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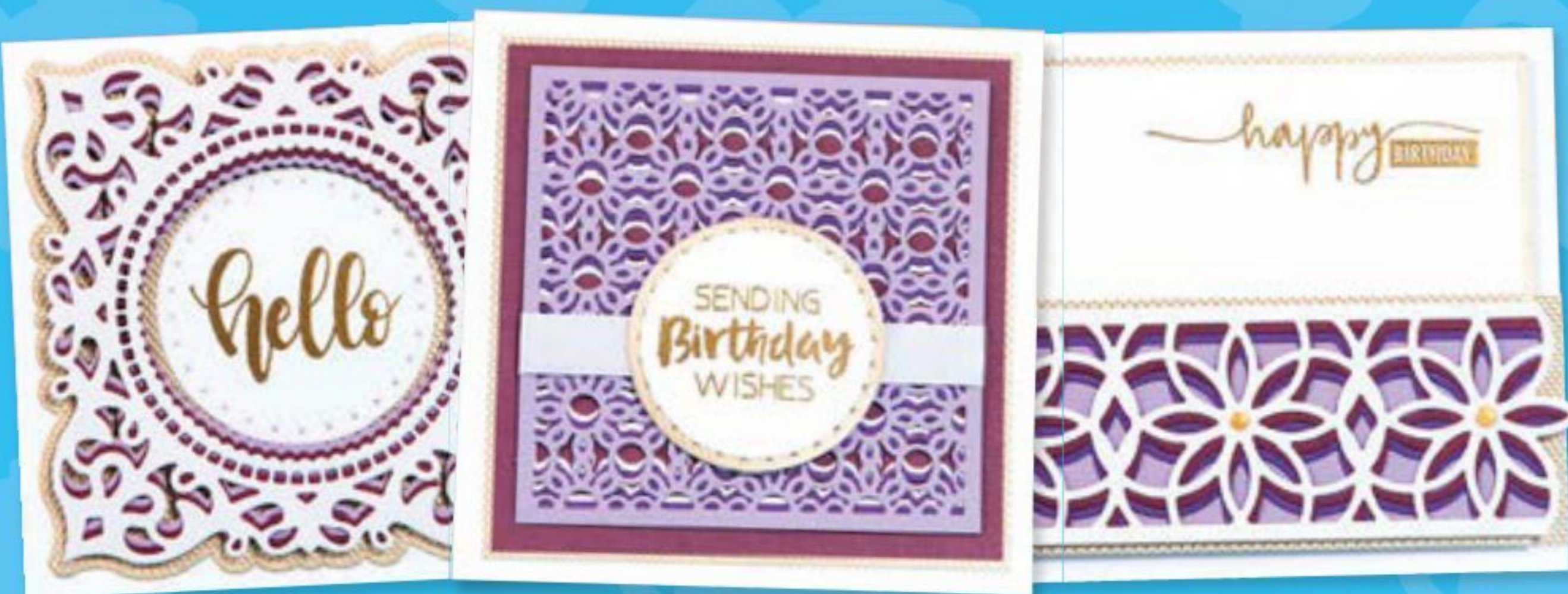
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Welcome to issue 174 of **Papercraft Essentials**, and what a treat we have in store for you. This issue we're bringing you the exclusive **Wallace & Gromit** luxury foiled kit and stamp set!

We're certain you're going to have a crackin' time crafting with this **unmissable kit**, which is just perfect for **Father's Day makes**. Check out our masculine designs by Nicky Gilbert and Jo Boland on pages 15 and 36. Don't forget to take a look at our **cards for women** on page 61 and also our **gift and home décor** projects on page 82.

With all of our **kit inspiration** it's a wonder we've been able to squeeze anything else in! Fortunately, we found a way. It's dies galore in our **techniques** this month – Fiona Wilkes makes a great impression with our **Beginner's guide** on page 31, demonstrating how to use your **die stash** to create depth and add colour to your cards, while Claire Rhodes-Brandon makes **faux-layered die-cutting** look easy in her **Masterclass** on page 64.

Your **Cut out & keep** is packed full of projects from Hunkydory, Paper Addicts, Graphic45 and Kaisercraft – turn to **page 41** to get stuck in! As well as this, you'll find **new releases** from StickerKitten, Phill Martin, Lili of the Valley and Crafter's Companion throughout the magazine.

I don't want to take away any more of your valuable **crafting** time, so with all that to get through I think I'll leave you to it.

Happy papercrafting!

Ria x

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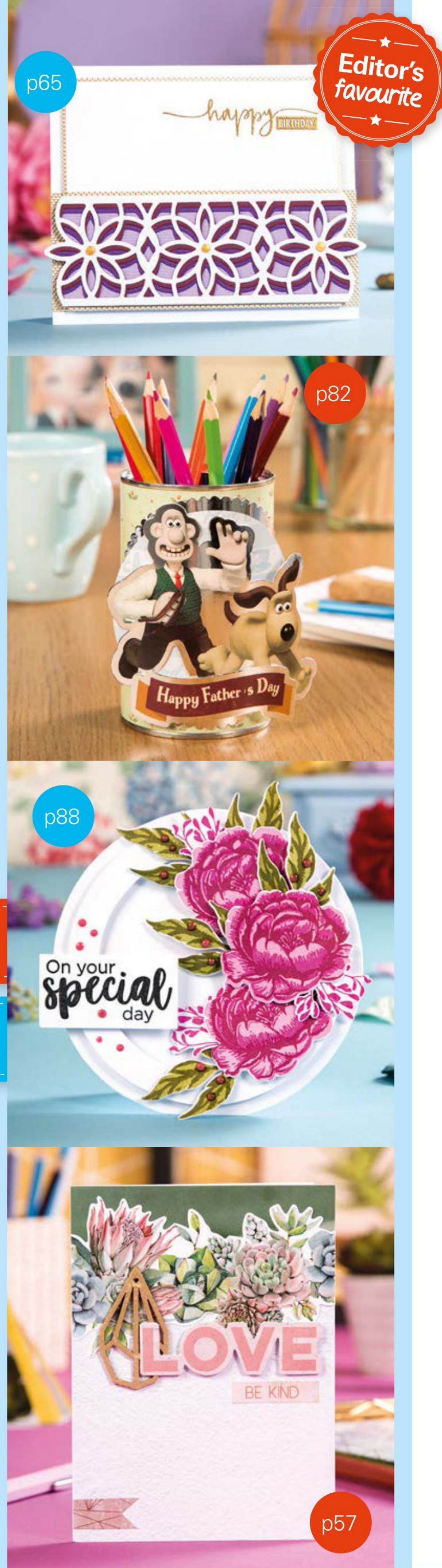


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Simply Lettering

This month **Practical Publishing** is pleased to introduce you to our latest magazine, **Simply Lettering**, which will launch later this summer! This is a **brand-new magazine** for everyone interested in **modern calligraphy**, from complete beginners to seasoned experts. Turn to **page 72** to find out more about this **exciting launch**.



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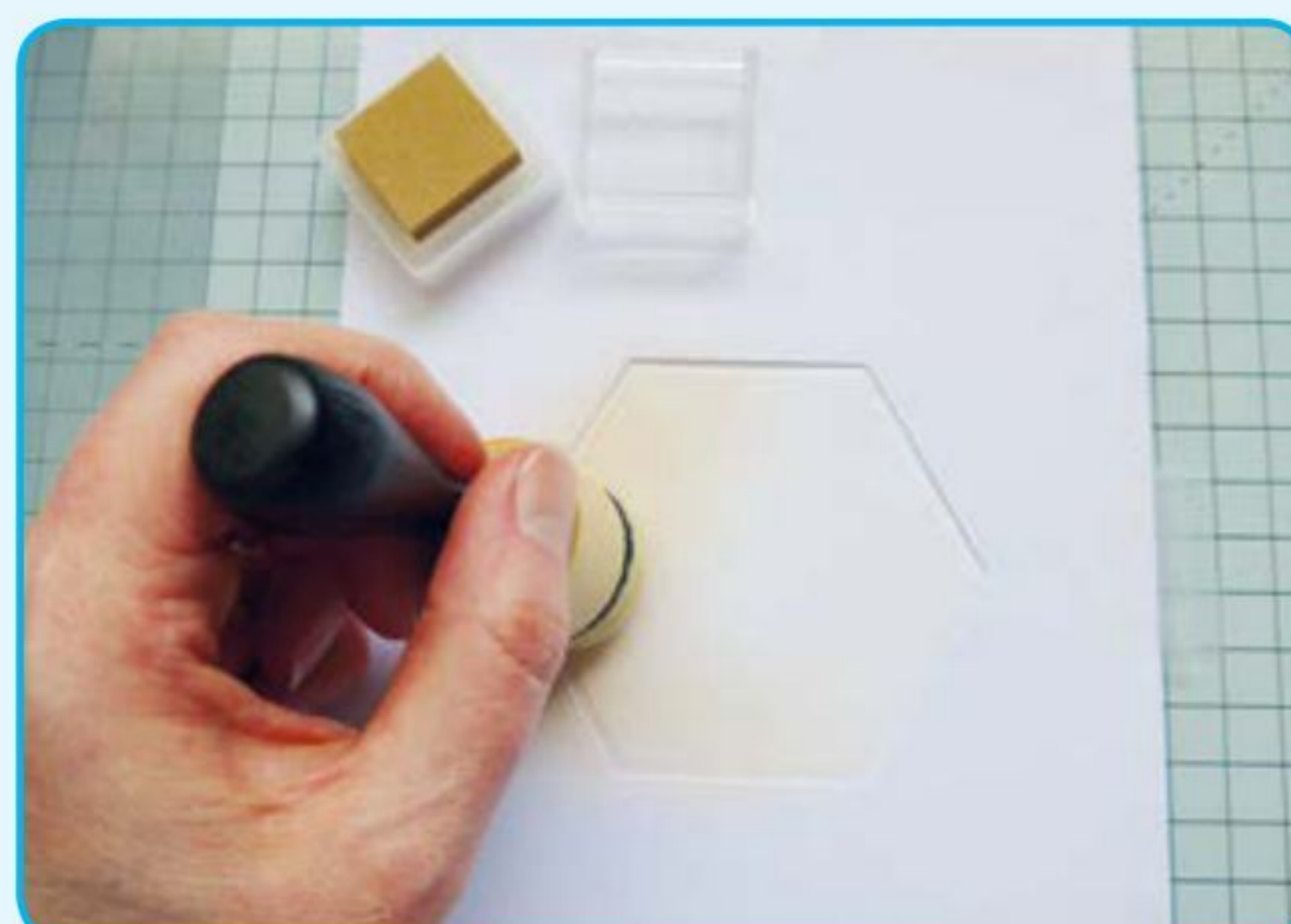
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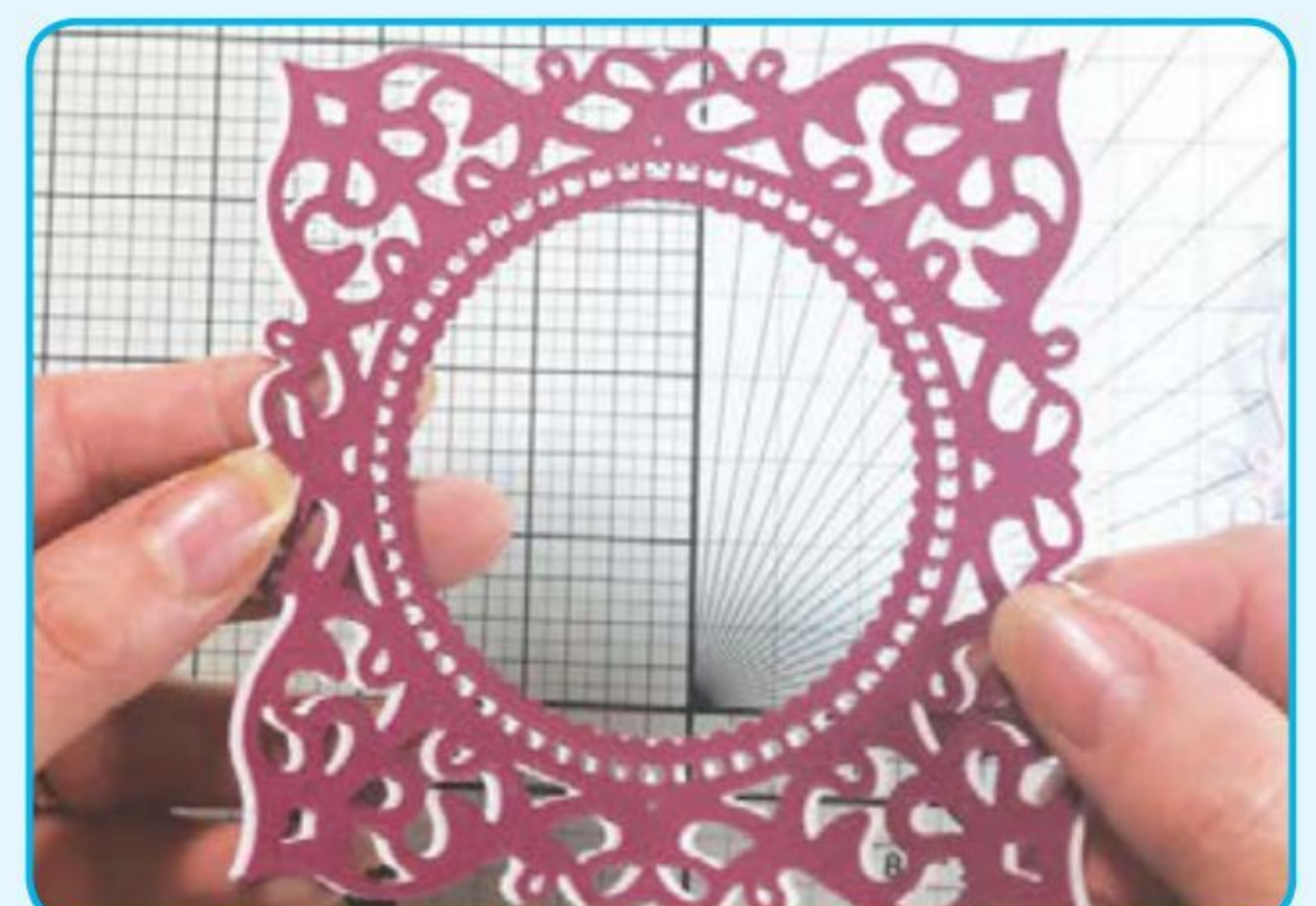
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Wallace & Gromit anniversary

Aardman is celebrating the 30th anniversary of the debut of the very first Wallace & Gromit short film, *A Grand Day Out*, which premiered in Bristol on 4th November 1989. What better way to celebrate this milestone in British cinema than with some crackin' gifts for Father's Day?

Truffle Shuffle has a selection of tops and mugs perfect for Dad this June, including raglan sleeve jumpers with a 'wanted' poster of Feathers McGraw and a royal blue T-shirt with Gromit in a raincoat. If your dad loves brews as much as Wallace, you will love *The Wrong Trousers* train chase mug - the perfect gift this Father's Day!

See the whole collection at www.trufflesuffle.co.uk



Up in the air

Neat & Tangled is taking to the skies for its newest stamp & die release. With sets like Dream Big, Jump for Joy and To The Stars, these collections packed with adorable animals and fairies are a sure-fire way of putting a smile on any loved one's face this year.

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The second, Arabesque, is a huge contrast. Take a trip to warmer climes with a tessellated tile design across panel and border dies and a stencil, as well as an intensely-vibrant paper pack with backing sheets, toppers and sentiments for all occasions.

The final collection is for the horticulture lovers out there. Wildflower is a wonderful tribute to a spring meadow with bluebells and alliums designed on to stamps, embossing folders and panel dies, which look stunning when paper-pieced to create a bold stained-glass window effect.

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Stamperama July show

With more Make & Takes than you can shake a pokey tool at, the Stamperama show on Sunday 7th July at Newbury Racecourse is set to be one of the hottest crafting tickets for 2019. Exhibitors such as Hobby Art, Limetree Craft, Dolly Dimples Crafts and John Next Door are all showcasing the newest releases. You'll also see Hochanda supporting the event, giving you the chance to watch your favourite TV show at work!

For more information and tickets head to www.stamperama.com



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Flora & fauna

Escape to a forest in full bloom with The Paper Boutique's Forest Blooms paper collection. A symphony of green and peach hues, this collection houses classic watercolour images across a selection of paper pads bedecked in woodland creatures and flowers – just perfect for a summer garden party invite or a horticultural-loving loved one.

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Your cards

Here's a selection of stunning cards made by our lovely readers!

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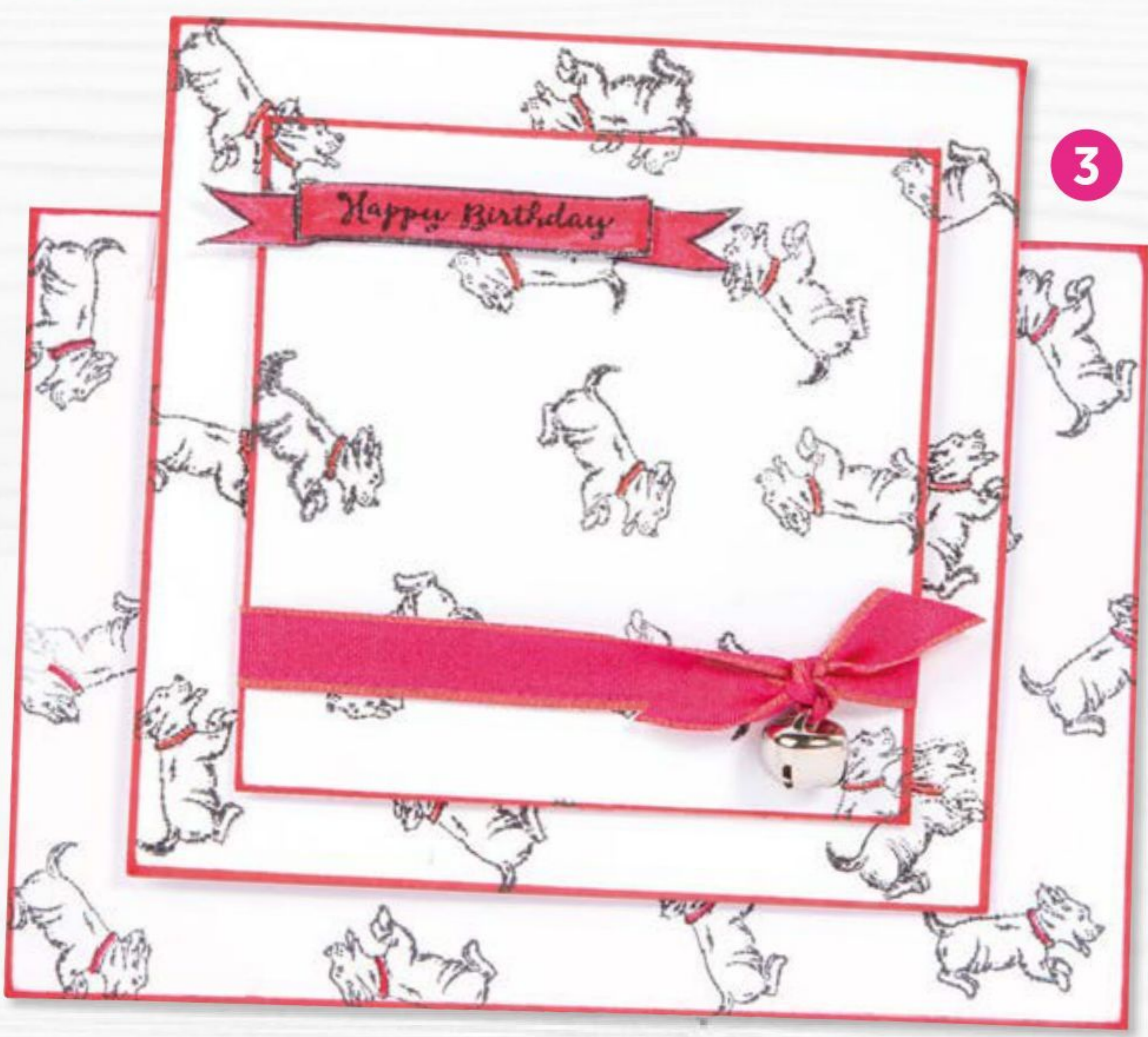
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1. **Bike, blooms and butterflies** by Pamela Chiswell from Birmingham
2. **The Park** by Adrene Williams from Ebbw Vale
3. **Birthday bows** by Shirley Paterson from Angus
4. **Happy birthday** by Ruth Bennett from Staffs

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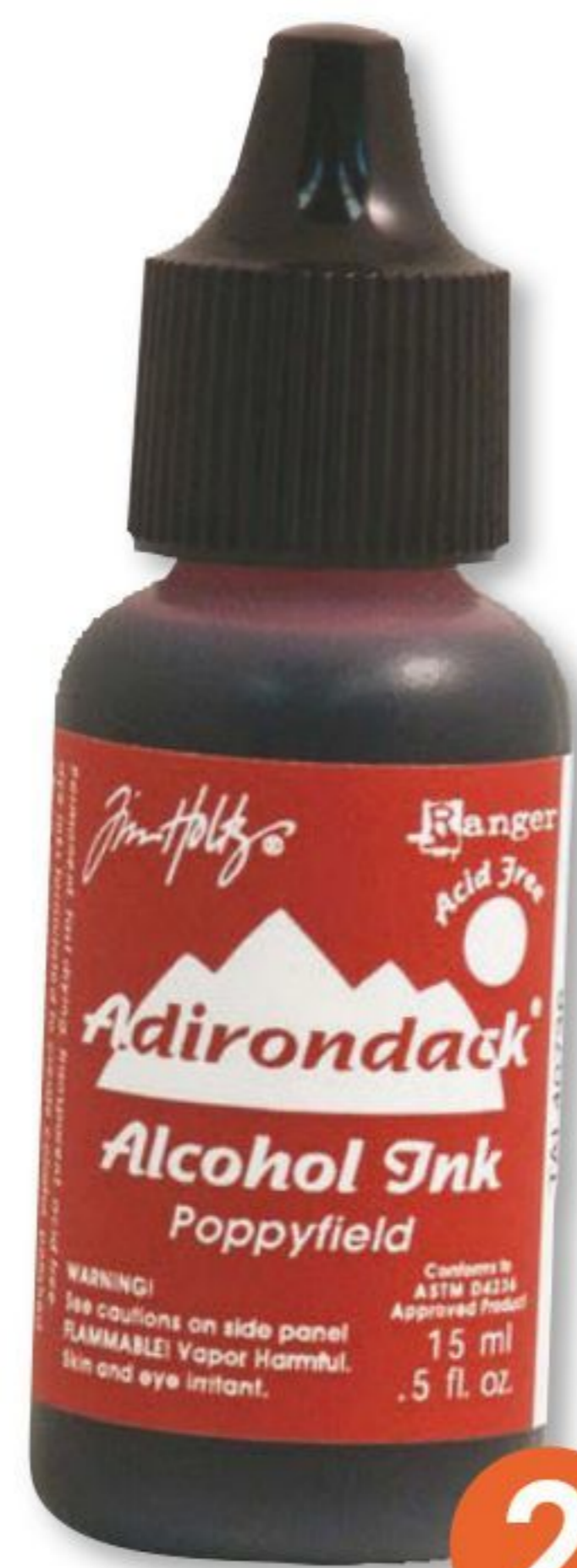
Pack a picnic and your stash, we're off to the countryside



If you want to escape to the country then we suggest Hunkydory's Cut out & keep starting on page 43. This collection defines all that is great about the quintessential British village with scenes of thatched cottages, calming rivers and gorgeous church scenes. This collection of cards is filled with perfect quick and easy makes any time of year



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Here's just a few of our favourite cards and letters from the last month

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Butterfly Rose

I just had to write after purchasing issue 170 of *Papercraft Essentials* with the papers, stamps and Cut-and-Emboss folder. I love the butterfly die within the embossing folder and it inspired me to create a card for my lovely sister for her birthday this April.

