

# MIRKWOOD DESIGNS presents...

## Project Using Hand-Carved Stamps

### Supplies and Tools

- Practice block (either one you created in *Soft-Block Carving 101\**)
- Practice block with monogram (from *Soft-Block Carving 101\**)
- Carved block with shadow on one side and outline on the other (from *Soft-Block Carving 201\**)
- Light-colored card stock – 4¼ x 8½
- Light-colored sheer vellum – 4¼ x 8½
- Size A2 envelope
- Paper glue or adhesive mounts
- Brilliance\* ink pads in a variety of colors
- Bone folder
- Heat tool (optional—to speed up ink drying)
- Paper towel

*\* I really like Brilliance inks, especially for stamping on vellum.*

### \*Resources:

- *Soft-Block Carving 101*: <http://mirkwooddesigns.com/projects/soft-block-101.pdf>
- *Soft-Block Carving 201*: <http://mirkwooddesigns.com/projects/soft-block-201.pdf>



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### Creating an Elegant Thank-You Card

1. Fold the card stock in half and press along the fold with the bone folder.
2. Use your practice block and one or two colors of Brilliance ink to create a basket weave effect all over the front of the card. Use your monogram stamp to “sign” the back of the card stock. Set aside.
3. Lay your vellum in front of you horizontally (do not fold yet). Using a light color of Brilliance ink, ink your solid shadow stamp and stamp the vellum. Repeat, stamping wherever you like (even off the edge of the vellum, or overlapping other stamped images), using whatever light colors of Brilliance ink you want. Use a tissue or paper towel to clean the excess ink from the shadow stamp.
4. Use a dark color of Brilliance ink to ink your outline stamp and stamp on top of some or all of the shadow images (remember to check the orientation of the stamp!).
5. Allow the ink to dry, or use a heat tool to speed up the process. (Ink takes a long time to dry on vellum.)
6. Fold the vellum in half and gently press along the fold with the bone folder.
7. Apply a thin line of glue (or three evenly spaced adhesive mounts) close to the fold on the *back* of the card stock.
8. Nestle the folded vellum carefully around the folded card stock (pay attention to where the front is!). Press along the fold to make sure that the glue or adhesive mounts secure both together.
9. If you want, stamp your shadow and outline images on the envelope so that it matches.
10. Write a thank-you note to someone!