



*"Embossed dream"
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Every once in a while, going through my endless stacks of pictures, I find one special picture that makes me stop and think about priceless moments in my life. It can be a beautiful close-up of my kids faces, a picture of both of them playing together, breathtaking nature view, or just something that brings back special memory. When I create a layout with such picture I want to treat it as a star, it will serve as a main focus of my layout. Everything else will help to showcase the beauty of the picture.

One of the techniques I like to use for special photo is to use Fiskars Texture Plates directly on the picture to add a unique dimension. With the existing variety of the texture plates you can always find a design that will work great with your theme.

Today I want to show you how to add the wow factor to the layout and what fun options Fiskars texture plates can bring you.

Tools and Supplies:

Fiskars Brands. 12-99027097 Desktop Rotary Trimmer

Fiskars Brands. 12-56587097 Texture Plates Tranquility

Fiskars Brands. 12-57777097 Texturing Tool

Fiskars Brands. 56077097 Dual-Tip Stylus - Regular Tip

Heidi Grace Designs. Midnight Kisses Decor Strip double sided cardstock

Heidi Grace Designs. Midnight Kisses Floral Double sided cardstock

Heidi Grace Designs. Midnight Kisses Definitions Shimmer Foiled Paper

Heidi Grace Designs. 01-001622 Midnight Kisses Icons Rub-ons

Heidi Grace Designs. 01-001621 Midnight Kisses Alphas and Words Rub-ons

Heidi Grace Designs. 01-001817 Midnight Kisses Photo Captions Stickers

Heidi Grace Designs. 01-001741 Midnight Kisses Printed Alphas Chipboard

Cloud 9 Design. 12-01545 Sky Raindots

Other: sand paper, wax paper, removable tape

Instructions:

1. Use a blue side of the Decor Stripe paper as your background.

2. Trim a 4.5" x 10.5" of Floral paper selecting the pattern that you like. Adhere it to the right side of the blue base paper leaving 1" on the top and 1" on the right side.





3. Trim a 6.5" x 8.5" of Definitions paper.

Adhere the photo to the paper leaving 1" on the left and 1.5" on the bottom. Convenient way to do that is to use the markings on your Fiskars cutting mat or the trimmer

Note: Apply adhesive only to the left and bottom edges of the picture. We will cut out the mat that is behind the picture. My picture is printed

at home and measures slightly more than 5" x 7.5".

Regular 5" x 7" picture can be used instead.

4. Cut out the paper behind the picture that is not visible.

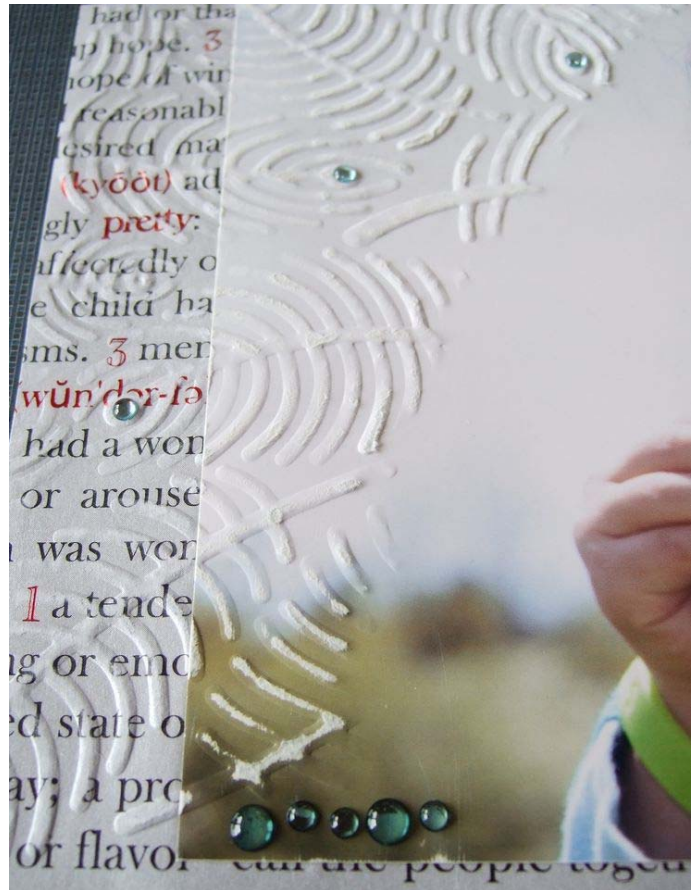
5. Decide what part of the picture you want to texturize. Mark it on the back with a pencil. I decided to texturize the left corner of the picture including the mat.