I used the pink spotted paper with co-ordinating coloured card that I have embossed, then I die-cut another butterfly from the patterned paper. I created my own message to personalise my card. My sister loved the design as she is a great fan of butterflies and of course my handmade cards! I hope you like it too! I love *Papercraft Essentials* and the items included in each issue – they give me some wonderful ideas.

Linda Mort, Halifax

Star letter

Crafting therapy

Here is a set of quick and easy note cards I made using three small stamps from issue 172 of *Papercraft Essentials*. I hope you like them,

I had great fun making them!

I am a subscriber to two of your magazines and have never submitted anything before but plan on sending in more makes as I am on a study break from university. Crafting is the best therapy for getting back to full health.

Margaret Wall, via email

Ria says: What a wonderful idea, Sandra! I always like it when people use the products from our magazines in different ways so I think these little note cards are excellent. We often hear from our readers that crafting is the best medicine so I'm glad you think so too!



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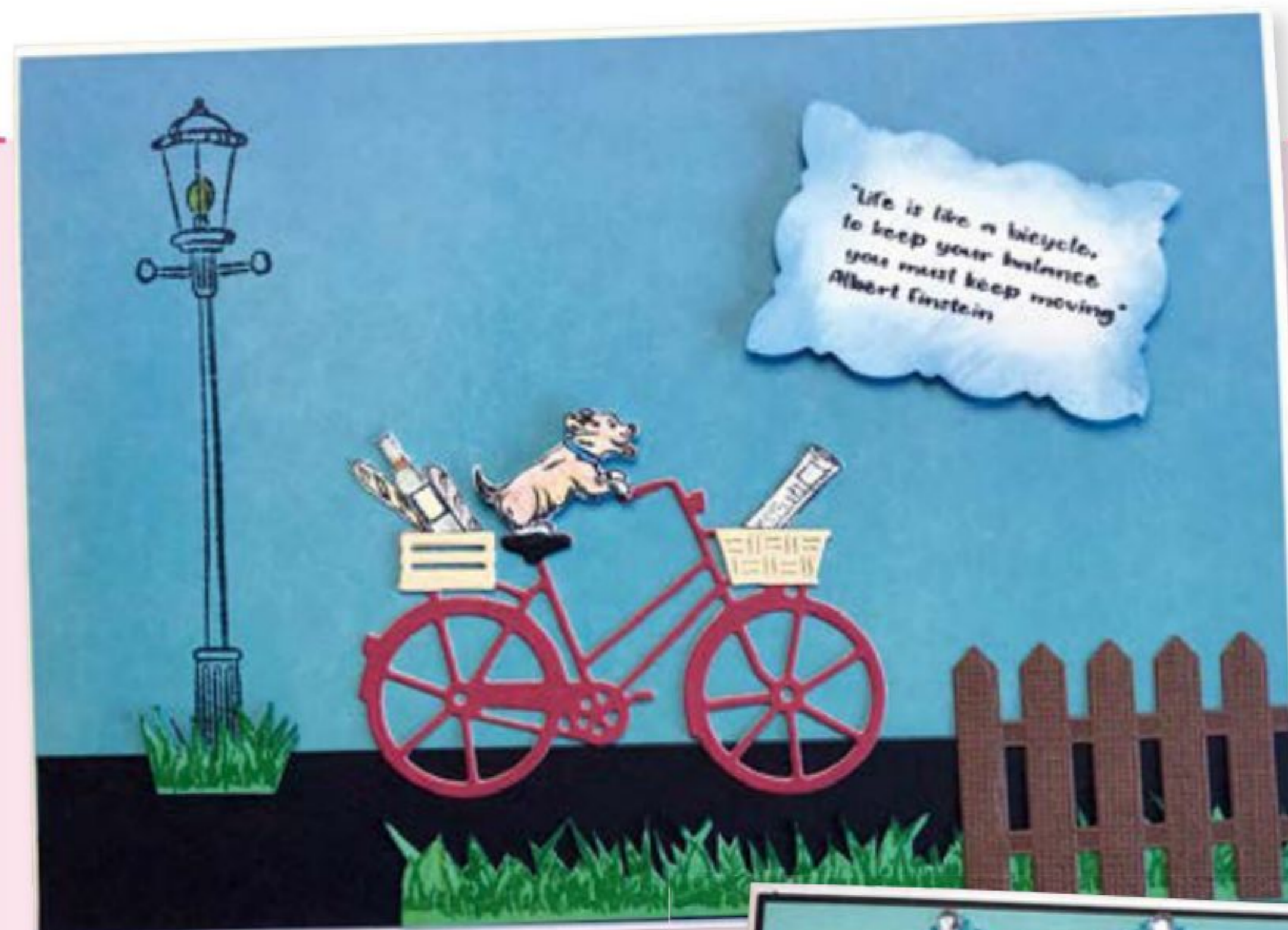
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Happy crafter

Thank you for another fantastic set in issue 172 of *Papercraft Essentials*. I had lots of fun making this card and I'll be making lots more like this!

Hazel Bullock, Wales



Crafting family

I was delighted to receive issue 172 of *Papercraft Essentials*. My cousin and I had a crafting day and had lots of fun using the gift. We were really pleased with our makes - the bicycle die is excellent!

Moira Hill, Renfrewshire



Crafting around the world

I thought I'd share some cards I made with the gift in issue 170, which I bought recently. I live in South Africa and we get our magazines much later than some other areas, so this may be an old issue to some. Due to extremely bad rain today and lots of flooding in our city, it was suggested that people stay home as the roads were very bad. I thought I would try out the Butterfly Roses gift as I love butterflies! Here are two cards I made.

Trish Ings, South Africa



Novice crafter

Thank you so much for the wonderful stamps, dies and stencil I won in your giveaway. It was so lovely and unexpected when it came through the letterbox! Enclosed is a card I made so you could see how I used them. I'm still very much a novice and not very good at colouring yet, but hopefully I will improve using your lovely gift. Thank you again!

Elaine Joyce, Oxon



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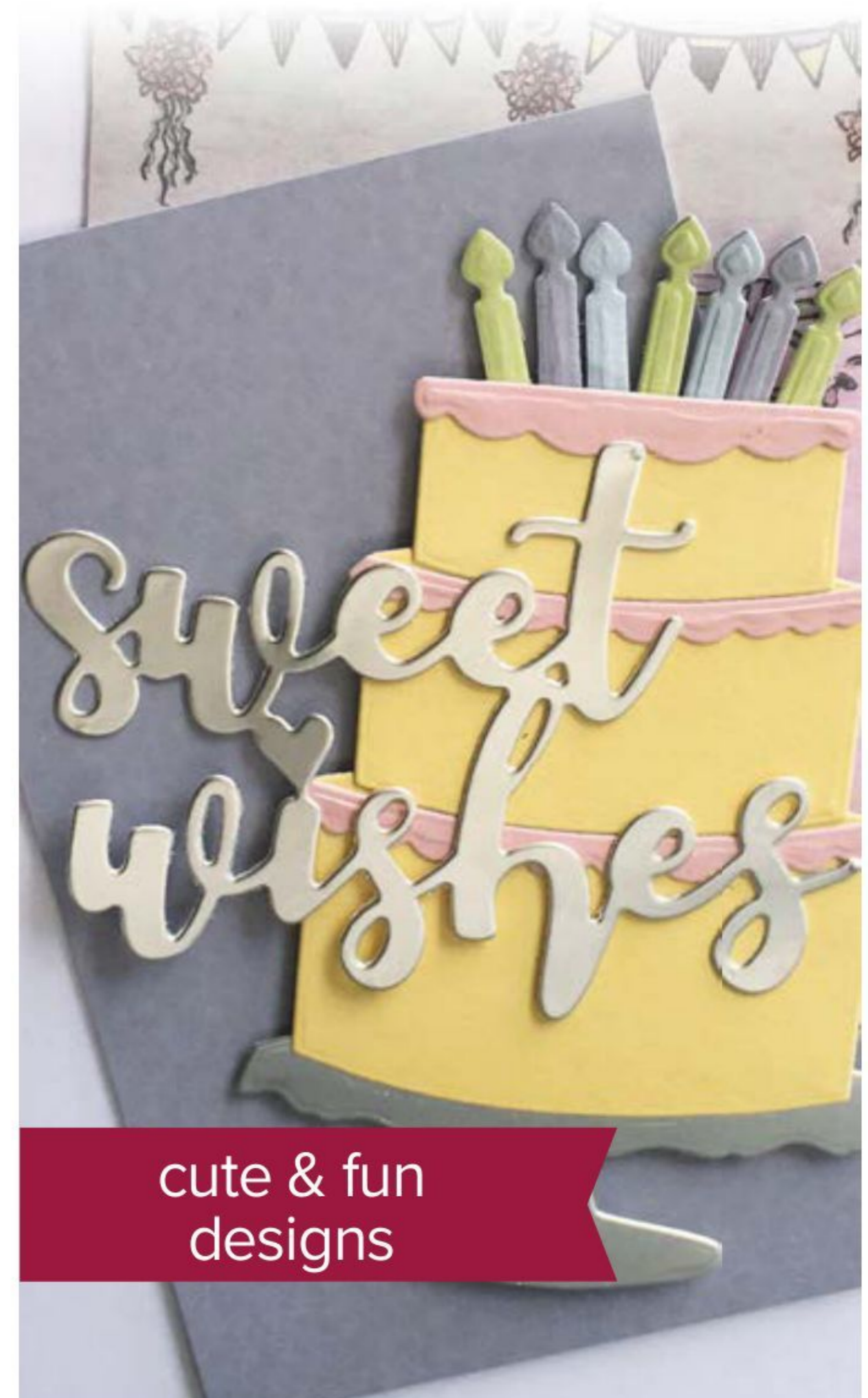
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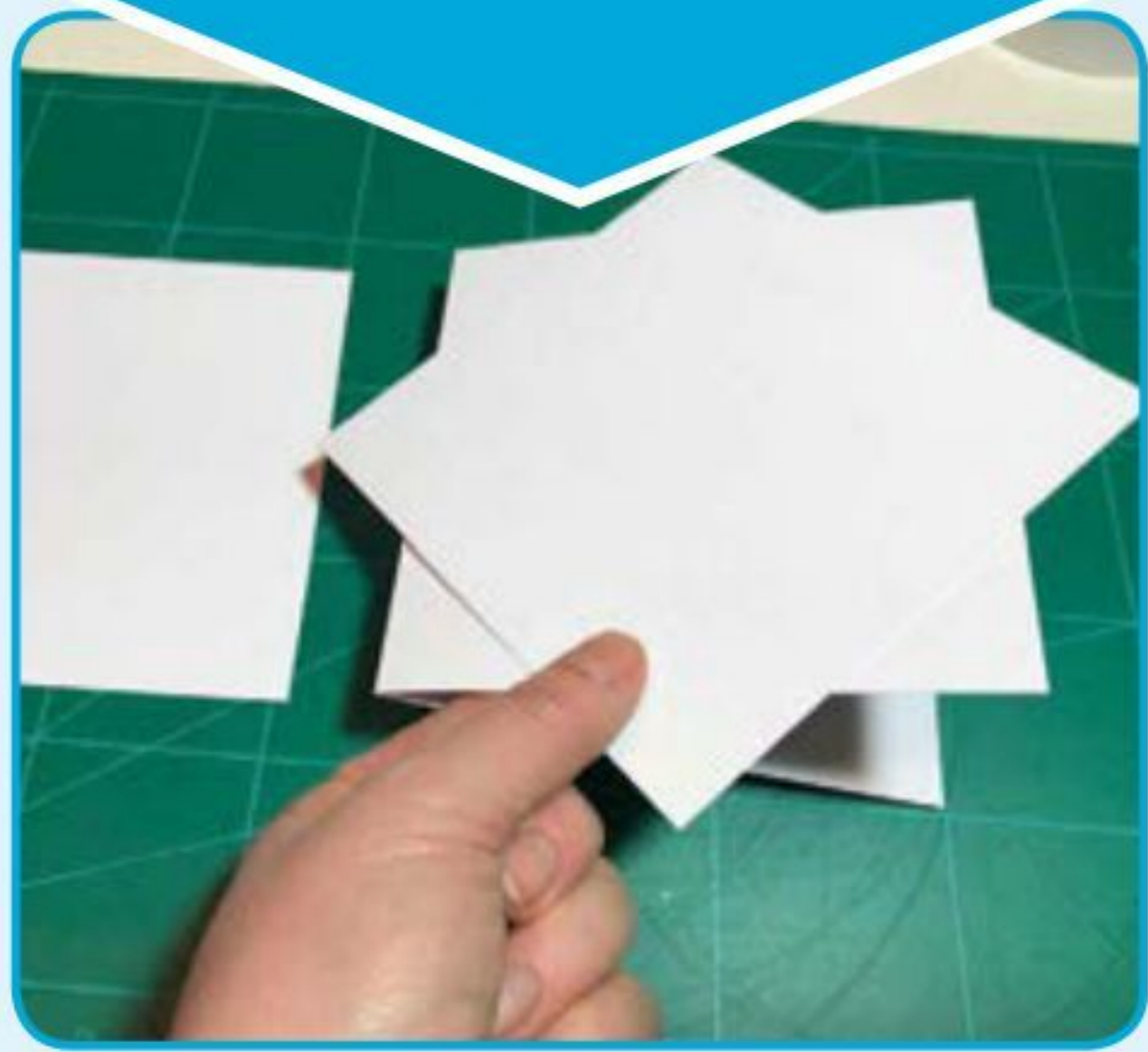
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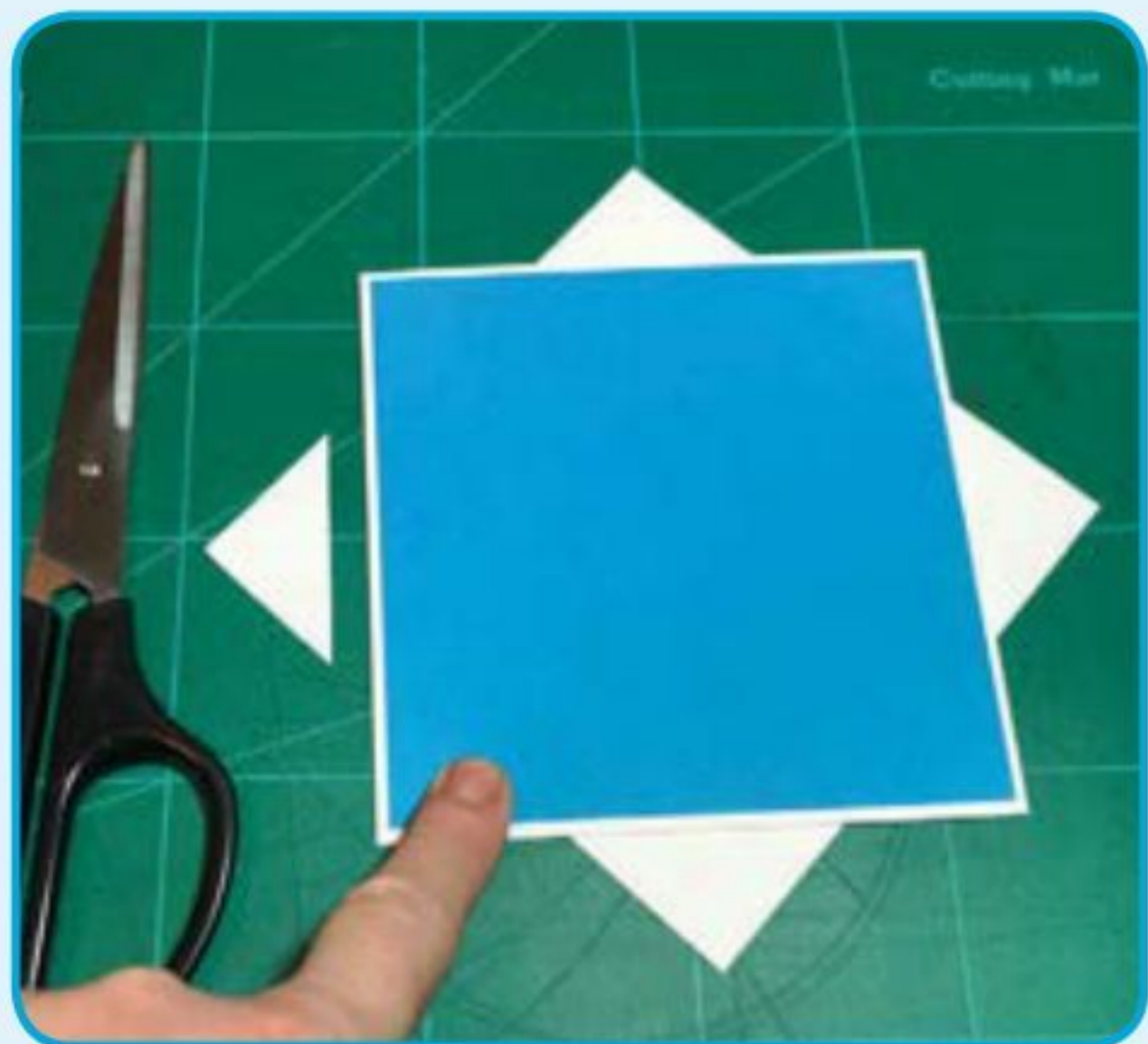
How to... create a star-shaped card from a square card blank



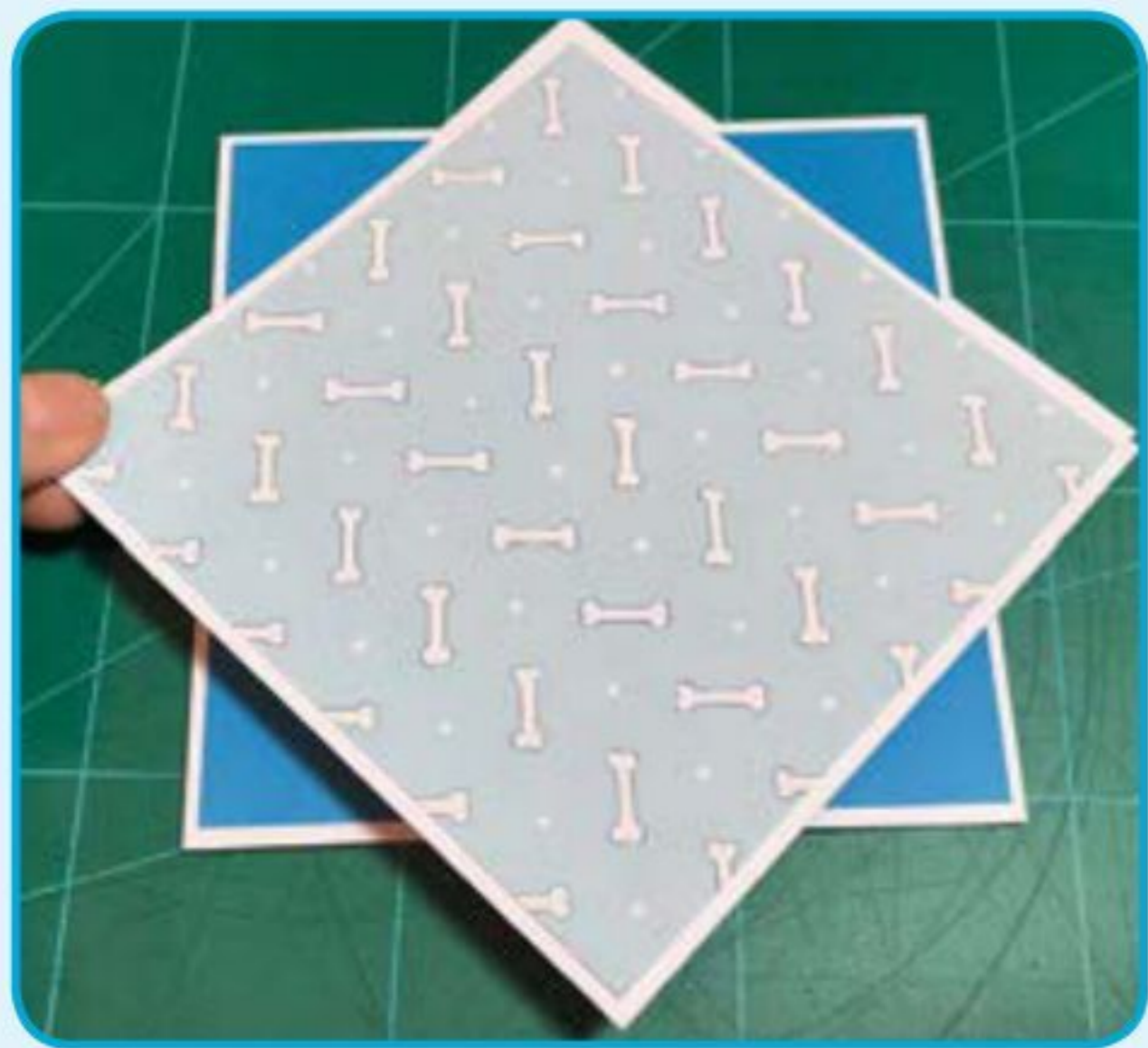
1 Adhere one square centrally over the card blank at the angle shown.



2 Turn the card blank over and trim one point off against the fold of the card. This side is to be the back of the card.



3 Turn the card over and affix a square of blue cardstock over the original square card front as shown.



4 Affix a square of patterned paper over the second white square and adhere to the card front in exactly the same position as the rear square.



Happy birthday Gromit

**Top
Tip**

Use an alcohol-resistant inkpad such as Memento if you are colouring using alcohol markers so the ink does not smudge

You'll need

- ▶ Wallace & Gromit foiled kit & stamps
- ▶ white 12.5cm-square card blank
- ▶ white, orange & blue cardstock
- ▶ Tuxedo Black, Bahama Blue & Tangelo Memento inkpads
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ Ebony Black & Gloss White Tonic Studios Nuvo Crystal Drops
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ ink-blending tool

Step by step

1 Use Tuxedo Black ink to stamp Gromit onto white cardstock, colour using alcohol markers and cut out leaving a narrow border. Use Tangelo ink to stamp a sentiment onto scrap cardstock then over-stamp using Tuxedo Black ink and trim. Matt onto coloured cardstock as shown.

