

Distressing the Edges

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Materials You Will Need:

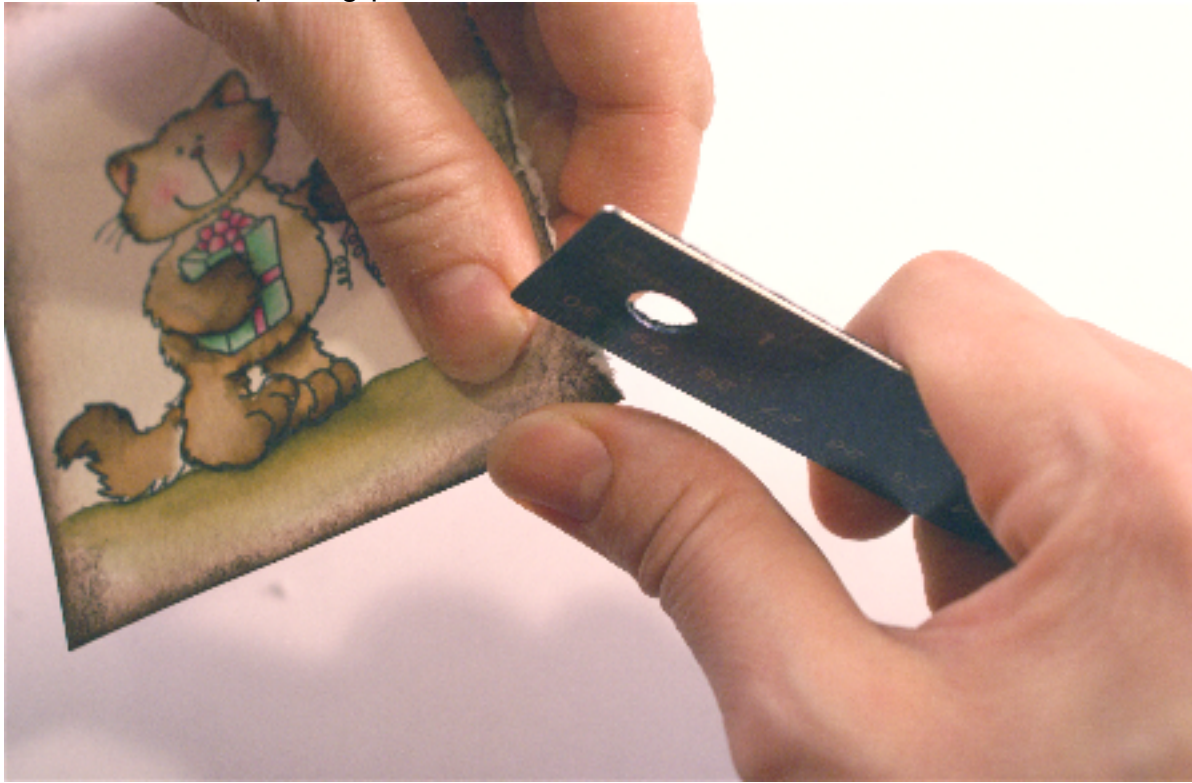
Your stamped image on card stock. I have used S-088 Party Cat from High Hopes Stamps on a piece of 140 lb. Cold Press Water Colour Paper by Canson. Any card stock will work with this technique.

A metal ruler, or a ruler with a metal edge.

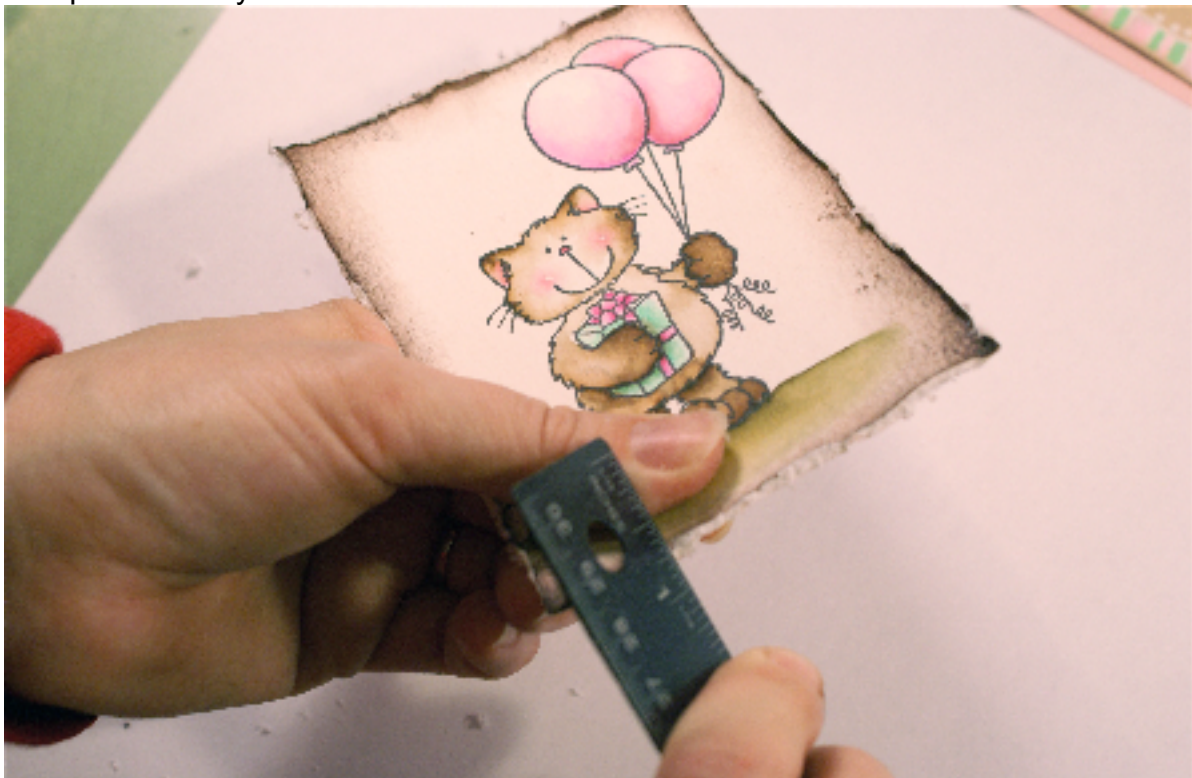
Step 1. Hold the card stock in one hand and your ruler in the other and tilt the ruler at an angle from the edge of the paper. Scrape the ruler up and down the edge in half inch strokes, going back and forth. You will discover how much pressure to use just by doing it. Too much will tear into the paper, but even little tears look fine when you are distressing. Keep repeating this motion until you achieve the shredded look you like.



Step 2. When you get to the corners, you have to alter how you hold the paper. I like to support the corner with my thumb, and take shorter strokes as pictured below. I find it feels similar to peeling potatoes!:



The process only takes a minute or two. Almost done:



Finished!



For the finished card, I also used J-001 Striped Dot Border from High Hopes Stamps. Tutorials for water coloring the image and sponging the edges can also be found on the website, www.highhopesstamps.com. Here is the card I made with my water coloured, sponged and distressed image:

