhesive Labels, O'So Sticky Tape, Microbeads

For the Pen Holders:

At the hardware store, I bought chair leg tips. It's a little black plastic cup with a flat bottom and slips over the end of a chair leg to keep it from scratching the floor. They come in a bunch of sizes, this is the 1/2" size from Ace Hardware. Yes, I took a pen with me and "tried it on".

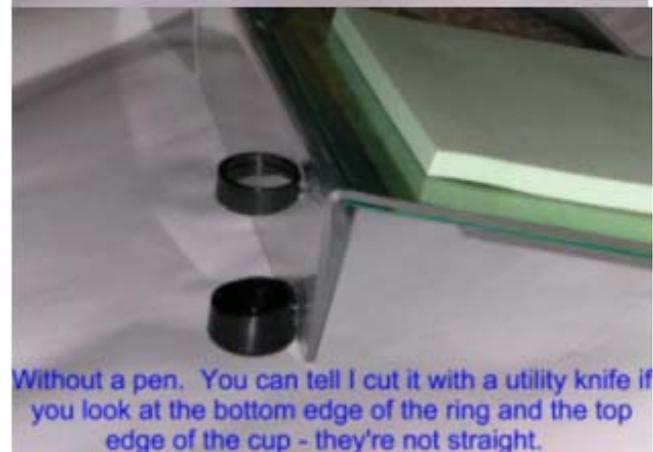
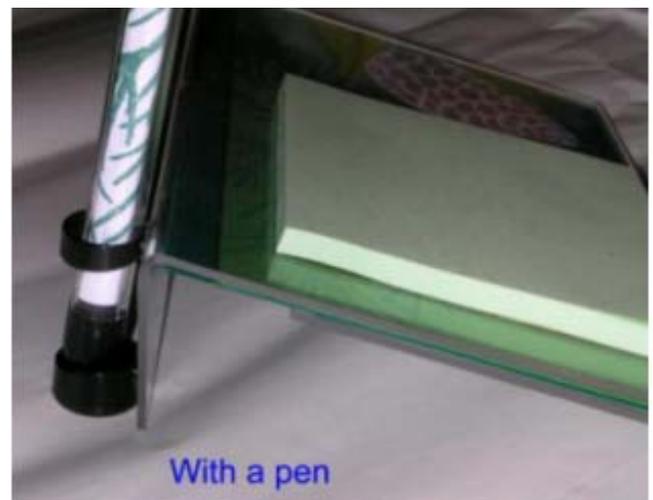
I used a utility knife to cut them not quite in half horizontally. This left me with a ring and a shorter cup. I then used E6000 to attach the cup at the bottom of the back, and the ring about halfway up. The pen sits in this nicely.

I picked the 1/2" size because the RSVP pens are fatter than most pens. If you're using a smaller pen, you might be able to use something with a smaller diameter. I also considered using hard plastic tubing, but the selection was limited and it looked more "industrial". Copper might be nice if you have access to smaller lengths - I didn't want to spring for 5 feet!

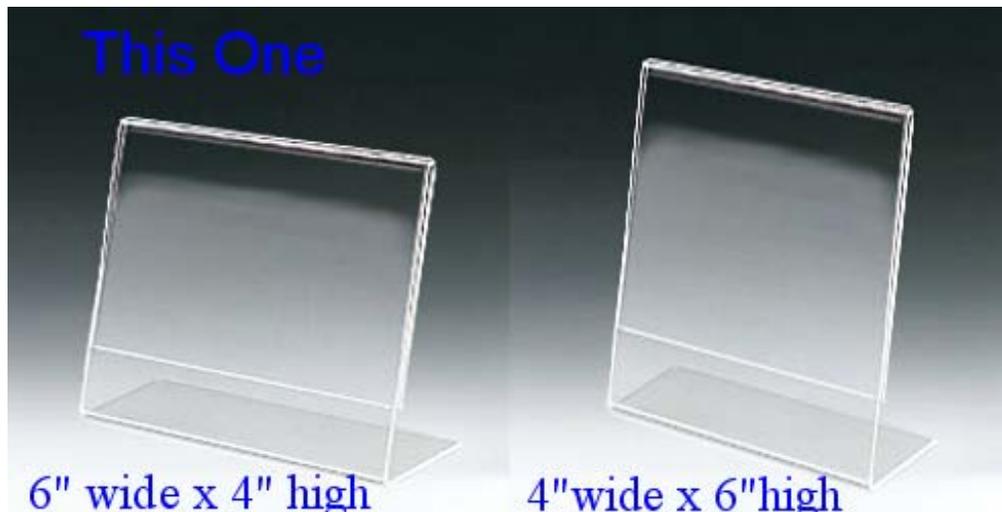
For the Pens:

They are the Pentel RSVP pens which come in several colors. They can be purchased at Walmart, Staples and Office Depot. The writing on the barrel can be removed by using alcohol on a cotton ball and some "elbow grease", or Mr. Clean's Magic Eraser. One person also said that she sanded it off.

Looks like Ann stamped on plain typing paper, cut out and then rolled it up and stuck it inside the barrel.



The Acrylic Picture Frame



Regarding the picture frames. You have to be careful as to which one you get. They have two versions of the 4 x 6" frames. One is where the 4" is the base, which would be orientated incorrectly. You need to get the one where the base is 6". I found mine at Walmart in the section where they sell picture frames.

Once you create your image you just slide it into the holder like a picture. Then the post it note, just gets put on the top. This way you can create different images for your holder if you want.

Beaded Pens:



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You can use any type pen that is smooth all the way around. I usually try and find a retractable refillable one, that way all your hardwork will last a long time. The one I used is Papermate Suregrip Retractable

There is a yahoo group called pennywisearts - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PennyWiseArts/>. In their file section they have very good set of instructions, along with pictures <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PennyWiseArts/files/Classes/Stamped%20Beaded%20Pens/>

The instructions below contain some direct text from the above, just one or two lines if I remember correctly. I just did not have a better way to state what to do and the above instructions are so good.

This is a really great group and each week have classes on beading something. They put all the instructions along with what people do in the file section under classes.

You need:

Pen - one pen that works is the Bic Round Stick, for my pens I used Papermate Suregrip Retractable Adhesive Full Sheet Labels, or a label that will fit around the pen.

The pen I am currently doing needs 4 1/8 + just a hair over inches x 1 1/2 inches

Very Strong double stick tape. I use O'So Sticky Tape from <http://www.pennywisearts.com/>

Microbeads - I also get these from Pennywise arts

Scotch tape, or masking tape

To make:

stamp label and cut to size, or cut to size and stamp. I just discovered it looks best if you first cut the label to needed height (which in my case is 4 1/8 + just a hair over), then stamp full width. Then cut to needed width.

Peel off the backing and wrap it as straight and as tight as you can around the pen.

Now cut O'So Sticky Tape to same size.

Peel away one side of the protective liner and stick it on the pen over the top of the label. When you get close to where the overlap will be, will need to remove the other liner.

Note, if using a retractable pen, place Scotch or Masking tape around both ends to cover the openings. Otherwise beads will get inside and may make it so the pen will not retract/open.

Now roll pen in microbeads by pressing firmly as you turn it making sure to fill all of the gaps and spaces. Look closely! You won't be able to feel the empty spots but you can see where you need more beads.

Once coated with beads, roll the pen tightly between your palms to press them into the tape and brush away any loose beads.

Notes:

If using a retractable pen, put tape that you can remove on both the tip and click parts, so microbeads don't get inside. This can cause the retractable part not to work.

If using a pen with a cap, when measuring length for size, need to measure length with cap on. Unless pen has a hand grip on it and cap stops on pen grip

I try and avoid pens with large rubber hand grips. The beading makes the pen fatter and gives a nice grip. You also don't want pens that taper near the point, labels don't fit nicely.