2 Blend Bahama Blue ink around the edge of a 6cm square of white cardstock, then matt and layer onto

orange and white squares. Use 3D foam pads to affix the kennel and sentiment to the inked square panel.

3 Cut two 12.5cm squares of cardstock to co-ordinate with the card blank and follow the step-by-step guide below to create the star card.

4 Embellish the card front with Nuvo Drops to finish.



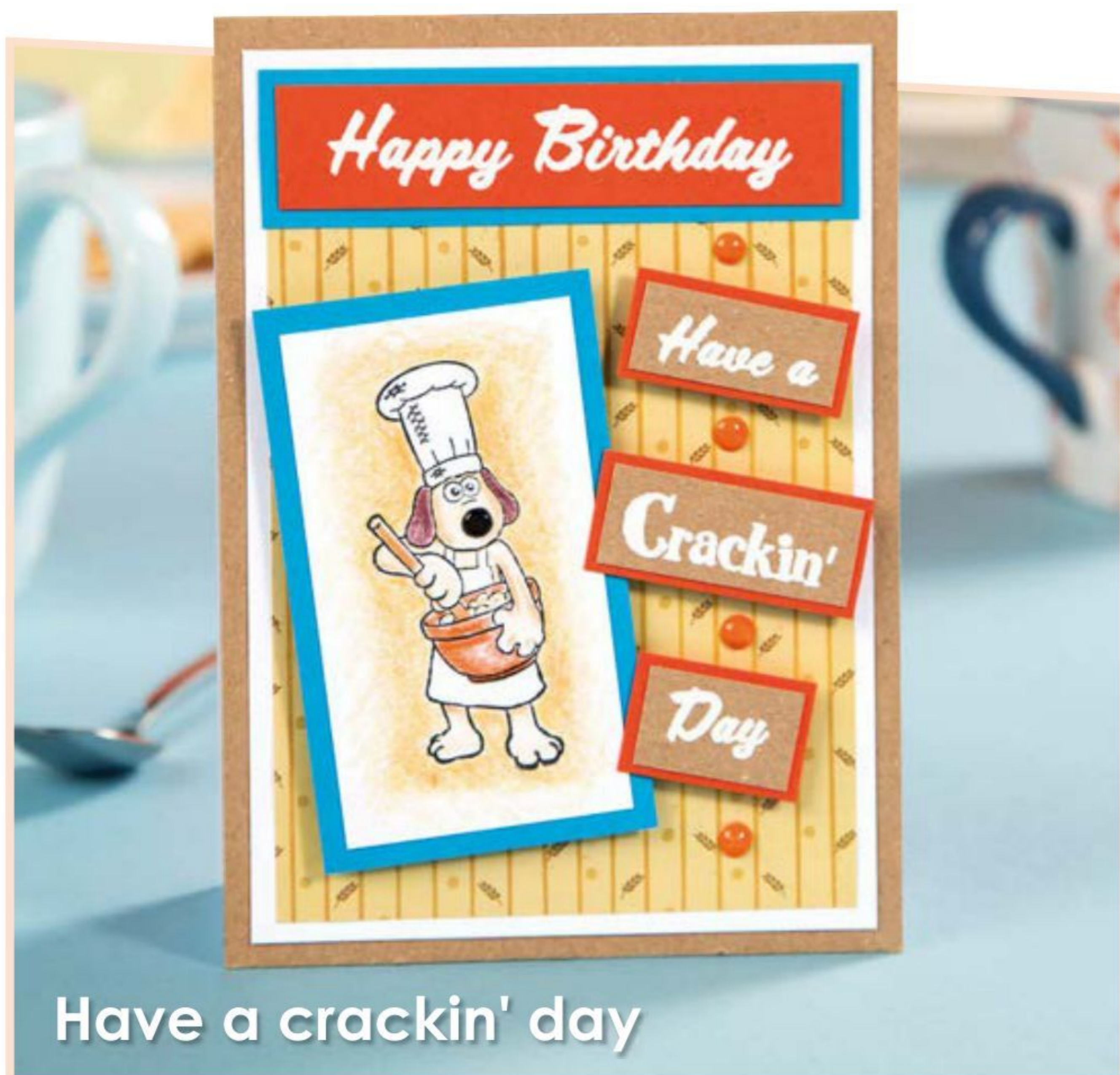
5 Using the lines on a craft mat as a guide, position the card so that the fold is to the left on an angle, and two star points are on the horizontal line. Add a square of orange cardstock covered with patterned paper.



6 Use 3D foam pads to add the stamped, coloured and cut out topper on an angle, with the sentiment following the horizontal line of the patterned paper.



Turn to **page 36** to see a selection of quick and easy cards using your kit



Have a crackin' day

You'll need

- ▶ Wallace & Gromit kit & stamps
- ▶ white A6 card blank
- ▶ white, orange, blue & kraft cardstock
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inkpad
- ▶ VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ white embossing powder
- ▶ Spectrum Noir ColourBlend pencils
- ▶ black pearl
- ▶ Orange Tonic Studios Nuvo Crystal Drops
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ heat tool

Step by step

1 Stamp the image on to a 4.5x8cm piece of white cardstock. Blend coloured pencils around the image, getting lighter

towards the edge as shown. Colour the rest of the design then layer on to a rectangle of blue cardstock.

2 Use VersaMark ink to stamp the words onto orange and kraft cardstock and heat-emboss in white. Trim to size and layer on to contrasting cardstock as shown.

3 Adhere a 9x13cm piece of patterned paper to white cardstock. Cover the card front with kraft cardstock and affix the patterned panel.

4 Affix the topper and sentiments using 3D foam pads.

5 Add a row of Nuvo Drops between the stamped sentiment panels and a black pearl to Gromit's nose to finish.

You'll need

- ▶ Wallace & Gromit foiled kit & stamps
- ▶ white 15cm-square card blank
- ▶ white, orange, blue & kraft cardstock
- ▶ circle nesting dies
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inkpad
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ white gel pen
- ▶ black pearls
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Stamp the image on to white cardstock. Colour using alcohol

markers and colour around the image in orange. Cut out, leaving a narrow border and use 3D foam pads to affix to an orange die-cut circle, matted onto white and blue circles.

2 Stamp the sentiment on to orange cardstock, trim and matt onto white cardstock.

3 Adhere two strips of patterned paper across the top and bottom of a 14cm square of kraft cardstock. Affix to the card front and add the topper and sentiment panels using 3D foam pads.



Happy birthday

Have a crackin' birthday

You'll need

- ▶ Wallace & Gromit foiled kit & stamps
- ▶ white, orange, blue & kraft cardstock
- ▶ circle nesting dies
- ▶ Tuxedo Black & Bahama Blue Memento inkpads
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ white gel pen
- ▶ black pearls
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Stamp and colour the image on to white cardstock then stamp the sentiment directly below. Cut around Gromit and trim the sentiment into a rectangle then layer onto an orange rectangle.

2 Create a circular card blank using a 13.5cm circle die. Use Bahama Blue ink to stamp the teapot all over a smaller blue circle, add a rectangular strip of patterned paper as shown and affix the stamped topper using 3D foam pads.

3 Adhere to a circle of kraft cardstock and affix to the card front. Add black gems around the outside and a black gem to Gromit's nose to finish.

Top Tip Use a white gel pen to add highlights to shiny items, like the tea pot in the main image



Cover card

Have a grand day

You'll need

- ▶ Wallace & Gromit foiled kit & stamps
- ▶ white 9.5x13cm card blank
- ▶ white, orange, blue & kraft cardstock
- ▶ circle nesting dies
- ▶ Tuxedo Black, Tangelo & Rich Cocoa Memento inkpads
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1** Stamp the image on white cardstock and use shades of light blue alcohol marker to colour around the image in a rough circle shape. Colour the remainder of the image, leaving white areas where appropriate.
- 2** Die-cut the image into a circle.
- 3** Matt and layer onto circles of

orange and white cardstock.
3 Stamp a sentiment on to scrap cardstock and trim, then layer onto orange cardstock as shown.

4 Use Rich Cocoa ink to repeatedly stamp the image of Gromit baking on to an 8.5x11.5cm piece of kraft cardstock. Matt onto blue cardstock and affix to the card front.

5 Affix the die-cut, stamped topper and trimmed sentiment to the card front using 3D foam pads to finish.

Top Tip Colouring the background of an image makes it stand out, particularly if there are a lot of white areas in it



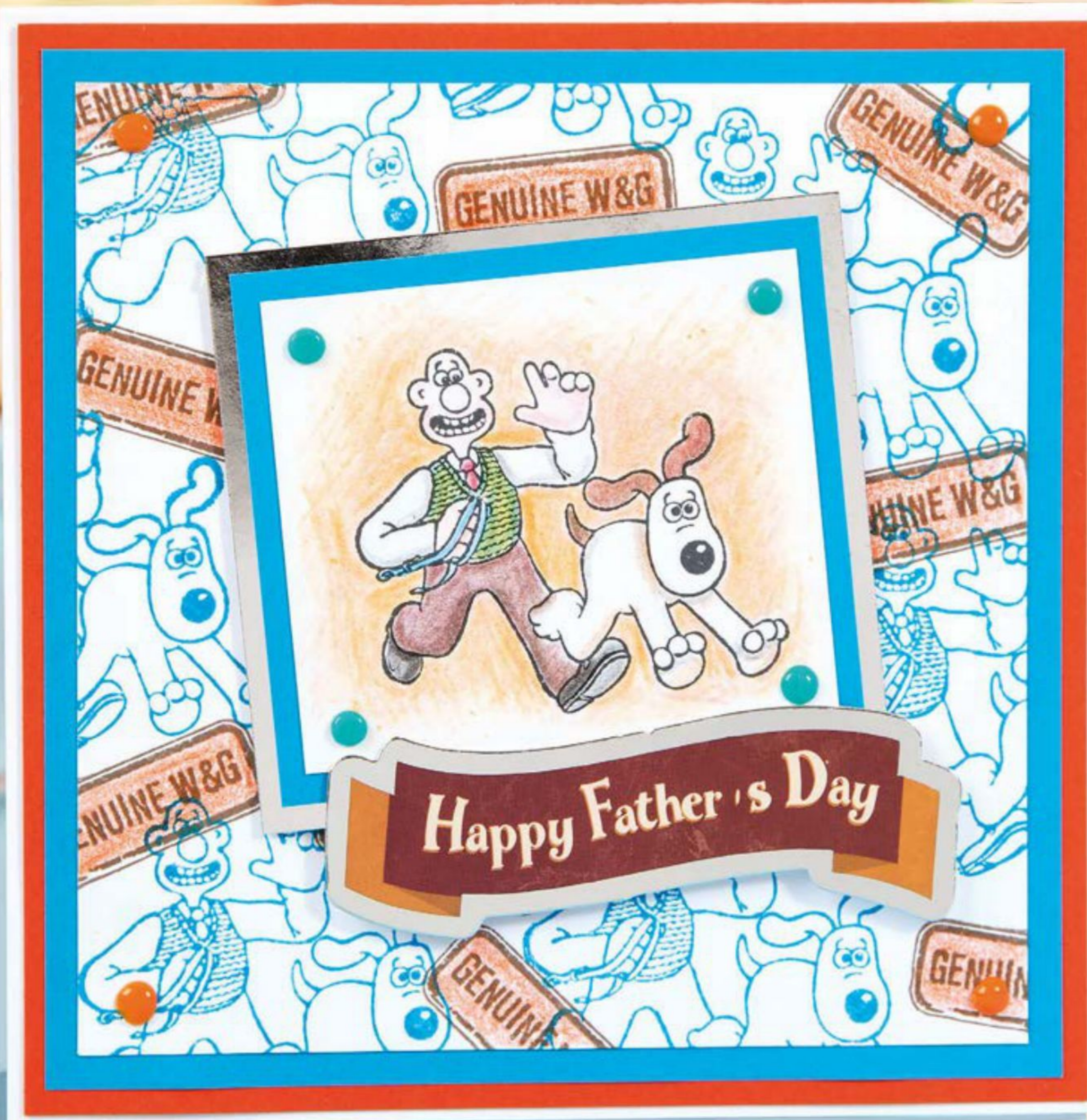
Happy Father's Day

You'll need

- ▶ Wallace & Gromit foiled kit & stamps
- ▶ white 14.5cm-square card blank
- ▶ white, orange & blue cardstock
- ▶ silver mirror card
- ▶ Tuxedo Black, Bahama Blue & Rich Cocoa Memento inkpads
- ▶ Spectrum Noir ColourBlend pencils
- ▶ Blue Lagoon & Orange Tonic Studios Nuvo Crystal Drops
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

- 1** Stamp the image on to a 7x6cm piece of white cardstock and use pencil crayons to colour the background. Apply deep shading around the stamping and lighter shading round the edge. Add colour and shading to the characters.
- 2** Matt the panel onto blue then silver mirror card and leave a narrow border.
- 3** Stamp the same image repeatedly in Bahama Blue ink over a 12.5cm square of white cardstock and add 'GENUINE W&G' in Rich Cocoa all around. Colour in orange. Matt and layer on to blue then orange cardstock and affix to the card front.
- 4** Affix the stamped topper to the card front using 3D foam pads then add a sentiment from the kit. Embellish with Nuvo Crystal Drops to finish.



Top Tip Make your own background papers using the same stamp in a different colour. It takes seconds to do and you can create an unlimited supply!

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Bohemian like you



Vanessa Hodgson

Embrace your inner artist with the latest Bohemian stamps by Phill Martin

You'll need

- ▶ teal cardstock
- ▶ white Sheena Douglass Stamping Card
- ▶ Creative Expressions Sentimentally Yours by Phill Martin Bohemian Flourish & Bohemian Sentiments stamp sets
- ▶ Memory Box Stitched Circle die set
- ▶ Creative Dies Plus Stitched & Pierced Scalloped Circles die set
- ▶ VersaMark inkpad
- ▶ Evergreen Bough & Peacock Feathers Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ Nature Spectrum Noir Aqua Markers
- ▶ white embossing powder
- ▶ teal organza ribbon
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ water spritzer
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ heat tool
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cut an A4 piece of teal cardstock. Score at 10cm, 14cm, 18cm and 28cm, then fold into mountain and valley folds.

2 Die-cut a teal scalloped circle using the 11.5cm die. Cut two 10x2cm strips and score each at 1cm. Attach the strips face-to-face on the reverse of the scalloped circle, then attach one side of the small strips to the opening of the card blank. Adhere the triangle shut, enclosing the strips so the scalloped circle stands in the centre and can move from side to side.

3 Cut two 9.5x14.5cm pieces of white Sheena Douglass Stamping Card, then use Evergreen Bough and Peacock



Top Tip

Use an anti-static bag on the cardstock prior to embossing so the embossing powder stays where it's wanted

Feathers ink to randomly stamp the image. Wrap a length of teal organza ribbon 5cm up from the bottom and adhere to the card blank. Tie a bow and attach to one of the ribbon bands as shown.

4 Use VersaMark ink to stamp the sentiment on to teal cardstock and heat-emboss in white. Trim in to a flag shape then adhere to the

card front above the bow.

5 Colour the image using Aqua Markers, spritz lightly with water then stamp the image on to stamping cardstock.

6 Die-cut the image in to a circle, blend Peacock Feathers ink around the edges and attach to the scalloped circle using 3D foam pads to finish.





Measure your success

You'll need

- ▶ white 7"-square card blank
- ▶ white stamping cardstock
- ▶ Creative Expressions Sentimentally Yours by Phill Martin Bohemian Flourish, Bohemian Banner & Bohemian Sentiments stamp sets
- ▶ VersaMark inkpad
- ▶ Spun Sugar, Abandoned Coral, Victorian Velvet & Seedless Preserve Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Oxide Ink
- ▶ white embossing powder
- ▶ white Gesso Paint
- ▶ paintbrush
- ▶ vellum
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ stamp-positioning tool
- ▶ heat tool

Step by step

- 1** Cut a 13.5cm square of white cardstock and apply Spun Sugar Distress Oxide ink. Blend Victorian Velvet Ink over the top but not as far in, then very lightly add Seedless Preserves ink on the very edge.
- 2** Place the inked panel in a stamp positioning tool and stamp the Bohemian Flourish image using Abandoned Coral ink. Add Victorian Velvet ink randomly across the stamp then Seedless Preserves to the edges of the image, then stamp again.
- 3** Stamp the same image on to scrap paper and roughly cut out to create a mask. Place this over the main image to protect it, then mix white gesso with a little water and flick this over the panel.
- 4** Mix Seedless Preserves ink with a little water and flick this over the panel then remove the mask and set aside to dry.
- 5** Cut a 15.5cm square of white cardstock then use Spun Sugar ink to stamp the large flower from the Bohemian Banner image around the panel. Repeat with Victorian Velvet ink

- then add Seedless Preserves ink.
- 6** Cut a piece of Vellum to fit around the main image panel and use VersaMark ink to stamp the sentiment. Heat-emboss in white then wrap this around the image panel and secure to the reverse.
 - 7** Layer both panels to the card front using glue and 3D foam pads to finish.



Where to buy

The Creative Expressions Sentimentally Yours by Phill Martin Bohemian stamp collection is available from www.craftstash.co.uk

Be true

You'll need

- ▶ white 12.5x17.5cm card blank
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Creative Expressions Sentimentally Yours by Phill Martin Bohemian Banner & Bohemian Vintage Banner & Bohemian Sentiments stamp sets
- ▶ Glamorous VersaFine Clair inkpad
- ▶ Bubblegum Pink My Favorite Things Dye inkpad
- ▶ pink coloured pencil
- ▶ White Blizzard Tonic Studios Nuvo Glitter Drops
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1** Trim away one end of the card front so only 3.5cm remains, then trim the cut away piece to measure 3.5cm too.
- 2** Cut two strips of cardstock to fit inside the card blank strips and randomly stamp the large flower in Bubblegum Pink ink. Blend the same ink around the

edges and adhere to the card base strips.

- 3** Stamp the Bohemian Vintage Banner using Glamorous ink, add colour to the ribbon section using a pink pencil then fussy-cut the image. Blend Bubblegum Pink ink to the edges of the cut out.

- 4** Adhere the image first to the strip at the scored edge of the card blank, then line the second strip up with the reverse of the card blank and adhere the other side of the banner to it to create the card front, as shown.

- 5** Cut a piece of cardstock to fit inside the card blank and use Bubblegum Pink ink to stamp the large flower from the Bohemian Banner stamp all over it. Stamp the ink on to scrap paper first to get a paler colour.

- 6** Use Glamorous ink to stamp the sentiment then trim in to three sections. Blend Bubblegum Pink ink and adhere to the card blank as shown. Decorate with Nuvo Glitter Drops to finish.



Top Tip

Leave the Nuvo Glitter Drops to dry for 24 hours before putting in an envelope to avoid them being flattened

Pursuit of happiness

You'll need

- ▶ white 14.5cm-square card blank
- ▶ Creative Expressions Sentimentally Yours by Phill Martin Bohemian Flourish & Bohemian Sentiments stamp sets
- ▶ Memory Box Stitched Circle nesting dies
- ▶ Creative Dies Stitched & Pierced Scalloped nesting dies
- ▶ Rose Quartz, Puffy Heart, Purple Wine & Cosmic Berry Altenew inkpads
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Score a line down the centre of the card front then fold in half.

2 Cut a 14cm square of white cardstock and another 14x6.5cm piece. Stamp the 'be fierce' sentiment all over the panels, starting with the lightest colour ink and building up to the darkest. Blend Rose Quartz ink

around the edges and adhere to the card front.

3 Cut a piece of cardstock large enough to fit the Bohemian Flourish image. Use Rose Quartz ink in the centre of the image

and Puffy Heart ink around the edges then stamp. Add more colour using alcohol markers.

4 Die-cut in to a stitched circle then layer on to a slightly larger pierced scalloped circle

coloured using Purple Wine ink.

5 Layer the circles together using 3D foam pads then adhere the scalloped circle so it hangs over the edge of the card blank as shown.



Top Tip Use a stamp positioning tool to stamp the image, then build up colours and experiment with different combinations

Take care of you

You'll need

- ▶ white 17.5cm-square card blank
- ▶ turquoise cardstock
- ▶ white Sheena Douglass Stamping Card
- ▶ Creative Expressions Sentimentally Yours by Phill Martin Bohemian Banner, Bohemian Flourish & Bohemian Sentiments stamp sets
- ▶ Creative Dies Plus Wonky Stitches Square nesting dies
- ▶ Cracked Pistachio, Mermaid Lagoon & Evergreen Bough Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ Warm Breeze VersaFine Claire inkpad
- ▶ blue & white baker's twine
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the Bohemian Flourish stamp then spritz lightly with water and stamp in to the centre of the panel.

2 Apply Distress Ink to the stamp in the same way and stamp across the two corners of the panel, then ink up the Bohemian Banner image in the same way and fill in the gaps as shown. Leave to dry.

3 Die-cut using the middle and the largest Wonky Stitch Dies then trim in to three separate pieces. Layer all the pieces on to turquoise cardstock.

4 Adhere the smallest square in to the centre of the medium one using 3D foam pads. Wrap a length of baker's twine around both pieces and tie in to a bow, then adhere on to the remaining square using 3D foam pads. Attach to the card blank.

5 Use Warm Breeze ink to stamp the sentiment then trim in to three separate pieces. Layer each piece on to turquoise cardstock then adhere to the card blank to finish.

Step by step

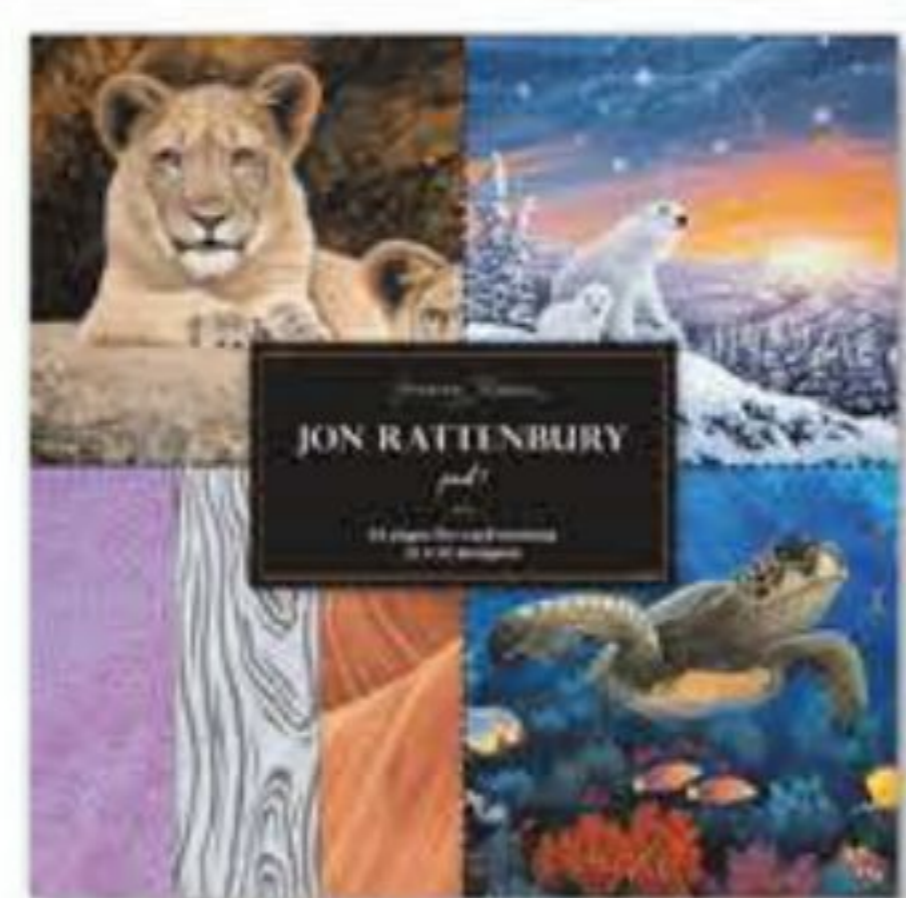
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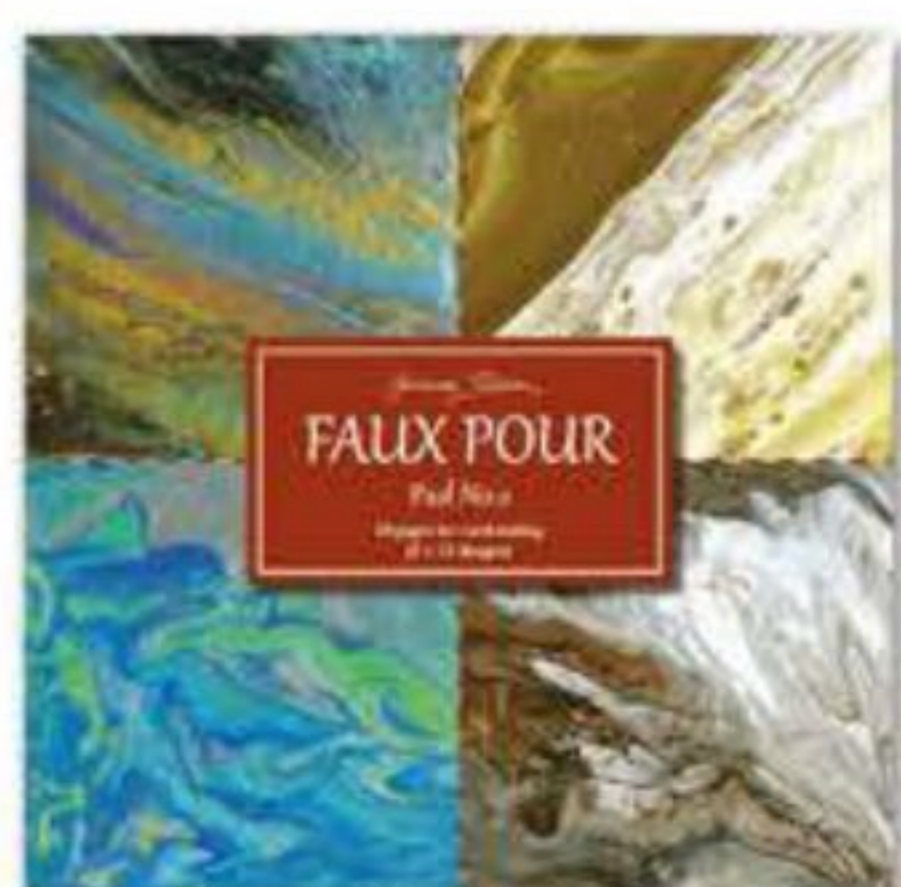
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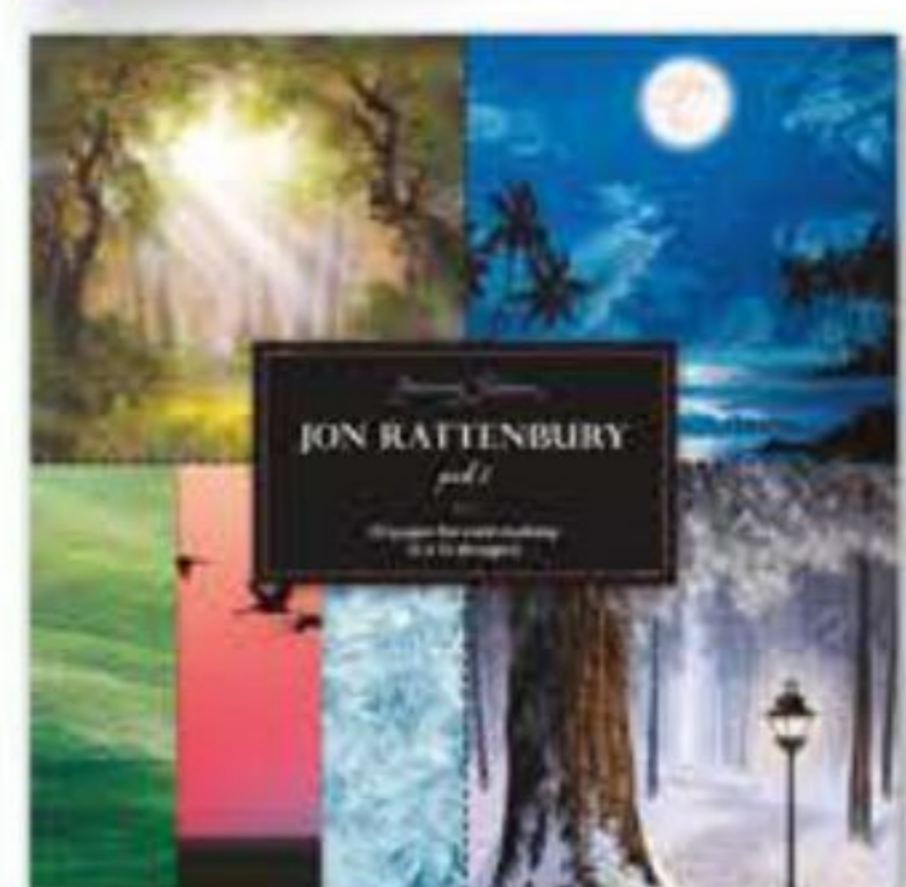
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Sweets and treats

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- ▶ Lawn Fawn Large Stitched Rectangles Stackables dies
- ▶ Basic Black, Pineapple Punch & Grapefruit Grove Stampin' Up! inkpad
- ▶ Sea Spray & Amethyst

- ▶ Docräfts acrylic paint
- ▶ yellow & white baker's twine
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ corner punch
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Use black ink to stamp the large lollipop design across the card front. Use the solid

lollipop dot stamp to colour each lolly with alternating orange and yellow ink.

2 Die-cut the second smallest stitched rectangle from white cardstock and stamp the sentiment at the bottom.

3 Use Sea Spray paint to colour three wooden lollipops and Amethyst paint to colour the swirls. You will need two coats. Leave to dry.

4 Pop the swirls inside the lollies then adhere to the card front as shown.

5 Add a yellow twine bow then round the bottom corners to finish.

Top Tip The little swirls in the embellishment pack fit perfectly inside the lollipops!

You're the sweetest

You'll need

- ▶ white 13.5cm square card blank
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ StickerKitten Sweet Pastels paper pack & Sweetie Jars stamp set
- ▶ Xcut circle nesting dies
- ▶ Basic Black, Pineapple Punch & Grapefruit Stampin' Up! inkpads
- ▶ Shaded Lilac Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Oxide Ink
- ▶ pink & white baker's twine
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ corner punch
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

2 Use the second largest circle die to cut an aperture in the card front as shown.

3 Use black ink to stamp a sweet shelf on the inside of the card towards the bottom of the aperture, then stamp the sentiment underneath.

4 Use black ink to stamp each of the jars and lids on to white cardstock. Use coloured ink to stamp the sweets inside the jars.

5 Cut out the jars and lids, assemble, and attach to the shelf using 3D foam squares.

6 Add a pink twine bow to finish.

Step by step

1 Place the square card blank tent fold and round the bottom. Cut a 13cm square of pink sweetie paper and round the bottom corners then adhere to the card front.

Top Tip The sweets stamps fit into any of the jars and can be layered up to make the jars brimming with lovely goodies!

Happy birthday

You'll need

- ▶ white Papermania 5x7" Foldies card blank
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ StickerKitten Sweet Pastels paper pack, Sweetie Jars stamp set & Jars and Sweets Wooden Embellishments
- ▶ Lawn Fawn Large Stitched Rectangles Stackables dies
- ▶ Lawn Fawn Large Stitched Circles Stackables dies
- ▶ Basic Black Stampin' Up! inkpad
- ▶ Sea Spray & Dusty Rose Docräfts Artiste acrylic paint
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Trim five 9.5cm-wide pieces of patterned paper and adhere each to the front facing panels of the Foldies card blank.

2 Die-cut the second largest rectangle from the front panel of the card blank, the largest circle from the next panel and the second largest circle from the third panel. Now you can see through to the fourth panel!

3 Paint the largest wooden jar using Sea Spray paint and the sweets using Dusty Rose paint. You will probably need two coats. Leave to dry.

4 Use black ink to stamp 'Happy birthday' on the jar. Adhere the jar and sweets to the centre of the card front as shown.

5 Stamp 'have a lovely day' on white cardstock. Trim to a small rectangle and adhere to the card front to finish.



Top Tip You can create your own multiple-fold card blank by adhering together a few regular card blanks

For someone sweet

You'll need

- ▶ white A6 card blank
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ StickerKitten Sweet Pastels paper pack & Sweet Shop stamp set
- ▶ Lawn Fawn Large Stitched Circles Stackables die set
- ▶ Basic Black Stampin' Up! inkpad
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ corner punch
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cut a panel of diagonal stripe paper just smaller than the card front. Round the top-right corner of the cardstock and paper then adhere to the card front.

2 Cut a 12x5cm panel of blue sweetie paper and snip a triangle from the bottom to create a pennant shape. Adhere

to the left-hand side of the card front then add a 9x2cm strip of pink sweetie paper on top, snipped at an angle on the bottom as shown.

3 Die-cut a medium stitched circle from pale peach striped paper and stamp the sentiment on the bottom. Adhere to the card front.

4 Use black ink to stamp a bakery on to white cardstock. Cut out and add to the centre of the circle using 3D foam pads to finish.

Top Tip For crisp stamping try using a stamping platform – you can re-ink and go over it if the impression doesn't stamp completely first time



Top Tip When fussy-cutting small pieces, keep the scissors steady and move the paper instead – it keeps the cutting neat and in control

Let's celebrate

You'll need

- ▶ white 13.5cm-square card blank
- ▶ StickerKitten Sweet Pastels paper pack, Sweet Shop stamp set & Sweetie Jars stamp set
- ▶ Lawn Fawn Large Stitched Circles Stackables dies
- ▶ Xcut Circle Nesting dies
- ▶ Basic Black Stampin' Up! inkpad
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ corner punch
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Round the right-hand corners of the card front.

2 Die-cut a large stitched circle from pink striped paper and a slightly smaller regular circle from pink sweetie paper, then adhere to the centre of the card front.

3 Use black ink to stamp the sweet shop, tree, bushes, bistro set and lollipop on to lilac sweetie paper and cut out the pieces. Arrange on the card front as shown, then adhere some elements flat and others using 3D foam pads.

4 Stamp 'let's celebrate' at the bottom of the card front to finish.

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Inked die impressions



Make a great impression with your existing die stash – Fiona Wilkes shows you how

Many of us are fortunate enough to have a selection of dies in our craft stash. In this article, I'm going to show you how even the simplest die can be used to create depth and add colour to your cards.

First, you need a good weight of cardstock to get a nice deep impression when you emboss using your die. I would suggest at least 250gsm. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions for your die-cutting machine to find the correct embossing sandwich. You can use any of your dies for this technique – smaller dies can be used to create background interest, while larger ones, such as those I have used in my Wildflower trellis design, can create an overall pattern. Whichever you choose, don't forget to do any die-cutting before you complete the embossing, otherwise it will be flattened during the second pass through the machine.

Once your desired image has been embossed on your cardstock, you can either colour over the whole area or stamp an overlay pattern. Although you can add colour to an embossed area by inking through a die, this technique allows you to get right up to the edge of the embossed area. It's a great way of adding depth and



interest to your cards without bulky layers.

I have used pigment ink to colour my inked impressions as they blend so evenly and

smoothly, but dye ink also gives great results. If you have intricate dies, masking paper will give a sharper edge to your colouring, but it really isn't necessary. This technique

is very budget friendly. Take a look at the dies you already have, grab a piece of copy paper and give it a go. It's simple and gives great results!

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Step by step

1 Cover the card front in Desert Storm cardstock.

2 Emboss the ring onto white cardstock. Cut a mask from copy paper and blend Sand Beige ink through the mask onto the embossed image. Leave to dry. Use glue to attach to the card front.

3 Die-cut three 'you' sentiments from Coral cardstock. Adhere the sentiments on top of each other and secure to the card front as shown. Stamp the remaining sentiment onto the centre of the card.

4 Die-cut a wildflower stem from Soft Green cardstock and adhere to the bottom-right side of the ring as shown.

5 Die-cut four small flowers from Coral, Desert Storm and Vanilla cardstock. Arrange the flowers over the stem and adhere in place.

6 Decorate the centre of the flowers with liquid pearls to finish.



Top Tip

If you have a stamping platform, this will make the overlaying of the pattern over blended areas easier and crisper



You are an amazing friend

You'll need

◆ Desert Storm Neenah Kraft colouring cardstock ◆ white stamping cardstock ◆ Coral, Vanilla & light green cardstock ◆ Card Making Magic Complete 5x7" Card & Box die set ◆ Card Making Magic Petal Trellis 5x7" die set ◆ Sugar Pea Designs You die ◆ Sizzix Thinlits Tim Holtz Wildflower stems #1 & #2 die sets ◆ Sugar Pea Designs Sweet Sentiments You stamp set ◆ Abandoned Coral Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Oxide Ink ◆ Pink Grapefruit & Wheat VersaMagic inks ◆ Cinnamon VersaColor inks ◆ 3D foam pads ◆ ink-blending tool ◆ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cover the card front with Desert Storm cardstock.

2 Cut a slightly smaller rectangle of white cardstock and use ink to emboss the trellis die in to it as shown. Use 3D foam pads to attach to the card front.

3 Cut three wildflowers from Coral, Desert Storm and Vanilla cardstock then adhere on the bottom-right corner of the card front.

4 Trim a banner of white cardstock, stamp the sentiment and adhere to the card front.

5 Die-cut the 'you' sentiment three times from light green cardstock. Carefully adhere together and secure to the card front to finish.

Top Tip

Use cardstock instead of copy paper to create a die-cut mask. If you create an ombré-effect background you also get a lovely coloured mask that can be used to make another card

Happy birthday

You'll need

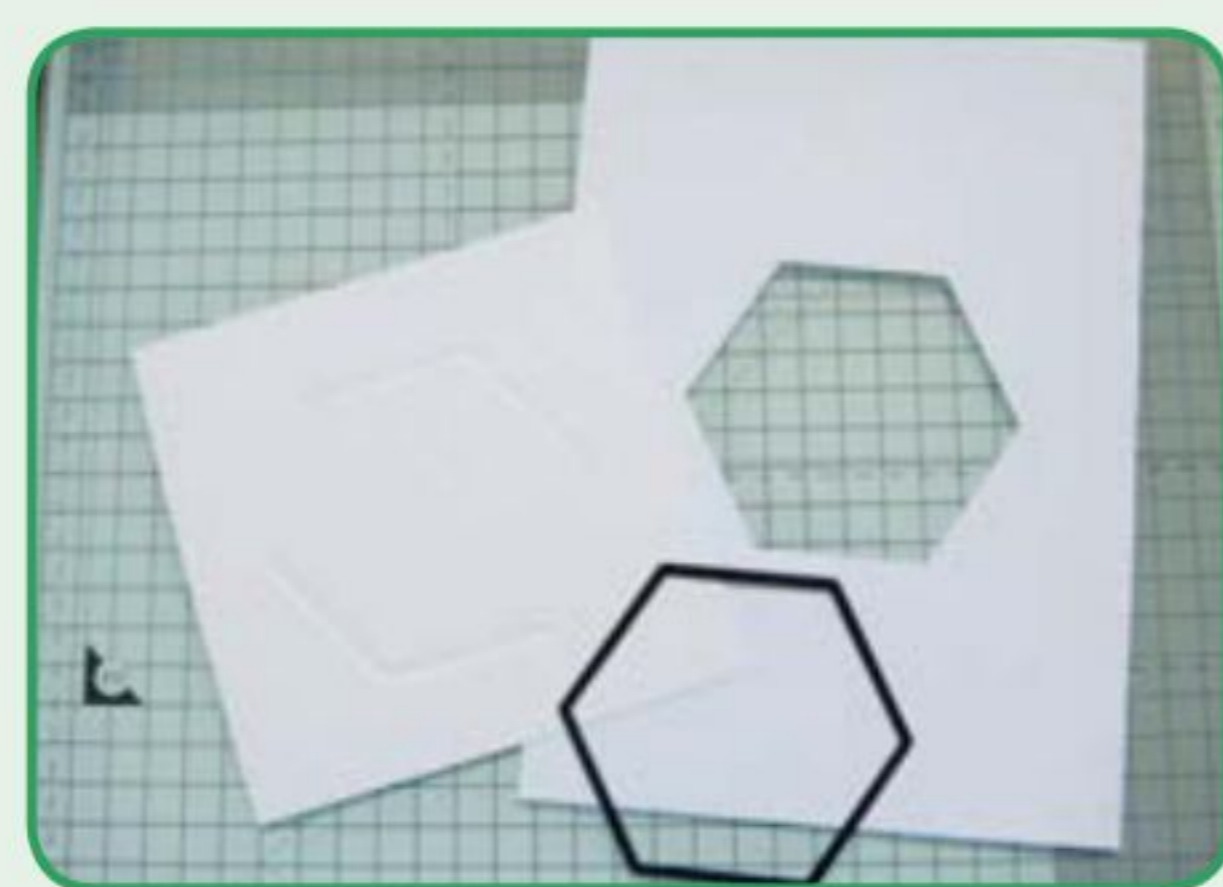
- ◆ white tent-fold card blank
- ◆ white stamping cardstock
- ◆ Coral, Vanilla & Soft Green cardstock
- ◆ Creative Expressions Craft Dies by Sue Wilson Finishing Touches Camellia Complete Petals die set
- ◆ Spellbinders Vines of Passion die
- ◆ Avery Elle Simple Sentiments stamps and die set
- ◆ Woodware Wood Panel stamp
- ◆ Rich Cocoa Memento inkpad
- ◆ Sand Beige VersaColor inkpad
- ◆ Gingerbread VersaMagic Dew Drop inkpad
- ◆ Coral & Mint Ranger Liquid Pearls
- ◆ Cream Dovecraft 3D Metallic Pearl Effects
- ◆ Washi tape
- ◆ 3D foam pads
- ◆ ink-blending tool
- ◆ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1** Attach Washi tape to both sides of the card front.
- 2** Emboss the heart on to a piece of white cardstock. Use copy paper to mask off the heart, blend Sand Beige ink over the heart and leave to dry.
- 3** Use Rich Cocoa ink to stamp the wood panel over the heart then remove the paper mask.
- 4** Cut the heart panel slightly narrower than the card front so the Washi tape shows then adhere into place.
- 5** Die-cut a selection of flowers and attach to the heart. Add pearl drops to the centre of the flowers.
- 6** Stamp the sentiment on to white cardstock, trim to size and adhere to the card front using 3D foam pads.