6. Rub the area to be texturized with a wax paper and attach it to the texture plate with a piece of removable tape. (remember: reverse side up!) Use the texture tool to texturize the marked area. Press firmly in the areas where the picture is backed with the patterned paper, press lightly while working on Definitions paper.



7. Use stylus to go over the design

8. Remove the tape and flip the picture. Sand slightly the raised areas.



9. Adhere the matted picture to the layout leaving 3" margin on the top and 2" on the right.

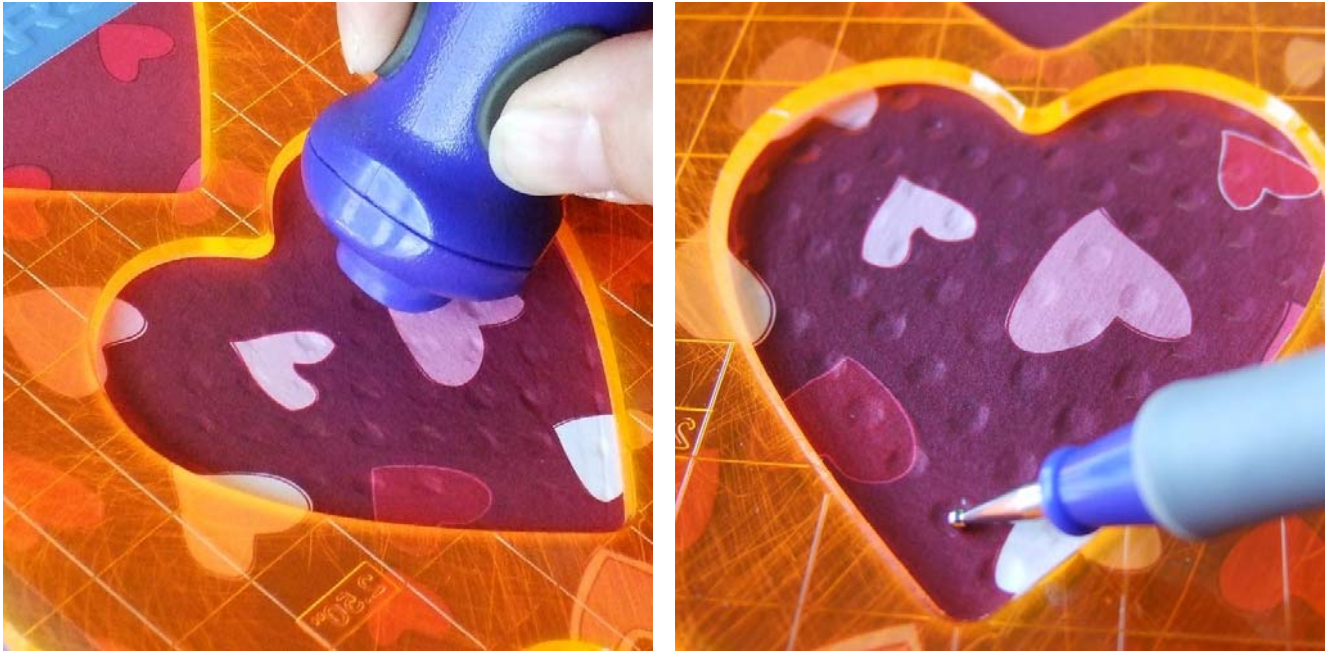
10. Apply the floral rub-ons to the right part of the picture. The large ball tip of the stylus works great with the rub-ons!

11. Embellish the texturized area with tiny raindots.

12. Apply the title using chipboard letters, alphas rub-ons and photo captions stickers as shown on the layout to finish the page.



Another technique I wanted to share with you uses the texture plates and the Ultra ShapeXpress templates together. You can create embossed designs in different shapes laying the template on top of the paper. Use the back side of the template, that will make the work easier. Use the Texture Tool inside the shape and use the stylus to reach into the corners. You can sand or ink the embossed design or leave it as it. It will look great as a layout or card embellishment or part of the collage.



I hope I inspired you to pull out your texture plates and use them in your next masterpiece.