

5 Methods to Keeping Your Paper Clean

1. Wear Gloves /

Buy a box of latex gloves to use when inking.

Then remove gloves to handle your paper.

(Conversely, if you have ink on your hands, you can put on clean gloves to handle your paper.)



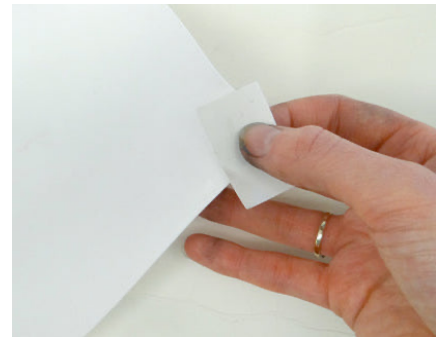
2. Paper fingers

Cut a stack of small newsprint squares.

Add a slight fold in them.

Then use these to pick up your paper.

You can also make more permanent ones from a thin sheet of bend aluminum.



3. Talc (baby powder)

Pour a small pile of talc in a yogurt lid.

After inking and placing your matrix on the press. Talc your finger tips prior to handling your paper.



4. Extra Borders (then tear down)

If you need to have a 1" clean border.

Add an extra inch on top and bottom.

This way you can get the top and bottom inch inky and then tear it off after printing.



5. Have a Clean hands partner:

This makes printing more fun and gives you the advantage of having two brains when problem solving.

Person A inks their matrix, and Person B handles the paper and press.

After printing Person A's work you switch positions, so Person B inks their matrix and Person A handles their paper and press.