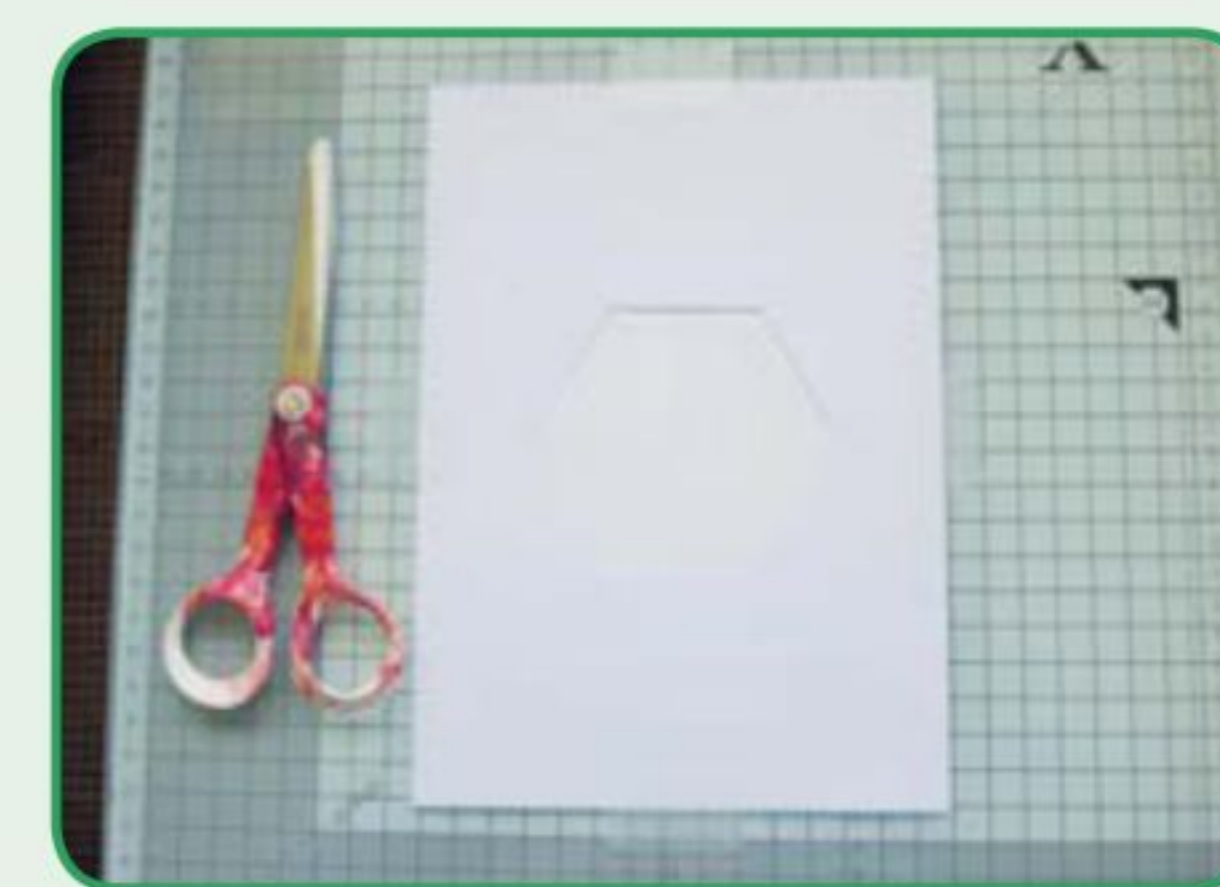
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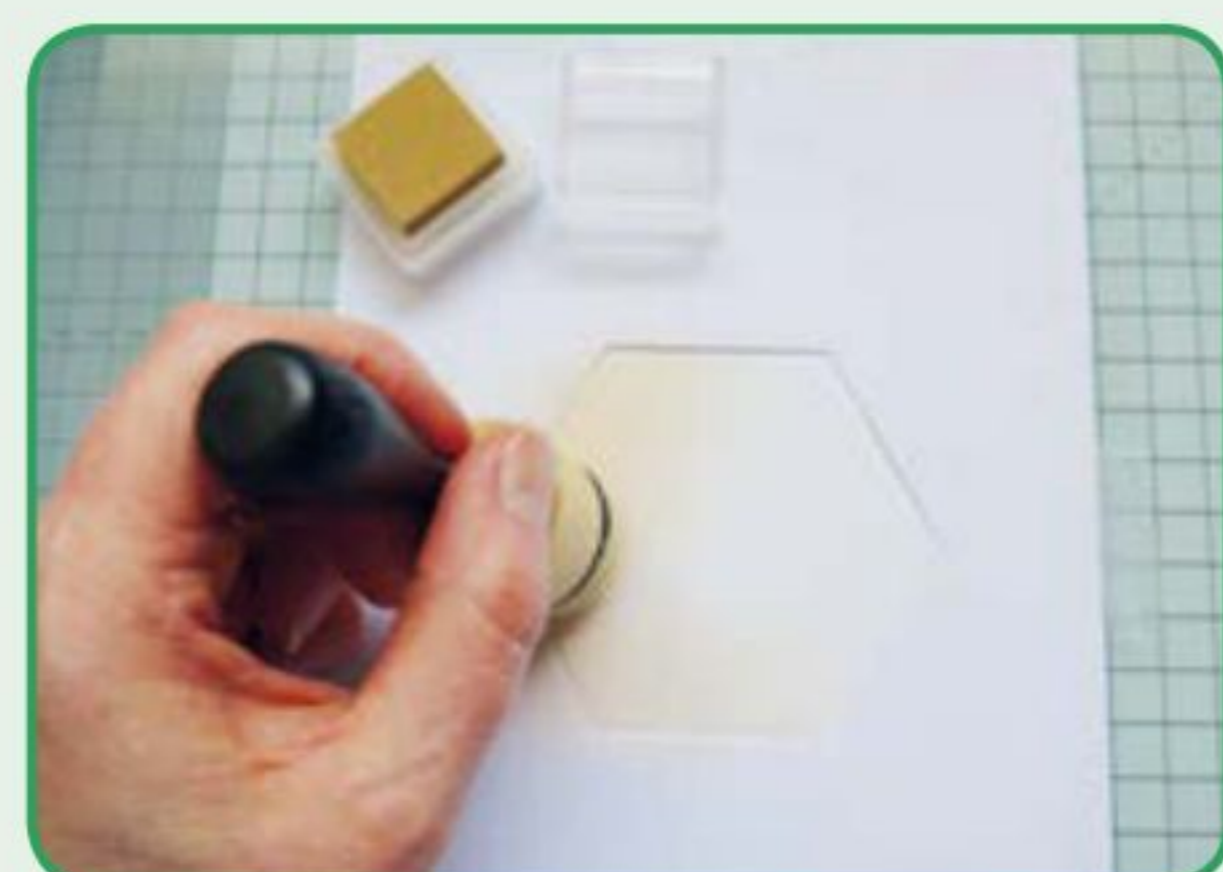
- 1** Emboss a piece of cardstock with your chosen shape. Cut the shape out of copy paper to create a mask.



- 2** Tape the embossed image down around the outer edge.



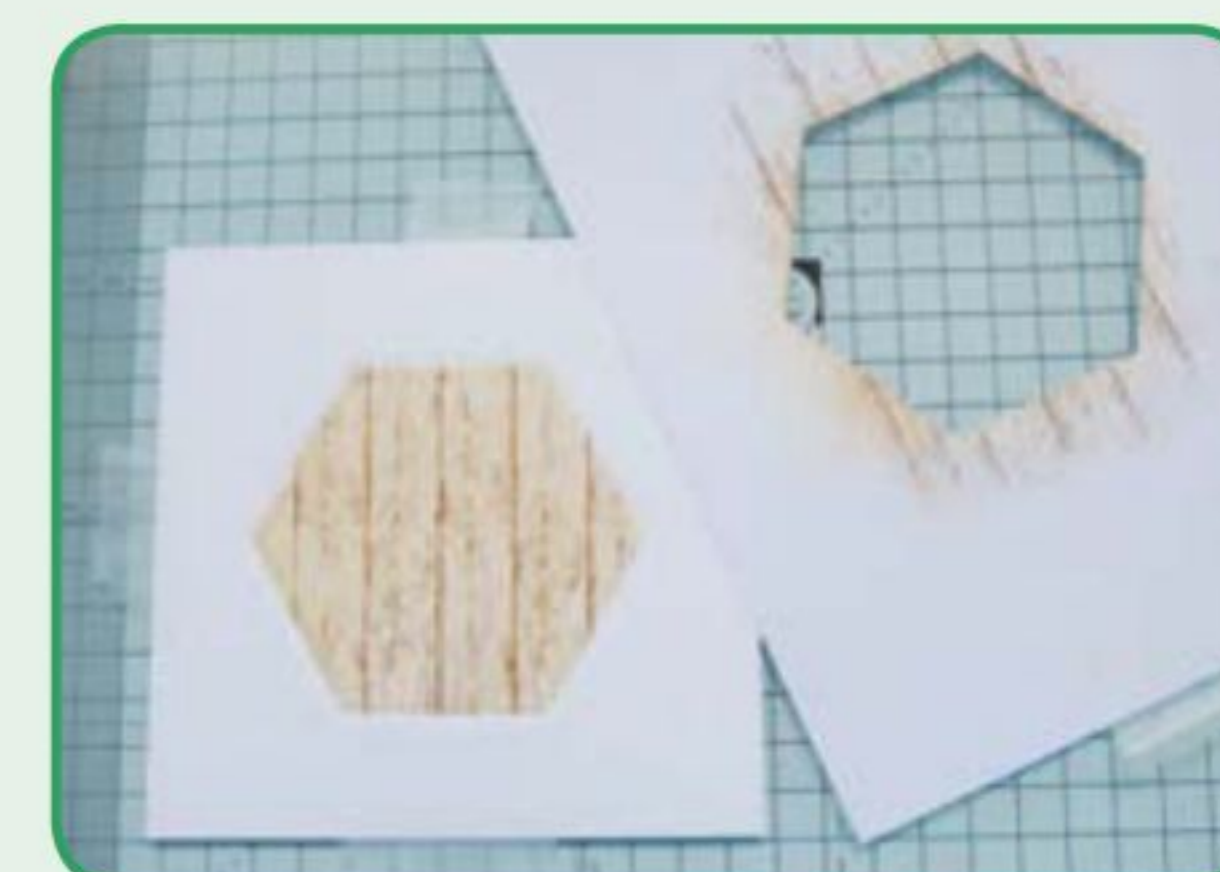
- 3** Carefully tape the copy paper mask over the embossed shape.



- 4** Use an ink-blending tool to colour the raised embossed shape.



- 5** Stamp the patterned image over the embossed area using a darker-toned inkpad.



- 6** Gently remove the mask and leave the coloured image to dry.



Where to buy

The Sizzix Thinlits Wildflowers Stems die sets are available from www.craftstash.co.uk

Thank you

You'll need

◆ white square card blank ◆ Coral, brown, light peach & Soft Green cardstock ◆ Altenew Peony Dream 3D die ◆ Sizzix Thinlits Essential Phrases die set ◆ Creative Expression Craft Dies by Sue Wilson Finishing Touches Laurel Leaves die set ◆ Sand Beige VersaColor inkpad ◆ Abandoned Coral Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Oxide Ink ◆ ink-blending tool ◆ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1 Emboss the leaves onto the white card blank.
- 2 Cut a mask from copy paper and blend Sand Beige ink through the mask onto the embossed image. Leave to dry.
- 3 Die-cut the peony from pale peach, Coral and brown cardstock. Adhere the peony together and attach to the card front over the leaves as shown.
- 4 Die-cut the sentiment from Soft Green cardstock and adhere to the card front to finish.



Top Tip

If you have particularly intricate shapes, consider using repositionable spray to hold your mask down whilst you blend or use masking paper



Happy birthday friend

You'll need

◆ white square card blank ◆ Soft Green cardstock ◆ white stamping cardstock ◆ Desert Storm Neenah Kraft colouring cardstock ◆ Wplus9 Clearcut Stacker Hexagon die set ◆ Sizzix Thinlits Tim Holtz Wildflower Stems #2 die set ◆ Craftwork Cards Daisy, Ditsy and Dotty stamp set ◆ The Artistic Stamper Sequin Waste open stamp ◆ Cinnamon VersaColor inkpad ◆ Grapefruit VersaMagic inkpad ◆ Rich Cocoa Memento inkpad ◆ 3D foam pads ◆ ink-blending tool ◆ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1 Create the shaped card blank by overhanging the

cutting edges of a hexagon die over the folded edge of a square card blank.

- 2 Cover the card front in Desert Storm cardstock.

- 3 Die-cut a hexagon in white cardstock smaller than the card front and emboss the hexagon onto the panel.

- 4 Cut a hexagon mask from copy paper. Secure the mask over the embossed image and blend pale Grapefruit ink over the raised area. Stamp the honeycomb pattern over the raised area in a darker ink.

- 5 Attach the panel to the card front using 3D foam pads.

- 6 Die-cut a wildflower stem three times from Soft Green cardstock and adhere on top of each other. Trim to size and adhere to the card front.

- 7 Use Rich Cocoa ink to stamp the sentiments and attach to the right-hand side of the card front to finish.

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Happy Father's Day

You'll need

- ▶ Wallace & Gromit foiled kit
- ▶ white 5x7" card blank
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Cover the card blank in blue bone paper.

2 Trim a strip from the Gromit patterned paper, lightly distress the top edge using scissors then adhere to the bottom of the card front.

3 Mount the 'With Love' border die-cut on to 3D foam pads below the strip of patterned paper and trim off the ends.

4 Attach the 'Just for You' tag at an angle with the lower portion flat to the card blank and the top edge popped up using 3D foam pads.

5 Mount the 'Happy Father's Day' banner die-cut on to 3D foam pads in the top-left corner of the card front to finish.



For extra dimension, pop up just the top of die-cut pieces such as tags

Turn to **page 16** to see the Angel policy for this kit



Crackin' job

You'll need

- ▶ Wallace & Gromit foiled kit
- ▶ white 5¾"-square card blank
- ▶ orange cardstock
- ▶ white gel pen

Step by step

- 1** Cut a piece of orange cardstock the same size as the card blank and adhere.
- 2** Use a white gel pen to hand-draw faux stitching around the edge.
- 3** Cut a piece of pinboard and postmark paper smaller than the card blank. Distress the edges using scissors and adhere at an angle on the panel. Curl up the corners.
- 4** Position the die-cut pieces 'THANKS' and 'Crackin' Job' on to the card front using 3D foam pads to finish.

Top Tip When trimming patterned paper, be aware of the design so you don't cut through things such as the posters and words

Have a crackin' day!

You'll need

- ▶ Wallace & Gromit foiled kit
- ▶ white A6 card blank
- ▶ blue cardstock
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

- 1** Cut a piece of blue cardstock slightly smaller than the card blank and adhere.
- 2** Trim a slightly smaller piece of the blue bone-patterned paper and lightly distress the edges. Adhere to the centre of the card front.
- 3** Mount the desk and birthday banner die-cut pieces on to 3D foam pads and adhere to the card front to finish.

Top Tip Select co-ordinating cardstock for backgrounds – this cardstock co-ordinates with the blue pencil holder on Gromit's desk



Happy birthday

You'll need

- ▶ Wallace & Gromit foiled kit
- ▶ white 5x7" card blank
- ▶ blue cardstock
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

- 1 Use scissors to distress the edges of a 5x7" piece of blue cardstock and adhere to the card front.
- 2 Cut a piece of blue striped paper slightly smaller than the card blank, lightly distress the edges and adhere on top.
- 3 Fussy-cut a teapot, cup and 'Have a great day' banner from the icon paper. Mount the 'happy birthday' border die-cut along the bottom of the card front and trim off the ends.
- 4 Position the Wallace die-cut poster at an angle as shown, and adhere the lower portion flat on the striped paper then pop up the top edge 3D foam pads.
- 5 Mount the fussy-cut pieces on to 3D foam pads and position them as shown to finish.



Fussy-cutting elements from patterned paper is a great way to get extra embellishment pieces



Have a great day

You'll need

- ▶ Wallace & Gromit foiled kit
- ▶ white 5 3/4"-square card blank
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

- 1 Cover the card blank in blue striped patterned paper.
- 2 Cut a piece of the 'Wallace' banner patterned paper (three banners deep). Use scissors to distress the top and bottom edges then adhere across the centre of the card front.
- 3 Attach the die-cut circle 'JUST FOR YOU' tag in the bottom-right corner using 3D foam pads.
- 4 Attach the die-cut 'HAVE A GREAT DAY' banner across the top using 3D foam pads, positioning it so the end of the banner covers the hole in the tag.



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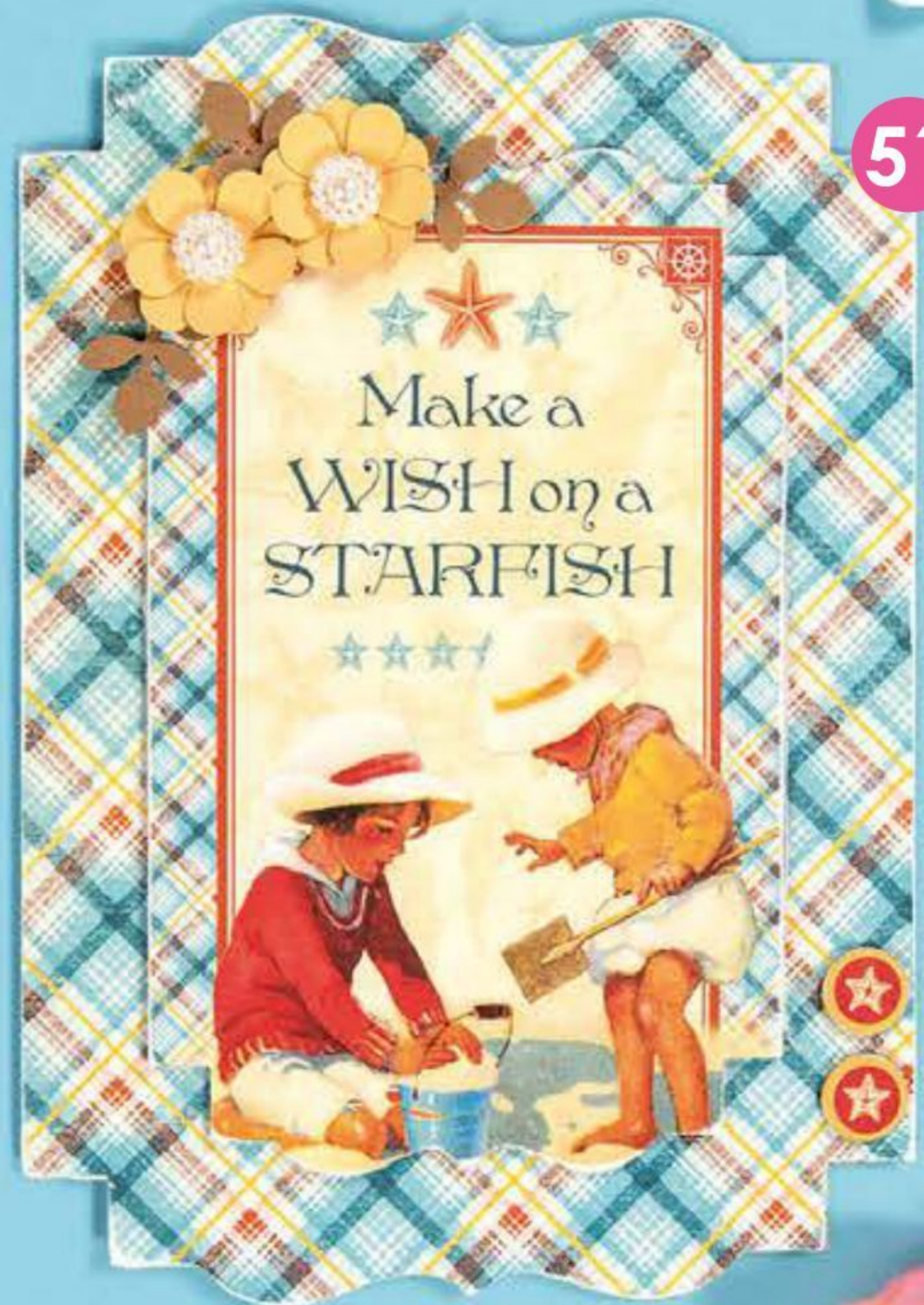


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You'll need

- ▶ Hunkydory Country Days collection
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ green ribbon
- ▶ gems
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Create a stepper card blank from white cardstock with

borders down each side as shown.

2 Split the square topper and use the border to frame the centre of the stepper.

3 Use 3D foam pads to add toppers and sentiments to the centre and side steps of the design as shown. Decorate using gems to finish.

Happy birthday

You'll need

- ▶ Hunkydory Country Days collection
- ▶ white 7"-square Ink Me! card blank
- ▶ gold Mirri Card
- ▶ gems
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Cut the width of the card front down 3" then layer the strip with gold Mirri Card plus the

image from the cardstock.

2 Layer the reverse of the card blank with gold Mirri Card then the remaining cardstock.

3 Use 3D foam pads to add the long topper from the Village Life set and position close to the top as shown.

4 Use 3D foam pads to secure a sentiment below the topper then decorate the design using gems to finish.

From me to you

You'll need

- ▶ Hunkydory Country Days collection
- ▶ white 8"-square Ink Me! card blank
- ▶ gold Mirri Card
- ▶ gems
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Adhere gold Mirri Card on to the card front.

2 Trim the borders from the Country Days background cardstock and join them together to form a broad band. Layer on to gold Mirri Card and adhere down the centre of the card front.

3 Use 3D foam pads to adhere toppers and sentiments on either side of the band and decorate the design with gems to finish.

Beautiful birthday

You'll need

- ▶ Hunkydory Country Days collection
- ▶ white A5 Ink Me! cardstock
- ▶ gold Mirri Card
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Layer cardstock from the collection and gold Mirri Card on to the card front, ensuring the image panel is on the right-

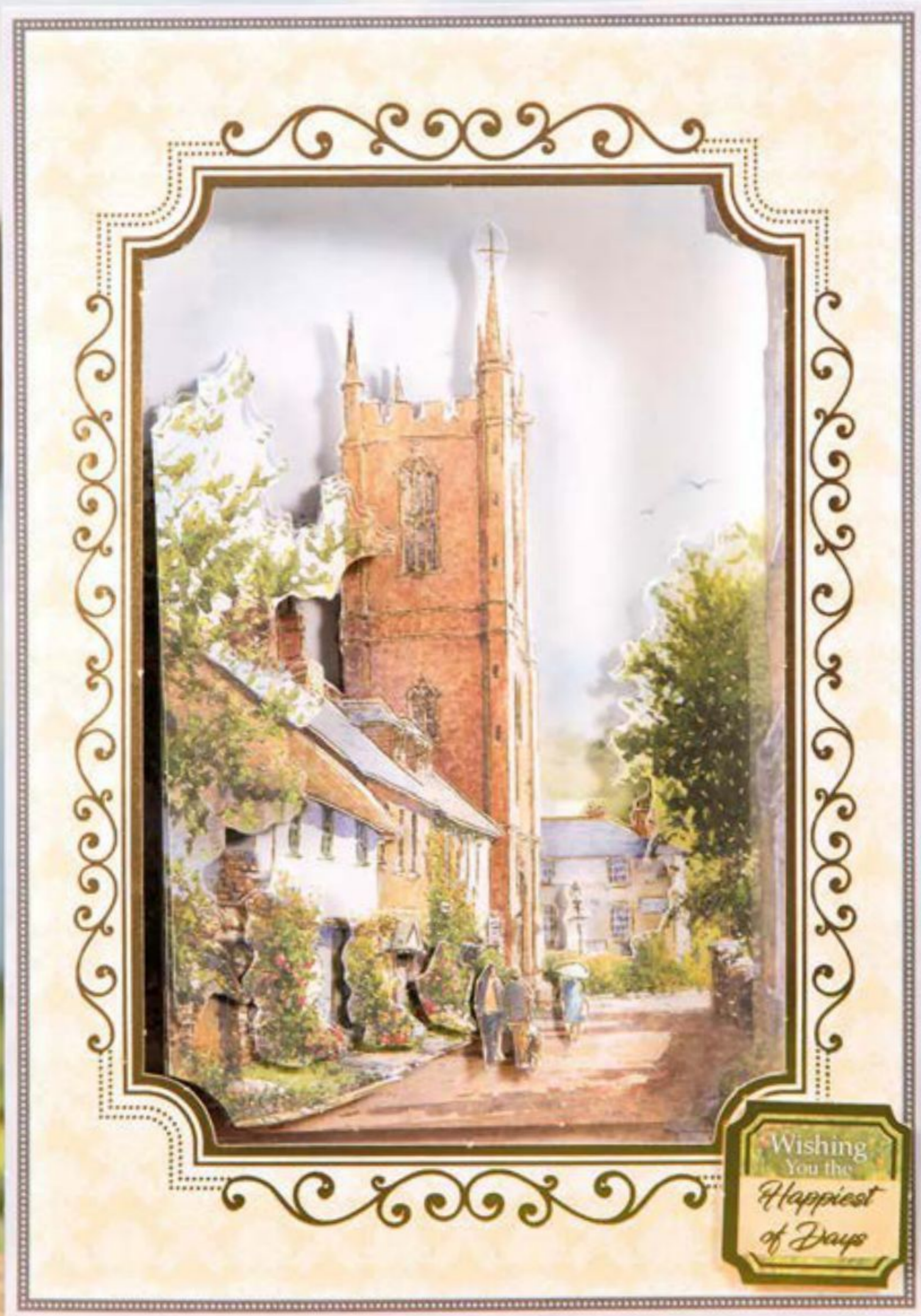
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2 Add a border down the left-hand side of the image, over the printed border.

