

Hide and seek

Three little words

For something different, Jenny Higham suggests the Oriental practice of concealing messages in folded envelopes for the recipient to unravel.

GET READY...

- 34x25cm sheet of art paper red on one side, white on the other
- Scraps of thin white card
- Stamps: small Oriental calligraphy stamp, Frame Stamp (Magenta, 26 017 H), I and U alphabet letter stamps and mini heart stamp
- Black dye-based inkpad
- Gold pigment inkpad and embossing powder
- Paper edgers
- Ruler, scissors, craft knife and pencil
- Heat tool

GO

STEP 1

Stamp small calligraphy motif evenly across the whole of the red paper. Leave to dry.

STEP 2

Make up the envelope as per instructions.

STEP 3

Stamp and emboss the frame motif three times in gold on white card scraps.

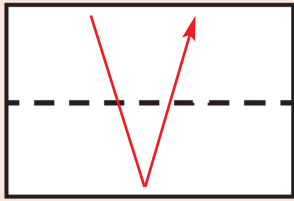
STEP 4

Stamp the I, heart and U stamps in black in the centre of the frames as shown. Trim close to the frame with paper edgers.

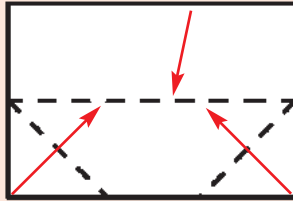
STEP 5

Tuck the messages just inside the envelope opening.

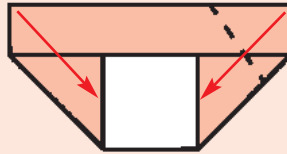
BAMBOO LETTERFOLD USE A RECTANGLE OF PAPER, WHITE SIDE UP.



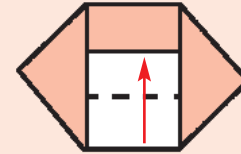
1) Plain side up, fold and unfold lengthways.



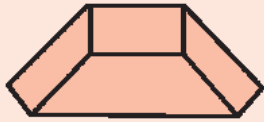
2) Fold bottom corners up to centre fold line. Bring top piece down to same fold line.



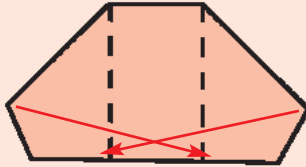
3) Fold sides in as shown.



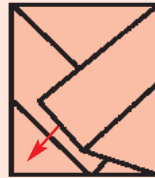
4) Fold bottom piece up to join inside edge.



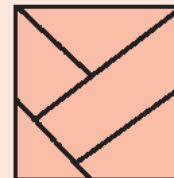
5) This should be the result.



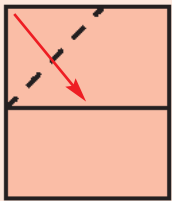
6) Turn paper over and fold in the two sides (see Step 3 of instructions).



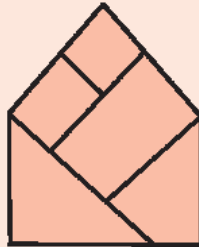
7) Tuck right side into left slot.



8) This is how it should look.

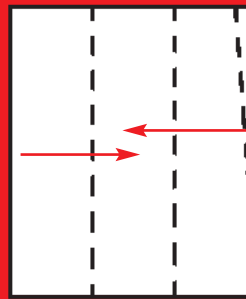


9) Turn over and fold top corners down to join.

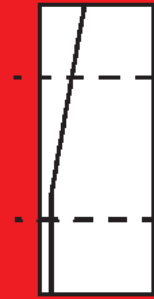


10) Turn over again. The bamboo letterfold is complete.

I ♥ U ENVELOPE



1) White side up, make small slanting fold on right side. Fold left to right, then right over left.



2) This should be the result. You can fold the sheet into thirds or make it deeper so long as it looks like this before folding in top and bottom. Tuck one side into the other at the back.



Bamboo letterfold

GET READY...

- A4 sheet of white paper
- Stamps: Tea Garden set (Hero Arts, LL689), 18th Century Fans set (Hero Arts, LL691) and Happy Birthday stamp (Rubber Stampede, A2447E)
- Dye-based inkpads in black, red and gold

GO STEP 1

Stamp your chosen motifs in the three colours over the entire A4 sheet. Leave to dry.

STEP 2

Follow instructions for the bamboo letterfold.

STEP 3

After Step 6 of letterfold instructions, open out all folds and stamp message in the centre of the paper. You could also write a full letter on the white side before starting any folding.

STEP 4

Re-fold to Step 6 and carry on until you have completed the letterfold.



Source

All materials should be widely available - check your local craft shop or advertisements in this issue. For example, Hero Arts, Rubber Stampede and Magenta stamps are all available from Topaz (Tel: 01254 770702/3).