

## Jonah Harjer - Photopolymer Stamp Making for Ceramics

## Supply List (what, why & where):

- Photopolymer sheet: to make your stamp www.graphicclaystudio.com
- **Artwork or design:** to use to print onto a transparency designs/patterns available at www.graphicclaystudio.com
- Transparency: to print your artwork onto. Be sure to use the correct one for your printer type (laser or inkjet), eg - if you use an inkjet transparency with a laser printer it could melt and destroy your printer. Purchase these anywhere. For high quality professional grade waterproof inkjet films specifically made for screen printing film positives/negatives try filmdirect.com or goldupusa.com
- **Scissors or utility knife:** To cut the transparency and your polymer plate. Office supply or hardware/craft store.
- **Soft brush:** Purchase a photopolymer brush at <a href="www.graphicclaystudio.com">www.graphicclaystudio.com</a> to wash out your polymer plate in the sink after exposure. Brushes made from Boar or Horse hair work well. Avoid Stiff sharp brushes like those made for dishwashing, etc.
- **Hairdryer:** To dry the polymer plate after exposure and washout. Thrift store is a great place to find these. Try to find one with low to no heat if possible.
- 5" x 7" (or larger) picture frame or glass + backing: To press the transparency against the polymer plate during exposure. Thin glass can break from the pressure of the binder clips/clamps. Use non-UV blocking glass. Craft stores have picture frames, also thrift stores. Local glass companies will cut/sell glass for a reasonable price.
- **Foam:** to help press the polymer plate and transparency against each other during exposure. ½" 1" soft foam is ideal. Try your local craft/fabric stores.
- **UV light source:** To expose and harden the polymer. The sun works great. If using artificial UV light, look for a Nanometer rating (nm) between 350nm 400nm. I use 4 Philips 13036-9 ACTINIC BL TL-D 15W/10 1SL bulbs. Unless you're planning on doing very large exposures, 1 or 2 of these bulb would be plenty of UV light. Try bulbconnection.com You will need an 18" fluorescent bulb fixture (T-8 bulb type) to put the bulb in. Any kind/brand will work.
- 4 large binder clips: To hold the glass, transparency, polymer plate, foam, and backing together like a "sandwich" during exposure. Office supply store/online
- **Timer/stopwatch:** To time the polymer exposure. Digital works best. I recommend using the timer on your phone.
- Sink + cool water: To wash out the unexposed polymer.
- UV-light-free space: Bathrooms, basements, laundry rooms work great, just remove UV light bulbs. Indirect light is okay.

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