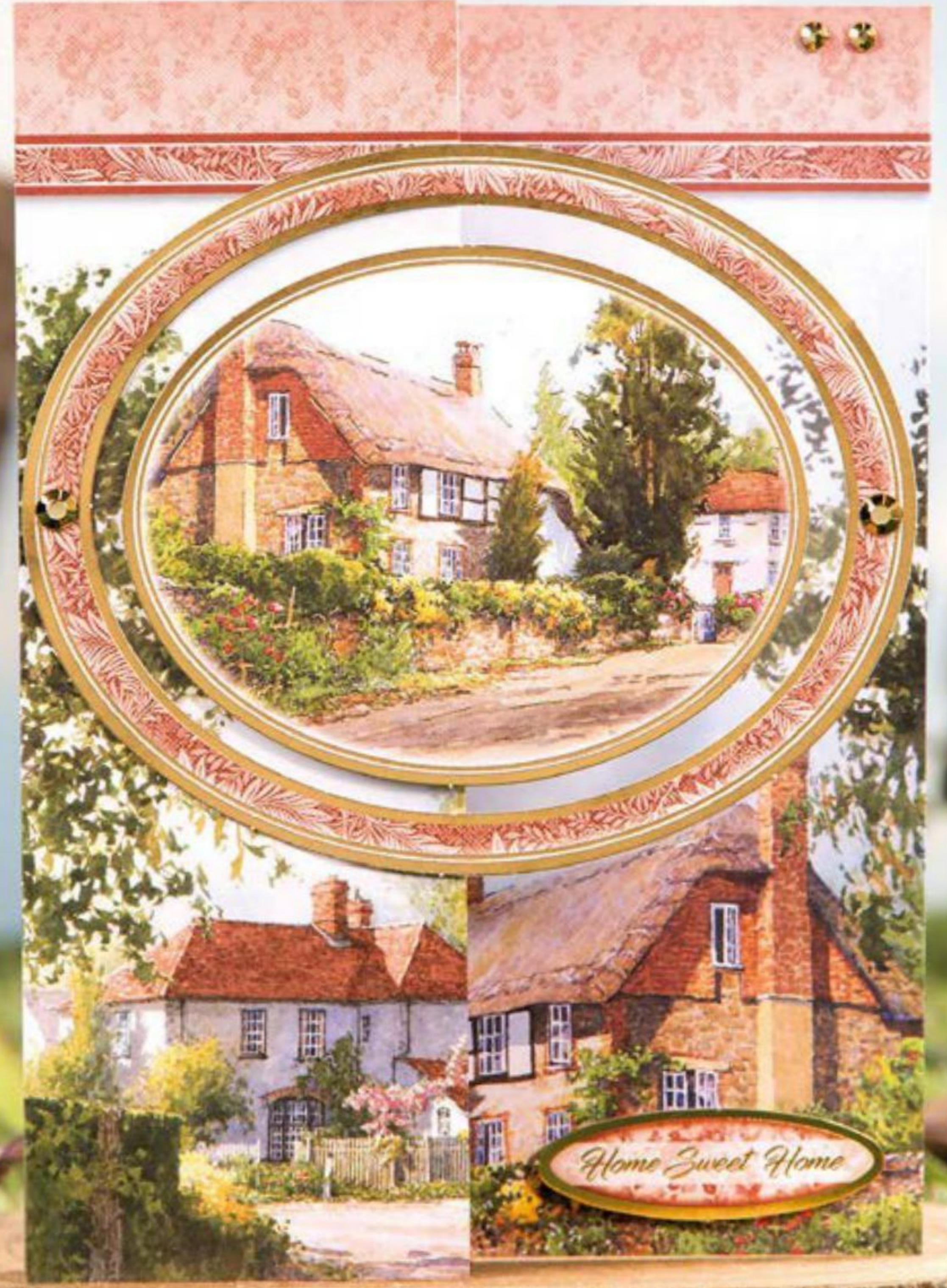
3 Line up the topper with the right-hand edge, ½" from the top of the card front.

4 Use 3D foam pads to adhere the tag and sentiment to the bottom plain panel of the card front then decorate using gems to finish.

The happiest of days



Home sweet home



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Home sweet home

You'll need

- ▶ Hunkydory Country Days collection
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Score the background cardstock to 3x6" then fold in half with the blank side on the outside. Fold the right-hand

edge back on itself to create a Z-fold card blank.

2 Split the topper and borders from the oval topper and adhere them to the folded back side of the card blank.

3 Use 3D foam pads to add a sentiment on the right-hand panel and add gems to decorate.

The happiest of days

You'll need

- ▶ Hunkydory Country Days collection
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Select a co-ordinating background and Deco-Large sheet.

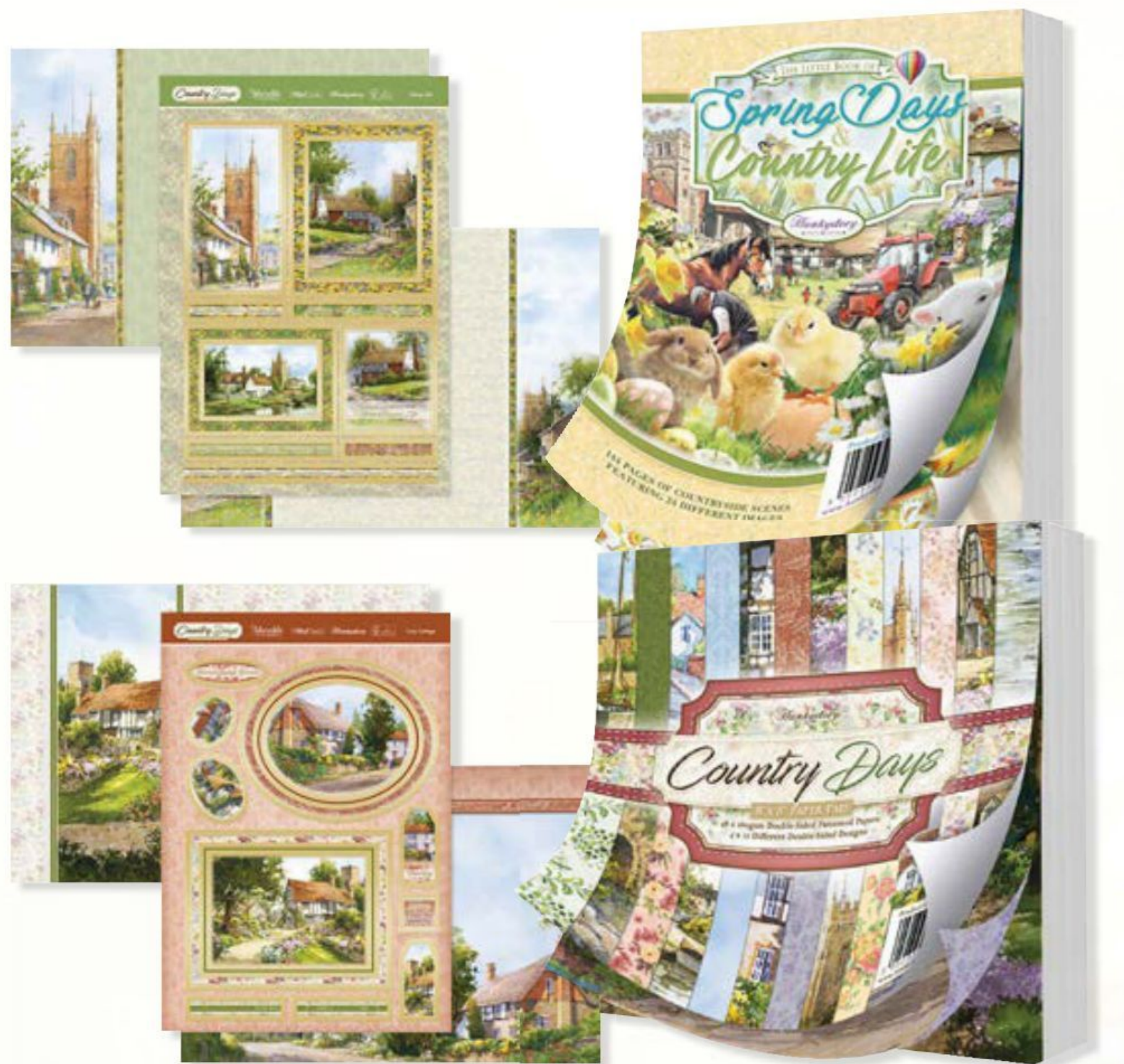
2 Make up the Deco-Large using 3D foam pads, working from the largest piece to the smallest as shown.

3 Take the centre topper from the accompanying card

blank and fold on the score line in the centre.

4 Add the Deco-Large so it lines up with the inside image and the shape of the card blank. Use 3D foam pads to add a sentiment to finish.

Top Tip Don't use too much glue gel or too many 3D foam pads or you could make your card top heavy



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Enjoy your day

You'll need

- ▶ Hunkydory Country Days collection
- ▶ white 7x5" Ink Me! card blank
- ▶ gold Mirri Card
- ▶ acetate
- ▶ gems
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Trim down the front panel of the concept card to just under 7x5", so the aperture sits centrally on the card blank.

2 Trim the image panel from the concept card so the

image fits the card front as shown.

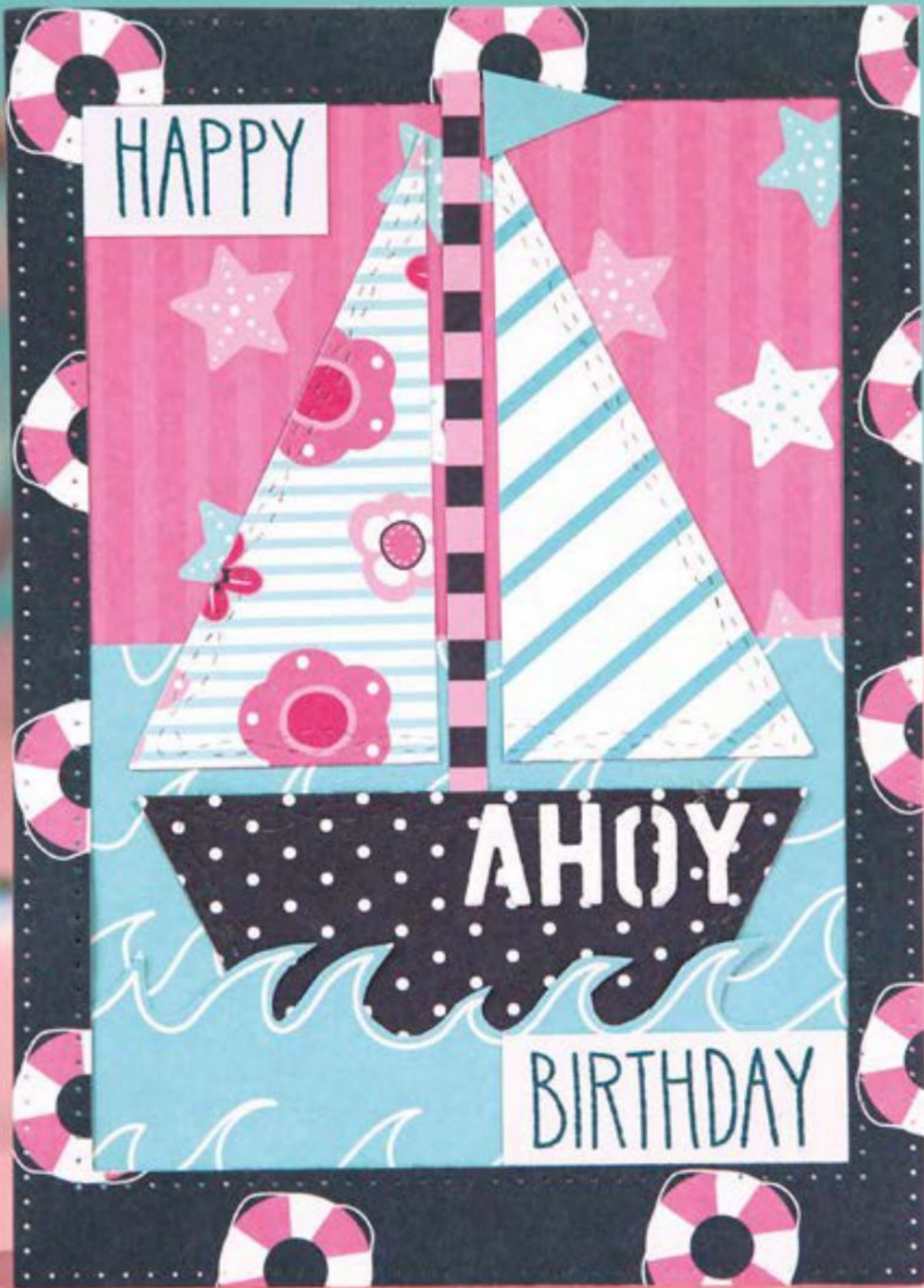
3 Layer gold Mirri Card on to the card blank then add the image as shown.

4 Attach the acetate to the reverse of the aperture and attach to the card blank using 3D foam pads.

5 Place two of the smaller layers of Deco-Large on the outside of the acetate using 3D foam pads.

6 Add a sentiment and decorate with gems to finish.

Birthday boat



Anchors and flowers



Nicky Gibart

Ahoy There

The new Ahoy There paper pad from Paper Addicts is perfect to wish your little sailors a happy birthday this summer

Whale hello there



Hip hip hooray



Anchors and flowers

You'll need

- ▶ Paper Addicts Ahoy There 12x12" paper pad
- ▶ white 5"-square card blank
- ▶ white & navy cardstock
- ▶ circle nesting dies
- ▶ Tonic Studios Will's Hand Happy & Birthday die sets
- ▶ pearls
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1 Matt a 4½" square of star patterned paper on to navy cardstock and trim a narrow border. Affix to the card front.
- 2 Die-cut a 3½" circle from a square of diagonal striped

paper and affix over the card front as shown.

3 Cut around a row of anchors and flowers and affix to the card front using 3D foam pads.

4 Die-cut the sentiment from patterned paper and matt onto a white die-cut background. Affix to the card front using 3D foam pads. Add pearls to finish.



Top Tip Save the waste from die-cutting circles to create quick frames for a different card

Birthday boat

You'll need

- ▶ Paper Addicts Ahoy There 12x12" paper pad
- ▶ white 5x7" tent-fold card blank
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Lawn Fawn So Much to Say stamp set
- ▶ Craft Dies by Sue Wilson Noble Collection Essential Sized Rectangles dies
- ▶ Creative Dies Plus Wonky Stitches Nesting Triangles dies
- ▶ Dovecraft Hooray die set
- ▶ Nautical Blue Memento inkpads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1 Die-cut a 5x7" frame from patterned paper. Cut wave and star patterned paper to create a background and adhere to the card front. Cut a layer of

waves to go in front of the boat but set aside for now.

2 To create the boat, die-cut two half triangles for sails and the bottom of a triangle for the hull. Trim a narrow strip for the mast and adhere the component parts.

3 Die-cut the 'HOORAY' sentiment and arrange the letters to spell 'AHOY' on the hull.

4 Adhere the front layer of waves and add the frame around the image as shown.

5 Stamp a birthday greeting on white cardstock and trim, then attach to the scene to finish.



Top Tip Select bold contrasting colours to distinguish the boat from the background

Hip hip hooray

You'll need

- ▶ Paper Addicts Ahoy There 12x12" paper pad
- ▶ navy A6 tent-fold card blank
- ▶ white & navy cardstock
- ▶ circle nesting dies
- ▶ Dovecraft Hooray die set
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1 Create the reverse easel base by folding back the front of the card blank. Cover the reverse and base with pink-rope patterned paper layered onto white cardstock.
- 2 Cut a 3x4½" rectangle of white cardstock and decorate with patterned paper layered on to a navy rectangle.
- 3 Affix to the base of the easel and decorate the bottom area using 3D foam

pads with cut out flowers and an anchor.

4 Die-cut the sentiment from navy and white cardstock and add coloured pieces of paper behind the letter apertures. Affix to the card front using 3D foam pads.

5 To create the stopper, die-cut a circle of patterned paper, layer onto a white cardstock circle and use a brad to attach it to the back panel so the front panel will tuck in to it to display the card.



Top Tip Make sure the stopper on a reverse easel card is strongly affixed to support the card front. In this case a brad through the centre is ideal

Whale hello there

You'll need

- ▶ Paper Addicts Ahoy There 12x12" paper pad
- ▶ white 6"-square card blank
- ▶ white & navy cardstock
- ▶ Gummiapan Whale! Hello There stamp
- ▶ Gummiapan Doodled Square die
- ▶ Tonic Studios Will's Hand Happy & Birthday die sets
- ▶ Nautical Blue Memento inkpads
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1 Cover a 5½" square of navy cardstock with pieces of patterned paper, leaving a narrow border, and affix to the card front.
- 2 Die-cut the Doodled Square from navy cardstock and

from a 4" square of wave-patterned paper. Adhere the paper frame to a 4¼" square of white cardstock and add the navy frame. Die-cut whales using the same die and add the central panel using 3D foam pads. Add a stamped sentiment.

3 Affix the die-cut panel to the card front using 3D foam pads.

4 Die-cut the sentiment from navy and white cardstock, adhere together as shown and affix to the card front using 3D foam pads to finish.



Top Tip Use a thin wet glue such as Cosmic Shimmer Dries Clear to get neat adhesion with delicate die-cuts

Birthday wishes



Trio of boats



Through the porthole



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- ▶ Dovecraft Happy Birthday die set
- ▶ baker's twine
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cover the card front with navy cardstock. Matt and layer a 3¾" square of polka dot paper onto pink patterned paper and white cardstock leaving a narrow border, then affix to the card front.

2 Adhere wave paper to white cardstock and die-cut a circle frame. Cut a same size circle from polka dot paper, and a

larger one from white cardstock.

3 Wrap baker's twine around the ring and seal to the reverse. Affix over the polka dot circle using 3D foam pads and adhere to the white circle, then to the card front. Add a twine bow.

4 Cut three boats from the patterned paper and affix to the card front as shown. Die-cut a sentiment from paper and white cardstock, affix together and add to the card front using 3D foam pads to finish.



Top Tip A drop-shadow die-cut sentiment created from two colours of cardstock adds strength and interest to a die-cut, making it easier to layer using 3D foam pads

Birthday wishes

You'll need

- ▶ Paper Addicts Ahoy There 12x12" paper pad
- ▶ white 6"-square card blank
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ oval nesting dies
- ▶ Your Next Stamp Scripty Happy Birthday Words die set
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Die-cut an oval card blank by positioning the die over the fold of a card blank. Die-cut another plain oval to cover the front and snip a sliver off the bottom of the back so that the card will balance.

2 Cover the card front with an oval of wave-patterned paper and die-cut an oval frame from polka dot paper.

3 Die-cut a selection of different-sized circles featuring boats and maritime images. Arrange around the frame and, when happy, affix to the frame using 3D foam pads.

4 Die-cut the sentiment from pink patterned paper and white cardstock. Adhere together to create a drop-shadow then affix to the card front using 3D foam pads.

5 Cut out a white whale and add to the maritime scene using a 3D foam pad to finish.



Top Tip Look within the papers to find elements that can be used as toppers. A simple circle die-cut boat becomes a useful embellishment



Add a pretty, nautical feel to your craft projects with the Paper Addicts Ahoy There paper pad! Ideal for any occasion, this decorative pad is illustrated with ocean-themed designs, including

anchors, ships and waves, set among beautiful florals. In a pink and blue colour palette, these sheets are perfect for cardmaking, die-cutting, scrapbooking and more!

Through the porthole

You'll need

- ▶ Paper Addicts Ahoy There 12x12" paper pad
- ▶ white A6 card blank
- ▶ white & navy cardstock
- ▶ circle nesting dies
- ▶ Dovecraft Hooray die set
- ▶ acetate
- ▶ sequins
- ▶ pearls
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ 3D foam sheet
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cover the card front with navy cardstock. Add a panel of patterned paper and die-cut a circle aperture through the whole card front.

2 Decorate inside the card blank with a boating scene using the patterned paper, trimmed to create a choppy sea as shown.

3 To create the porthole, die-cut a circular frame from striped paper. Cut two acetate circles and affix one to the frame. Adhere a frame of 3D foam pads around the edge, fill with sequins and seal the second acetate circle over it. Affix over the aperture.

4 Add pearls to the porthole, die-cut a compass from the paper and affix using 3D foam pads.

5 Die-cut the word 'HOORAY' and arrange the letters to spell 'AHOY'. Affix to patterned paper and add to the card front using 3D foam pads to finish.

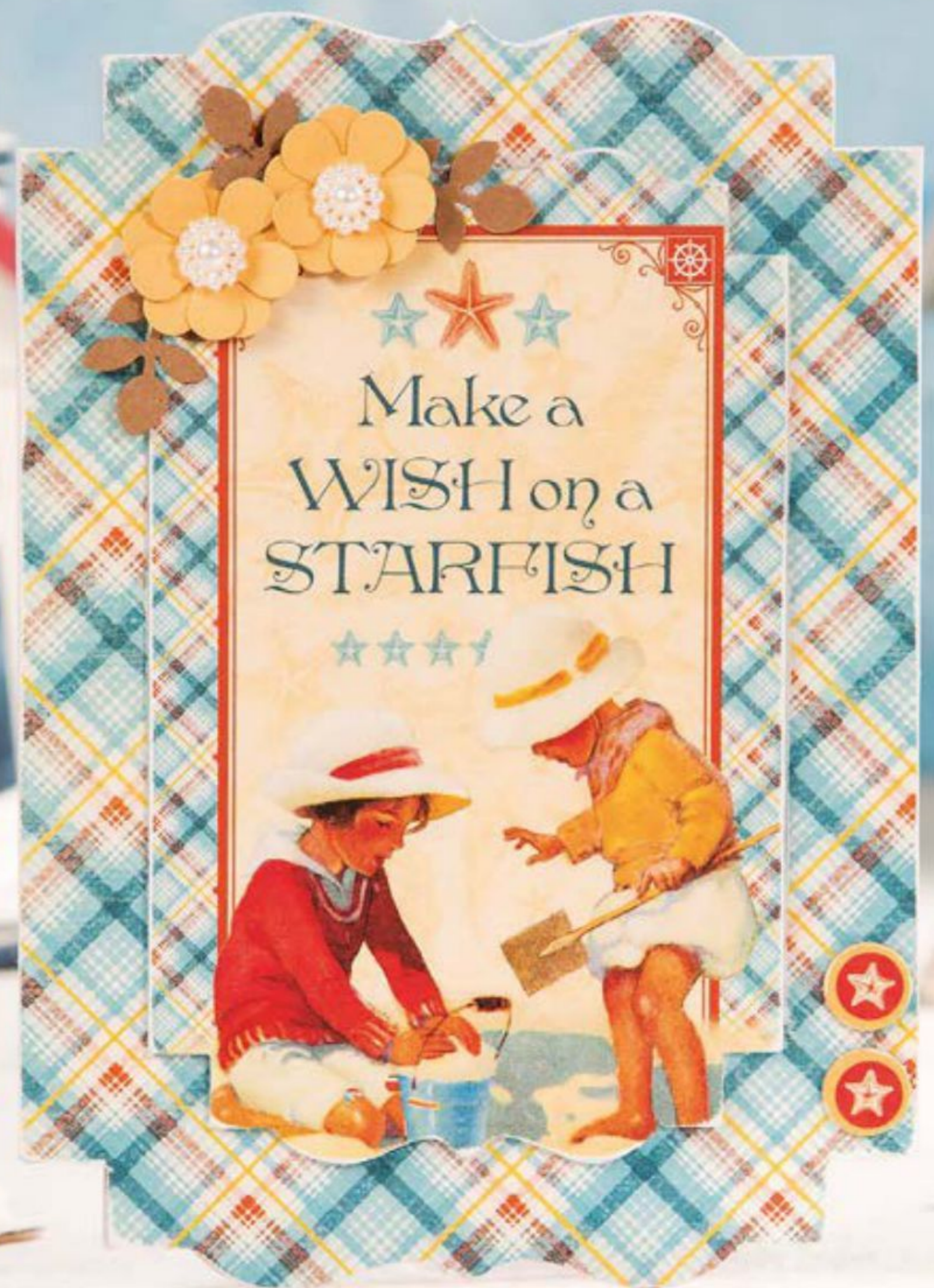


Top Tip Use 3D foam pads for sealing shaker cards - you can use the same size dies to cut it, then create an unbroken seal once adhered to the acetate

Greetings



Make a wish



Nicole Haupka

Beside the seaside

Let Graphic45's new By the Sea collection transport you to your favourite beach for a little nautical-style cardmaking

Beach rules



The sea is calling me



Make a wish

You'll need

- ▶ Graphic45 By The Sea collection
- ▶ Hunkydory Picture Perfect Portrait Aperture Card Blanks
- ▶ yellow & kraft cardstock
- ▶ white flower pearls
- ▶ sanding block
- ▶ flower & leaves craft punch
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Use tape to secure the inside die-cut section of the card blank to the card front. Cover the card front with blue tartan paper and sand the edges.

