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FACTS ABOUT REAL WOOD GRAIN PAPER

1. With Et Cetera Paper's real wood sheets you can work with a multiple of different special treatments and techniques. You'll not only be able to print with an inkjet printer, but can die cut, emboss, de-boss, foil stamp, laser cut and screen print. When embossing or de-bossing, brass dies give the very best impression and the die will also enhance and smooth the wood pattern. Cut scoring is the preferred scoring method. Wood grain direction is opposite of the laminated backer sheet, scoring with the grain gives you the best results.

Pretty much anything that can be done to regular paper, can also be done to our real woodgrain sheets!
2. This real woodgrain paper is very absorbent. This is why it's not recommended that heat applications or heat-set inks be used with the real woodgrain paper. It is recommended that UV ink or Oxidizing inks for offset printing be used. If you desire to print using inkjet, first test the settings on your printer - too much ink will force it to move through the wood fibers. Also, if using an inkjet printer, waterproof inks using pigment for color will give you a much better result. This is due to the ink "sitting" just on top of the wood fibers.
3. It's best to apply some pressure to the real woodgrain sheets that are printed. This allows them to dry flat, and helps prevent any unwanted curling.
4. If curling occurs its due to moisture being removed from the sheets. Keep in mind this helpful tip: the thicker the sheet of real woodgrain paper, the less of a chance it has of curling.
5. Real wood paper is strong, but because it is real wood isn't impervious to heat and will burn or be scorched at 400 degrees or higher temperatures.
6. It's important to allow the real woodgrain sheets to acclimate to their environment. When having a commercial printer use this material allow in the pressroom at least 24 hours so the material is acclimated. It's best to leave during this period in its packaging material until you're ready to use or print on it.
7. The real woodgrain paper is perfect for letterpress printing.
8. Hot glue works great on the real woodgrain paper too!
9. Enjoy! You'll find limitless possibilities using our real woodgrain paper! It's great for d.i.y.'ers, crafters, and artisans.

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