

How to Use the Stampin' Up!® Hot Foil System

Choosing Your Paper

For the best foiling results, use a smooth cardstock. Stampin' Up! **Basic White**, **Very Vanilla**, and **Two-Tone 12" x 12" Cardstock** all work beautifully with the Hot Foil System.

You can foil on regular cardstock as well, but because of its higher fiber content, the finished image may not be quite as crisp.

Heating the System

When starting with a cold machine, allow approximately **8 minutes** for the Hot Foil System to fully heat. If you're creating multiple projects, the reheating time between impressions is much shorter.

Once you plug in the magnetic power cord, the **power light** will turn on and the **red light** will begin flashing. When the red light stops flashing, the heating plate has reached the proper temperature and is ready to use.

Identifying Hot Foil Plates

Hot foil dies are easy to identify. On the packaging, the image of the plate is shown in **gold**.

You can also tell them apart by touch:

- **Hot Foil Dies** have a matte finish with a slightly textured feel.
- **Standard Cutting Dies** are smooth, shiny metal with a visible cutting edge.

Building the Foiling "Sandwich"

Place the layers in the following order:

1. Hot Foil die with the **smooth side down** on the heated platform and the design facing up.
2. Foil with the **shiny side down on the die**, allowing the foil to "kiss" the die.
3. Your cardstock.
4. The **green shim plate**.
5. The **clear acrylic plate**.

Heating the Foil

Once your sandwich is assembled, press the **white button**.

The **orange light** will begin flashing while the system finishes heating the foil and cardstock together. When the **green light** appears, your sandwich is ready to run through your large die-cut machine.

Running It Through Your Die-Cutting Machine

Carefully unplug the magnetic power cord and remove the heated platform from the silicone holder.

Place it into your large die-cut machine and run it through **very slowly**. A slow, steady pass provides the best foil transfer.

Safety Tip

*The white platform can be handled safely, but **the metal screws at the top and bottom become extremely hot.** Avoid touching these areas until the platform has completely cooled.*

Revealing Your Foiled Image

Carefully remove the acrylic plate and green shim and set them aside to cool.

Lift the cardstock from the Hot Foil Plate. You'll notice the design has been heat-transferred into the paper.

Slowly peel away the foil to reveal your beautiful metallic image!

Removing the Hot Foil Plate

Use the included removal tool to lift the Hot Foil Plate from the heated platform and place it in the cooling tray.

Press the release button to remove the plate from the magnetic holder.

Finishing Touches

If you notice tiny foil smudges or stray flecks, don't worry—they're easy to remove.

Gently rub the area with a **polymer eraser**. It will lift away the excess foil dust and leave your finished image looking crisp, clean, and professional.