2 Remove another die-cut piece from a second card blank. Place it on the 'Make A Wish On A Starfish' topper and draw around the outline with

a pencil. Cut out and erase the pencil lines. Use a sanding block around the edges. Mount on to 3D foam pads and attach to the card front.

3 Punch a selection of flowers from yellow cardstock and leaves from kraft cardstock. Put two petals together and add a flower pearl in the centre using 3D foam pads. Adhere in the top-left corner of the topper.

4 Add chipboard shapes in the bottom-right corner to embellish.

Top Tip Use coloured cardstock to combine busy patterns from the collection

Greetings

You'll need

- ▶ Graphic45 By The Sea collection
- ▶ Hunkydory Picture Perfect Portrait Aperture Card Blanks
- ▶ yellow, Coral & kraft cardstock
- ▶ white flower pearls
- ▶ sanding block
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ flower & leaves craft punch
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Remove the die-cut centre piece from the card blank and set aside. Use a pencil to draw the outline of the front onto red paper. Cut out, erase the pencil lines and cover the card front with it. Use a sanding block to go around the edges.

2 Cover inside the card blank with blue tartan paper and sand the edges.

3 Take the die-cut centre piece from the card blank and draw around a beach scene. Cut out and sand the edges. Mount

onto 3D foam pads and adhere inside the card blank.

4 Trim the 'Greetings' sentiment into a strip then attach on the left-hand side of the aperture.

5 Punch a selection of flowers from coloured cardstock and leaves from kraft cardstock. Put two petals together and adhere flower pearls in the centre. Arrange the flowers around the sentiment and close any visible gaps.

6 Cut a 4cm-wide strip of cardstock the same length as the bottom of the card blank. Score and fold at 0.5cm, 2cm and 3.5cm. Affix on the inside of the aperture and on the reverse of the card blank. This ensures that the card won't open too wide.

Top Tip Create quick and impressive projects with fancy card blank shapes

The sea is calling me

You'll need

- ▶ Graphic45 By The Sea collection
- ▶ Hunkydory Ink Me! Heart Gatefold Luxury Shaped Cards
- ▶ yellow cardstock
- ▶ My Favorite Things STAX Die-namics Stitched Circle Scalloped Edge Frames dies
- ▶ white flower pearls
- ▶ sanding block
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cover inside the card blank and the outer panels with anchor paper. Use a sanding block to go around the edges.

2 Use a pencil to draw around each half of the heart onto red paper and cut out. Erase the

pencil lines and affix to the card front. Sand the edges.

3 Secure the inside of the chipboard topper to the frame using tape on the reverse. You can cover the tape with paper cut to fit the chipboard shape. Die-cut a small scalloped frame from yellow cardstock. Layer on to the topper then fix to the left-hand half of the heart.

4 Mount the sticker sentiment on to 3D foam pads and attach to the topper. Use 3D foam pads to add flower pearls on each side of the topper to finish.

Top Tip Decorate toppers from the collection with stitched frame dies

Beach rules

You'll need

- ▶ Graphic45 By The Sea collection
- ▶ Hunkydory Ink Me! Triple Easel Fancy Shaped Card Blanks
- ▶ kraft cardstock
- ▶ Altenew Heartfelt Sentiments stamp set
- ▶ black inkpad
- ▶ sanding block
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Cover the long panel of the card blank with red gingham paper. Cut two triangles of striped paper to fit the side panels then sand the edges.

2 Trim two lighthouse toppers to 9.5x6.3cm. Cut another topper to 7.5x4.5cm and fix to the centre of the lighthouse using 3D foam pads. Layer onto kraft cardstock and leave a narrow border. Affix the toppers

to the triangles as shown.

3 Cut out two 'Beach Rules' toppers. Create a frame by removing the inside of one of them. Mount the frame onto 3D foam pads and affix to the complete topper. Use a sanding block around the edges then fix to the centre of the easel.

4 Stamp a sentiment onto the 'Ahoy There' chipboard. Mount on to 3D foam pads and attach in the centre of the card blank.

5 Trim two 12.2x1cm strips of blue patterned paper. Use 3D foam pads to fix to the flat section of the card blank, either side of the chipboard sentiment to finish.

Top Tip Decorate toppers from the collection by using stitched frame dies

Sending love your way



Wish on a starfish



You are my anchor



Get the look!



Graphic45's By the Sea collection is available from www.g45papers.com or www.charmedcardsandcrafts.co.uk



Wish on a starfish

You'll need

- ▶ Graphic45 By The Sea collection
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ baker's twine
- ▶ sanding block
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

- 1 Create a white 13.8x10.5cm tent-fold card blank.
- 2 Cover the card front with red gingham paper then sand the edges.
- 3 Trim two 11.4x8.3cm panels of anchor paper. Wrap

twine around the chipboard sentiment then fix to the anchor panels using double-sided tape on the reverse.

- 4 Layer the panel onto the card front then embellish the corners using stickers to finish.

Top Tip

Add extra depth to your designs with 3D foam pads or multiple layers

Sending love your way

You'll need

- ▶ Graphic45 By The Sea collection
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Altenew Sentiments & Quotes stamp set
- ▶ black inkpad
- ▶ white flower pearls
- ▶ baker's twine
- ▶ sanding block
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

- 1 Create a 14cm-square tent-fold card blank. Cover the

front with red paper and sand the edges.

- 2 Cut two 14x11cm panels of blue tartan paper. Wrap baker's twine around and secure using double-sided tape on the reverse. Sand the edges then mount on to the card front.

- 3 Stamp a sentiment on the lighthouse topper. Fix to the centre of the card front using 3D foam pads.

- 4 Add two chipboard shapes as shown to finish.



It's time to bring some sunshine to your day! This stunning By the Sea collection is sure to warm your heart and capture your imagination.

Consisting of double-sided paper, chipboard tags and stickers, you can design beautiful cards for beach-loving family and friends with this all-in-one kit.

You are my anchor

You'll need

- ▶ Graphic45 By The Sea collection
- ▶ red, blue, white & kraft cardstock
- ▶ Altenew Sentiments & Quotes stamp set
- ▶ XCut Heart nesting dies
- ▶ black inkpad
- ▶ flower & leaves craft punch
- ▶ white flower pearls
- ▶ sanding block
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1 Create a white 14cm-square card blank.
- 2 Cover the card front with striped paper and sand the edges. Trim a 14x5cm strip of

blue paper. Sand and adhere to the left-hand side of the card front.

- 3 Die-cut a heart from red paper and use a sanding block around the edges. Fix to the right-hand side of the card front.

- 4 Trim the 'You're my Anchor' topper and stamp a sentiment on it. Sand the edges and attach to the card front.

- 5 Punch out a selection of flowers and leaves. Put two petals together and add a flower pearl in the centre using 3D foam pads, then arrange below the sentiment topper. Add two chipboard shapes to embellish.

Birthday rose



Thank you



Claire Newcombe

In the greenhouse

The new geometric-style Greenhouse collection from Kaisercraft is perfect for your botanical-loving friends

Love you



Birthday flower



Thank you

You'll need

- ▶ Kaisercraft Greenhouse collection
- ▶ white 15cm-square card blank
- ▶ circle nesting dies
- ▶ Stix2 2-in-1 glue pen
- ▶ Stix2 Vintage Tones Foil
- ▶ grey inkpad
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1 Create a 13cm circle card blank by placing a circle die over the fold of a square card blank and die-cutting. Cover the card front with green triangle paper.
- 2 Place the chevron stickers across the width of the card front just below the centre line.

3 Use three different-sized circle dies to create discs of co-ordinating patterned paper.

4 Arrange the circles as shown and include a scalloped border through the centre of the arrangement. Use 3D foam pads to adhere as shown.

5 Apply 2-in-1 glue to a terrarium image, leave to go clear then apply foil. Adhere to the card front as shown using 3D foam pads.

6 Apply small circle stickers and sentiments to finish.

Top Tip Always play with the composition of elements before permanently adhering – take a photo before removing to apply adhesive

Thank you

Birthday rose

You'll need

- ▶ Kaisercraft Greenhouse collection
- ▶ white 11x15cm card blank
- ▶ Creative Expressions Sue Wilson Snowflake Filigree Frame die set
- ▶ grey inkpad
- ▶ silicone glue gel
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1 Cover the card front with neutral coloured paper. Trim an 11x13cm piece of blue chevron paper. Blend grey ink around the edges then adhere to the card front leaving a narrow border at the top and bottom.

2 Apply grey ink to the edges of the 'happy birthday' panel and a scalloped border from the kit. Die-cut a decorative layer from neutral paper and apply ink to these edges also.

3 Adhere a large die-cut so it over hangs the card and trim away the excess. Use silicone glue gel to adhere a blue flower and leaf sprigs as shown.

4 Layer and adhere a scalloped border and sentiment, overlapping the blue flower as shown to finish.

Top Tip Apply ink to all edges of the paper to add depth

Birthday flower

You'll need

- ▶ Kaisercraft Greenhouse collection
- ▶ white 15cm-square card blank
- ▶ grey inkpad
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

- 1 Trim a 5x11cm piece of green resist spot paper and adhere to the card front.
- 2 Cut a slither of green cactus paper as a flower stem.
- 3 Arrange three geometric wooden shapes in a petal

formation and adhere to the card front as shown. Use an epoxy curio sticker to create the centre of the flower.

4 Trim a 15x4cm piece of pink distress paper and adhere to the bottom of the card front.

5 Apply grey ink to the edges of a pre-cut pink scalloped border, adhere over the join on the card front as shown.

6 Use 3D foam pads to add the sentiment to finish.

Love you

You'll need

- ▶ Kaisercraft Greenhouse collection
- ▶ Mint Hunkydory Adorable Scorable cardstock
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

- 1 Create a 15x11.5cm card blank from Mint Adorable Scorable cardstock. Layer a 14x10.5cm piece of green cloud-effect paper on to Mint Adorable Scorable cardstock then adhere to the card front.
- 2 Take a chevron sticker, trim to size and adhere to the card front as shown.

3 Select and arrange the stickers and die-cuts, including a wooden element, a greenhouse frame and epoxy curio sticker for contrast in colour and texture.

4 Use 3D foam pads to adhere the two front elements then add a sentiment to finish.

Top Tip When grouping 3D elements and stickers from a collection, select different colours and shapes for interest

happy birthday

BE YOUR OWN KIND OF beautiful

Love, be kind



Beautiful day



Happy birthday



Get the look!

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The Greenhouse collection
from Kaisercraft is available from
www.kaisercraft.com.au
or www.craftie-charlie.co.uk



Beautiful day

You'll need

- ▶ Kaisercraft Greenhouse collection
- ▶ white 15cm-square card blank
- ▶ silicone glue gel

Step by step

- 1 Cover the card front with green cactus paper.
- 2 Trim a 13cm square of green chevron paper, layer onto green cactus paper and adhere to the centre of the card front.
- 3 Fussy-cut a pre-printed sentiment and découpage elements of the design from the

paper pad. Gently shape and curl the cut elements then build the design using silicone glue gel to add dimension.

4 Adhere the découpage elements to the card front as shown.

5 Adhere the 'beautiful' die-cut word and build the sentiment using the self-adhesive alphabet from the collection.

Top Tip Flat self-adhesive stickers can be made dimensional by using 3D foam pads

Love, be kind

You'll need

- ▶ Kaisercraft Greenhouse collection
- ▶ white 11x15cm card blank
- ▶ Stix2 2-in-1 glue pen
- ▶ Stix2 Vintage Tones Foil
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

- 1 Trim an 11cm square of white concrete paper and an 11x4cm piece of green cactus paper then adhere to the card front.
- 2 Cut a large floral sticker, trim to size and adhere across the join as shown.
- 3 Apply 2-in-1 glue to a wooden geometric shape.

When the glue appears clear, apply foil then burnish well for good coverage.

4 Adhere the 'Love' die-cut using 3D foam pads and select a pre-printed sentiment.

5 Cut a 2.5x1cm piece of pink, foiled, geometric paper, trim one end into a banner shape then adhere to the card front as shown to finish.

Top Tip Alter the wooden elements of the collection with medium of your choice: foil, alcohol markers, paint, etc.



Kaisercraft's on-trend Greenhouse collection is a plant lover's dream! Succulents, cacti and terrariums of all shapes and sizes playfully dance across pastel watercolour pages while inspirational quotes will have you living life in full bloom!

Happy birthday

You'll need

- ▶ Kaisercraft Greenhouse collection
- ▶ white 15cm-square card blank
- ▶ pale pink Hunkydory Adorable Scorable cardstock
- ▶ grey inkpad
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ Stix2 2-in-1 glue pen
- ▶ Stix2 Vintage Tones Foil
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

- 1 Cover the card front with pale pink cardstock.
- 2 Adhere an 11cm circle of pink distressed design paper to a 14.5cm square of pink geometric foil paper as shown. Trim the excess then attach to the card front.

3 Apply a self-adhesive pink spotted border sticker across the width of the card front then adhere a green scalloped border and sentiment tab as shown.

4 Apply foil to a wooden geometric shape then colour two further wooden foliage embellishments using alcohol markers.

5 Arrange and adhere two floral die-cut elements with wooden embellishments on the card front as shown and secure using 3D foam pads.

Top Tip Applying dimensional adhesive just to the centre of embellishments allows you to build and tuck arrangements with ease



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Time for tea

Your Wallace & Gromit foiled kit isn't just for men – here Liz McGuire shares five Piella-inspired projects for women

Turn to **page 16** to see the Angel policy for this kit

Have a great day

You'll need

- ▶ Wallace & Gromit foiled kit
- ▶ white 13x18cm card blank
- ▶ yellow cardstock
- ▶ pearls
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Trim two contrasting pieces of patterned paper to 12x10cm and 12x6.5cm.

2 Layer on to yellow cardstock, leaving narrow borders, then adhere to the card front.

3 Use 3D foam pads to attach the foiled images and sentiment as shown, then decorate using pearls to finish.

Top Tip Experiment with different layouts before adhering the elements



Turn to **page 82** to see gift and giftwrap ideas using your kit



With thanks

You'll need

- ▶ Wallace & Gromit foiled kit
- ▶ white 15cm-square card blank
- ▶ pink & yellow cardstock
- ▶ circle & scalloped circle dies
- ▶ pearls
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Trim a 14cm square of patterned paper, layer on to pink cardstock and adhere to the card front.

2 Die-cut a circle from yellow cardstock and layer on to a pink scalloped circle. Die-cut a smaller circle from patterned paper and adhere to the yellow circle. Adhere the circle panel to the card front.

3 Attach the foiled images and sentiment using 3D foam pads then decorate with pearls to finish.



Create a narrow border from co-ordinating cardstock to help the patterned paper stand out

Piella easel

You'll need

- ▶ Wallace & Gromit kit
- ▶ white 15cm-square easel card blank
- ▶ pearls
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Using contrasting patterned paper to cover the card base and front as shown.

2 Trim a 2x14.5cm piece of patterned paper and adhere across the card front.

3 Use 3D foam pads to attach the foiled images and sentiment as shown, then decorate using pearls to finish.



For a neat finish trim off the tags from the die-cut elements

Time for tea

You'll need

- ▶ Wallace & Gromit foiled kit
- ▶ white 13x18cm card blank
- ▶ pink cardstock
- ▶ pearls
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

- 1** Trim a 12x17cm piece of patterned paper.
- 2** Layer on to pink cardstock, leaving narrow borders, then adhere to the card front.
- 3** Use 3D foam pads to attach the foiled images and sentiment as shown, then decorate using pearls to finish.



Happy birthday

You'll need

- ▶ Wallace & Gromit foiled kit
- ▶ white 12.5cm-square card blank
- ▶ green & white cardstock
- ▶ circle & scalloped circle dies
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inkpad
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ pearls
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1** Trim an 11.5cm square of patterned paper, layer on to green cardstock and adhere to the card front.
- 2** Die-cut a white circle then use Tuxedo Black ink to stamp the image. Colour using markers then layer on to a green scalloped circle. Attach the image panel to the card front using 3D foam pads.
- 3** Stamp the sentiment on to white cardstock and attach to the card front using 3D foam pads. Decorate with pearls to finish.



Top Tip Use the correct ink with your alcohol markers to stop the colour bleeding

Faux-layered die-cutting



Claire Rhodes-Brandon

For your dies only – Claire Rhodes-Brandon demonstrates how to use your dies to add depth and dimension to your projects

Don't miss next issue's skill-building essential – set back stamping!



The faux-layered dies technique really adds depth, dimension and general interest. Cards made using this technique can look rather complex despite their actual simplicity, and I think it can bring a welcome extra layer of detail to your projects.

Faux-layered die-cutting is essentially offsetting multiples

of the same die-cut. The simplest application of this technique is to create the impression of a drop shadow, though there are also more complex methods where you might remove the centre of the die cuts (or other parts of them for different effects) to create varying, more symmetrical patterns.

You can use different shades of the same colour to achieve an effect of fading, or simply complementary or contrasting colours. There are many ways to achieve a finished look, so have fun and experiment!

To achieve a symmetrical look background dies tend to work best, but don't dismiss strip

dies, border dies, frames or even sentiments – see the following pages for examples of how such elements are still very much compatible with the technique.

There are hours of experimenting to be done – don't hesitate to get creative with the faux-layered die-cutting technique!

Happy birthday



Top Tip If you find the trimmed die-cuts don't line up perfectly, disguise with ribbon!

You'll need

- ◆ white 13.5x10.5cm card blank
- ◆ Golden Mosaic, Mauve Purple, Aubergine Purple, Amethyst Purple & Bright White Tonic Studios Craft Perfect cardstock
- ◆ Tonic Studios Simply Screen Clematis Vines die set
- ◆ Avery Elle Loads of Wishes stamp set
- ◆ clear inkpad
- ◆ gold embossing powder
- ◆ Gold Luxe Nuvo Dream Drops
- ◆ acrylic glue
- ◆ 3D foam pads
- ◆ heat tool
- ◆ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1** Matt and layer a 12x9cm piece of Bright White cardstock onto a slightly larger piece of Golden Mosaic cardstock. Use clear ink to stamp the sentiment as shown, then heat-emboss in gold.
- 2** Cut 15x4.8cm strips of Bright White, Aubergine Purple and Amethyst Purple cardstock. Add detail using the Clematis Vine die then trim off the ends as shown.
- 3** Stagger the die-cuts to create a drop shadow effect. Trim

the excess cardstock from the bottom edge so there is only a white border showing.

- 4** Adhere the panel to a piece of Mauve Purple cardstock and under-cut the die-cut to create a background. Add to a 13.5x5.2cm piece of Golden Mosaic cardstock and attach to the card front using 3D foam pads to finish.



Where to buy

The Tonic Studios Simply Screen Clematis Vines die set is available from www.thatsreallycrafty.com

You'll need

- ◆ white 12.5cm-square card blank
- ◆ Golden Mosaic, Mauve Purple, Aubergine Purple, Amethyst Purple & Bright White Tonic Studios Craft Perfect cardstock
- ◆ Tonic Studios Patterned Panels die set - Sunflower Array
- ◆ circle nesting dies
- ◆ gift from *Simply Cards & Papercraft* 179
- ◆ clear inkpad
- ◆ gold embossing powder
- ◆ white ribbon
- ◆ 3D foam pads
- ◆ acrylic glue
- ◆ heat tool
- ◆ paper trimmer
- ◆ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1** Layer an 11cm square of Aubergine Purple cardstock to a slightly larger piece of Golden Mosaic cardstock then attach to the card front.
- 2** Cut 10cm squares of Mauve Purple, Amethyst Purple and Bright White cardstock and die-cut the panel into them. Follow the step-by-step guide on page 67 for guidance.
- 3** Use a paper trimmer to cut the Amethyst Purple panel down the centre horizontally. Trim no more than 0.1cm from each of the trimmed edges and adhere to the reverse of the

Sending birthday wishes



Mauve Purple die-cut, joining them in the centre to create a symmetrical drop shadow.

- 4** Repeat with the Bright White die-cut, this time trimming 0.2cm from each of the cut edges. Add this

to the reverse of the Mauve Purple and Amethyst Purple die-cuts, joining in the centre as before.

- 5** Wrap a length of ribbon around the layered panels and adhere to the card front

using 3D foam pads.

- 6** Use clear ink to stamp the sentiment then heat-emboss in gold. Die-cut into a circle, layer onto a larger Golden Mosaic circle and attach to the card front using 3D foam pads to finish.

Thanks

You'll need

◆ white 12.5x16.5cm card blank
◆ Golden Mosaic, Mauve Purple, Aubergine Purple, Amethyst Purple & Bright White Tonic Studios Craft Perfect cardstock
◆ Tonic Studios Floral Strip die
◆ WPlus9 Basic Greeting die set
◆ 3D foam pads
◆ acrylic glue
◆ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Layer an 11x15cm piece of Bright White cardstock onto a slightly larger piece of Golden Mosaic cardstock and adhere to the card front.

2 Cut 5x15cm strips of Golden Mosaic, Bright White, Mauve Purple and Amethyst Purple cardstock, then add the detail using the Floral Strip die.

3 Stagger the die-cuts to create a drop shadow effect – follow the step-by-step guide on page 67 for guidance.

4 Trim the excess cardstock from the left-hand edge so there is only a gold border showing. Adhere to the card front as shown.

