# Making bookmarks for the start of school

**Instructions No. 3274** 

Difficulty: Beginner

Working time: 1 hour

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#### Preparing and painting the wooden bookmarks

Start by painting the wooden bookmarks with the VBS craft paints of your choice. Use masking tape as a technical aid: mask off the desired colour edges with masking tape to achieve sharp, straight edges. This will give you a clean finish. Once you have applied the desired colour, allow the bookmark to dry completely.

Once the colour has dried, slowly and carefully peel off the crepe adhesive tape. Be careful not to damage the colour. The clear lines will give your bookmarks a professional look.

#### **Customised labelling**

You can use silicone **stamps** or fineliners to add individual and personalised messages to the bookmarks. If you are using a stamp, prepare your silicone stamp by placing it on a Clear Stamp Holder and applying waterproof stamping ink from Staz-On. Press the stamp evenly onto the wooden bookmark. Once you're done, clean the stamp with a special stamp cleaner to keep it ready for future projects.

If you want to customise the bookmarks with a **fineliner**, plan the letter length and look in advance by testing your message on a piece of paper beforehand.

#### Finishing ribbons on the bookmark

To give your bookmark the finishing touch, unwind some embroidery twist. Lay the threads on top of each other several times, about 20 cm long, and pull them through the hole in the bookmark. Knot the threads tightly and then cut them to the desired length. This gives your bookmark a decorative and functional finish.

#### Get creative now!

The bookmarks are a unique DIY gift idea for the start of school. Order the necessary materials now and make more bookmarks for other pupils and bookworms, for family and friends.

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## Must Have



## Article information:

Article number	Article name	Qty
24010	VBS Wooden bookmarks	1
26039	VBS Craft paint set "Pastel Love"	1
24016	VBS Embroidery twist, Megapack Pastel	1
70522	Crepe-Adhesive tape, 50 m	1
12052403	VBS Brush assortment "BASIC", set of 5	1
25877	VBS Silicone stamp "Start of school"	1
717090	Clear Stamp holder, set of 3	1
542708-08	Staz-On Stamp padBlack	1
542791	Stamp cleaner, 56ml	1
970373	VBS Handicraft scissors "Pointed"	1