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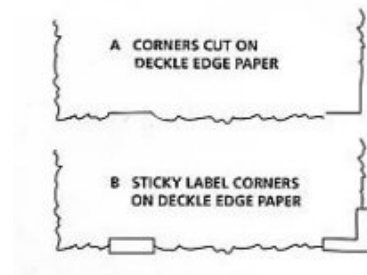
Registering papers with deckled edges

One of the advantages of using handmade paper for your prints is to utilize the beautiful deckled edges that are inherent to Washi. The uneven edges and corners can however present a problem when registering. Here are a few ways to keep your deckles and register them too. These methods are best used with [kento registration](#).

Method A: Cut a corner and a straight edge (fig. A) on each sheet of Washi with a knife. It is important to align them with the position of the Kento on the block. This allows you to keep most of the deckled edges while assuring you a sturdy corner and side to fit into the kento marks.

Method B: Adhere removable adhesive labels to the Washi as shown in fig. B. It is important to align them accurately with the carved Kento marks and not to remove them until printing of all the blocks are finished.

The straight edges of the labels will fit directly into the Kento marks, allowing for consistent registration time and time again, without having to cut into the Washi. If removable adhesive labels aren't available, it's a good idea to soften the adhesion of tackier labels first by sticking them on some cloth once or twice. This will help prevent the Washi fibers from pulling up during removal.



Source: *Japanese Woodblock Printing* by Rebecca Salter.