5 Die-cut the sentiment from Golden Mosaic cardstock and attach to the card front to finish.



Top Tip

Layer several die-cuts together to add dimension to the sentiment

With love



You'll need

◆ white 14.7x11.5cm card blank
◆ Golden Mosaic, Mauve Purple, Aubergine Purple, Amethyst Purple & Bright White Tonic Studios Craft Perfect cardstock

Tonic Studios Deco Diamond Patterned Panel die
◆ Tonic Studios With Love Sentiment Strip die set
◆ 3D foam pads
◆ acrylic glue
◆ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Layer a 13x9.8cm piece of Bright White cardstock on to a slightly larger piece of Golden Mosaic cardstock then attach both to the card front.

2 Cut 13.2x10cm pieces of Mauve Purple, Amethyst Purple and Aubergine Purple cardstock and die-cut the panels into them. Follow the step-by-step guide on page 67 for guidance.

3 Use a trimmer to cut the Amethyst Purple die-cut in the centre horizontally. Trim 0.1cm from each of the trimmed edges and adhere to the reverse of the Mauve Purple die-cut, joining them in the centre and creating a symmetrical drop shadow.

4 Repeat with the Aubergine Purple die-cut, this time trimming 0.2cm from each of the cut edges. Add this to the reverse of the Mauve Purple and Amethyst Purple die-cuts, joining in the centre as before. Adhere the layered panel to the card front.

5 Die-cut the sentiment and backing plate from Bright White and Golden Mosaic cardstock then use 3D foam pads to attach to the card front to finish.

Hello

You'll need

- ◆ white 11.5cm-square card blank
- ◆ Golden Mosaic, Mauve Purple, Aubergine Purple & Bright White Tonic Studios Craft Perfect cardstock
- ◆ circle layering dies
- ◆ gift from *Simply Cards & Papercraft* 186
- ◆ Tonic Studios Entwined Memories die set
- ◆ clear inkpad
- ◆ gold embossing powder
- ◆ acrylic glue
- ◆ 3D foam pads
- ◆ heat tool
- ◆ paper trimmer
- ◆ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

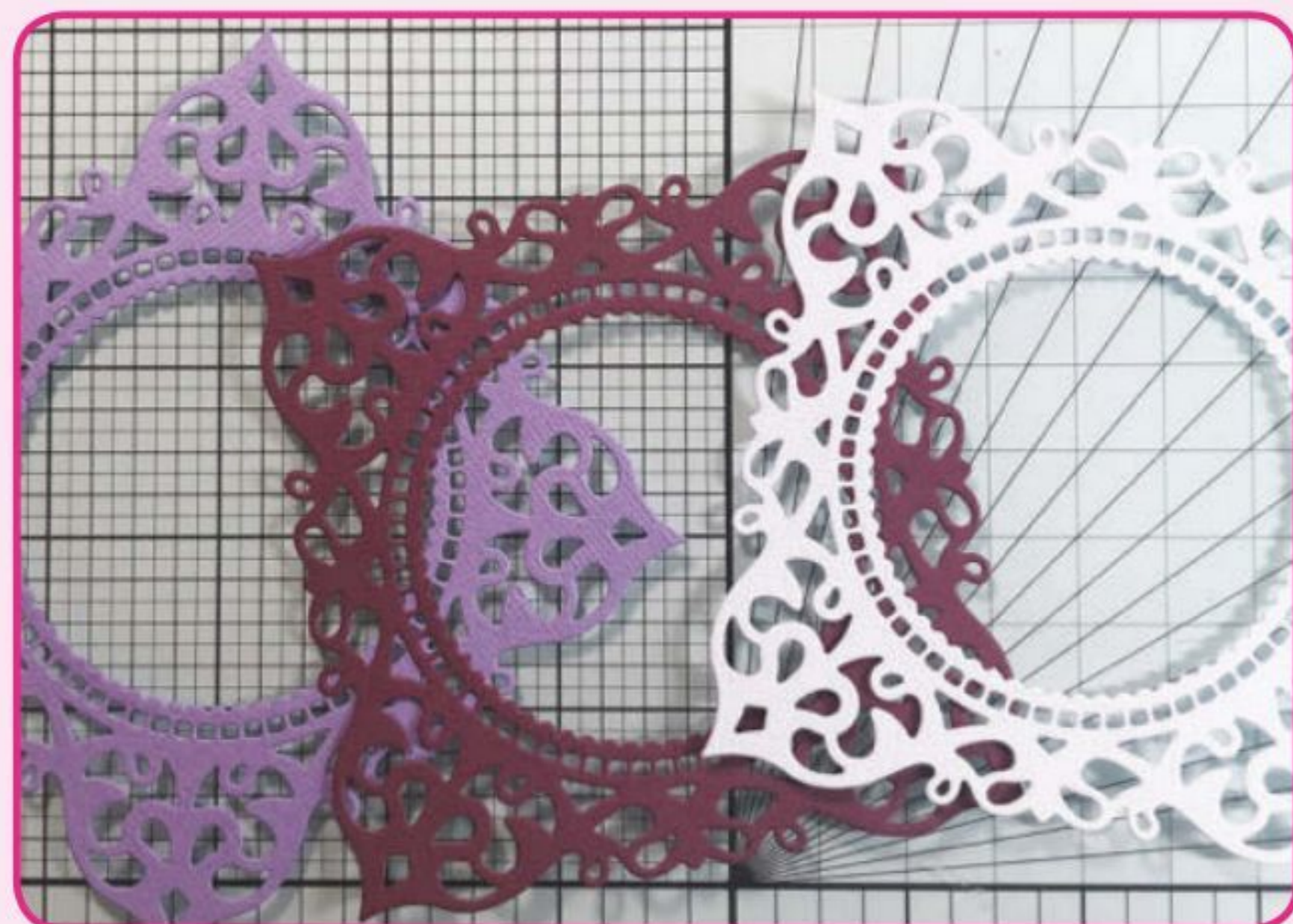
- 1** Cut the outer edge die from Golden Mosaic cardstock and adhere to the card front.
- 2** Follow the step-by-step guide below to create the faux-layered die-cut panel.
- 3** Use 3D foam pads to add the completed panel to the card front.
- 4** Use clear ink to stamp the sentiment and heat-emboss in gold. Die-cut into a circle then attach to the card front as shown to finish.



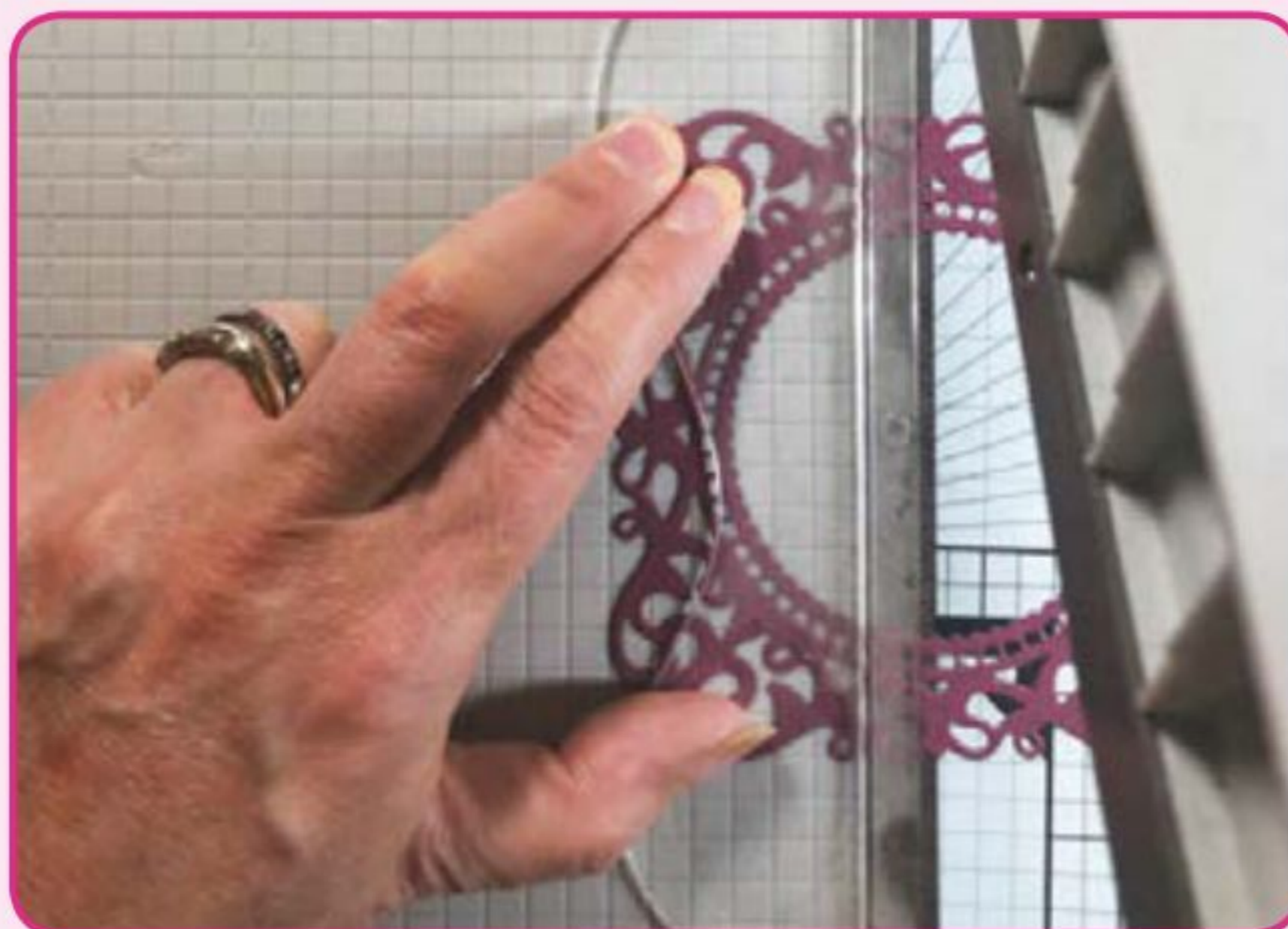
Top Tip

Adding off-set layers like this allows for 3D foam pads to be added to the reverse of detailed die-cuts that are usually too fine to disguise it

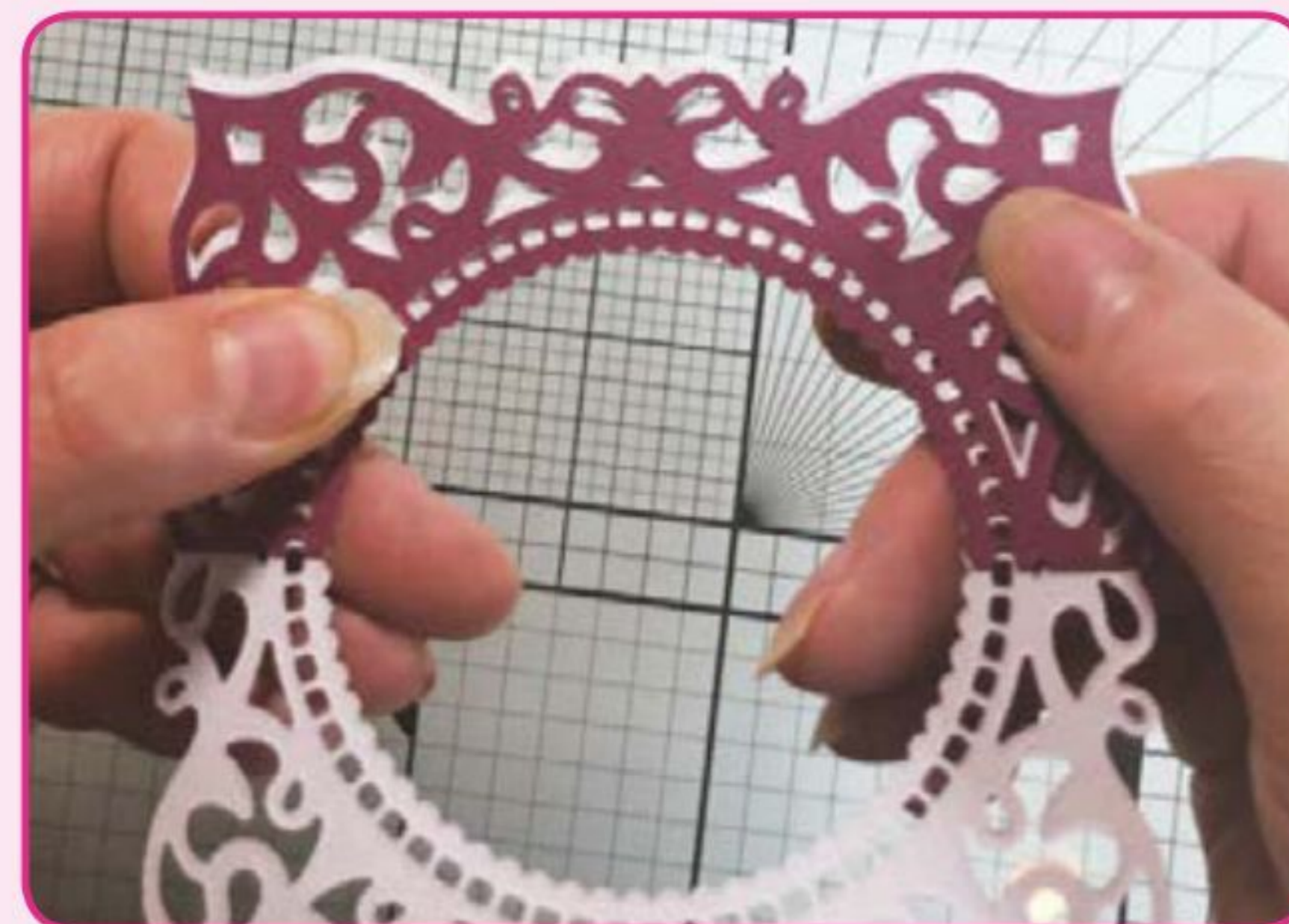
How to... create a faux-layered die-cut panel



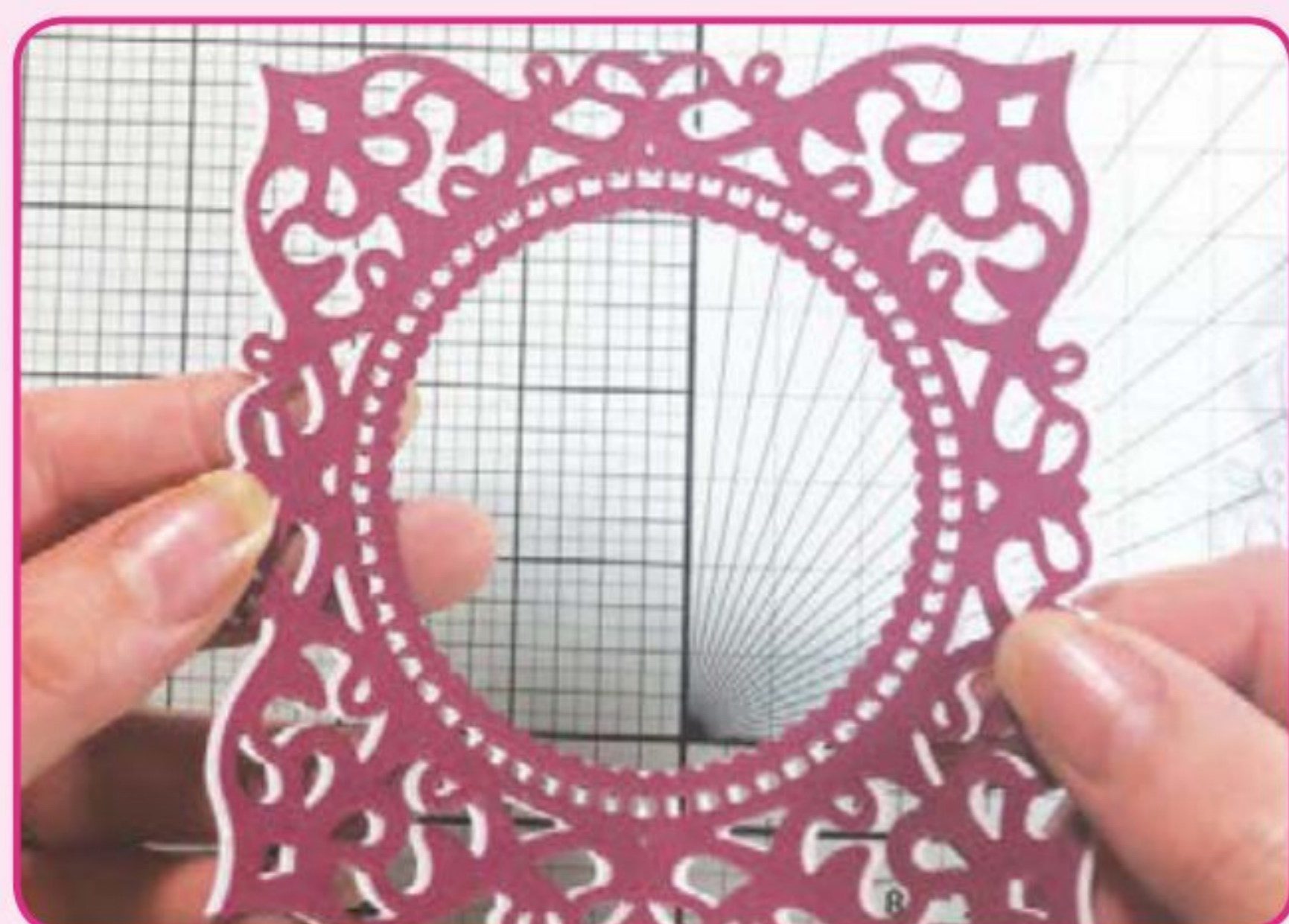
- 1** Die-cut the detail from Mauve Purple, Aubergine Purple and Bright White cardstock.



- 2** Use a paper trimmer to cut the Aubergine Purple panel vertically down the centre.



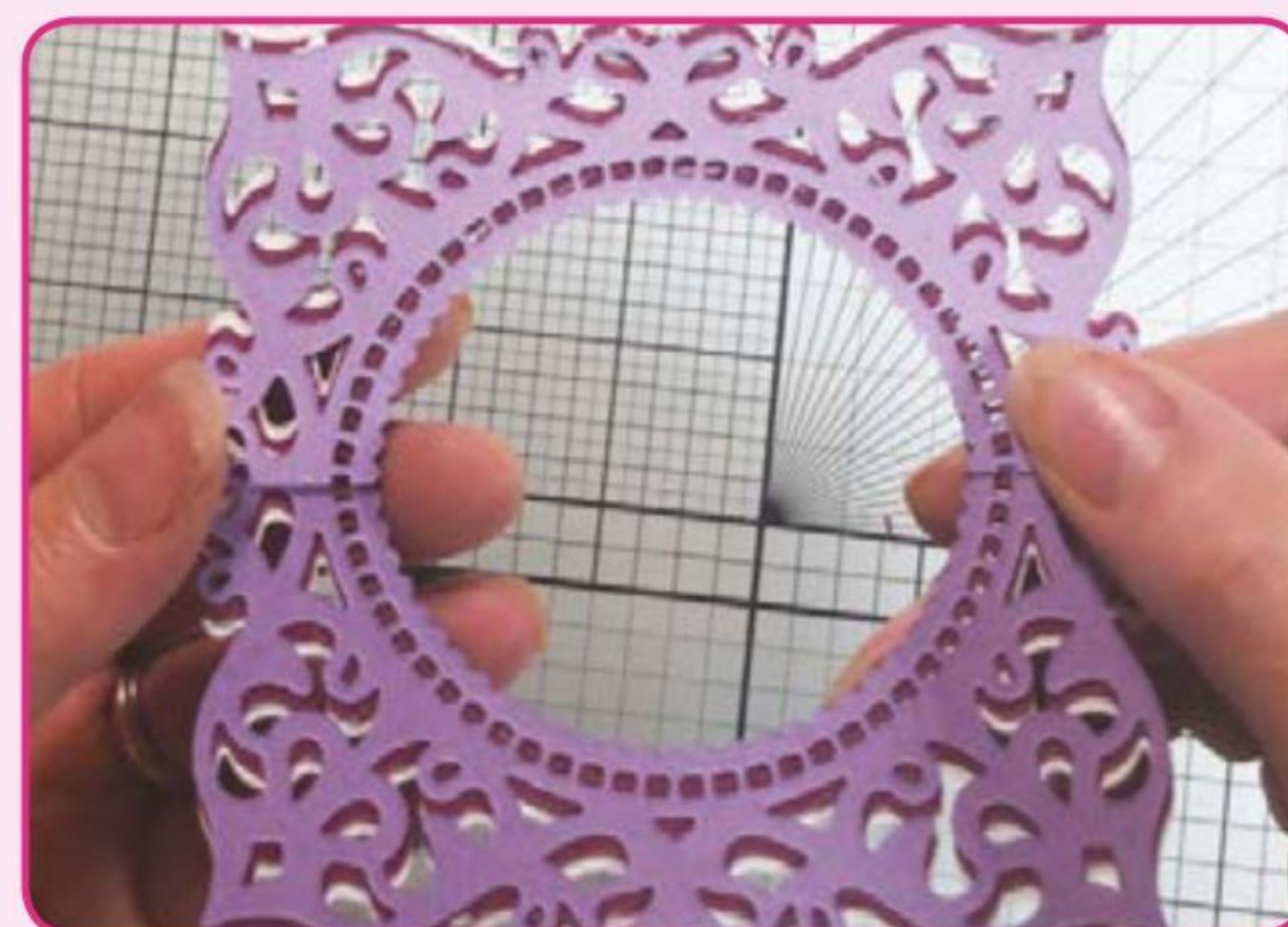
- 3** Trim no more than 0.1cm from each of the trimmed edges as shown.



- 4** Adhere to the reverse of the white die-cut, ensuring the two pieces join in the centre to create a symmetrical drop shadow as shown.



- 5** Repeat with Mauve Purple cardstock, this time trimming 0.2cm from each of the cut edges.



- 6** Add this panel to the reverse of the main panel, joining in the centre as shown.

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Best wishes

Top Tip

Don't be tempted just to cut the house toppers out freehand – use the die as it adds realistic texture to the roof

You'll need

- ▶ Joanna Sheen Cardmaking Collection kit
- ▶ white DL card blank
- ▶ white & blue cardstock
- ▶ circle & scalloped circle nesting dies
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 To make the circle card blank, die-cut two large circles, score a line 1" from the top of one and adhere the top tab to the back of the other. Trim a sliver off the bottom of the back circle for balance.

2 Die-cut a circle frame as shown and a circle of cloud background paper. Add a layer of grass and road to complete the scene.

3 Die-cut the house from the paper pack and two white fence panels then affix to the scene, using 3D foam pads for

the house. Add a terracotta chimney pot.

4 Affix the frame round the scene using 3D foam pads and add two butterflies, shaping the wings, then die-cut the sentiment and add to a scalloped circle of blue cardstock.

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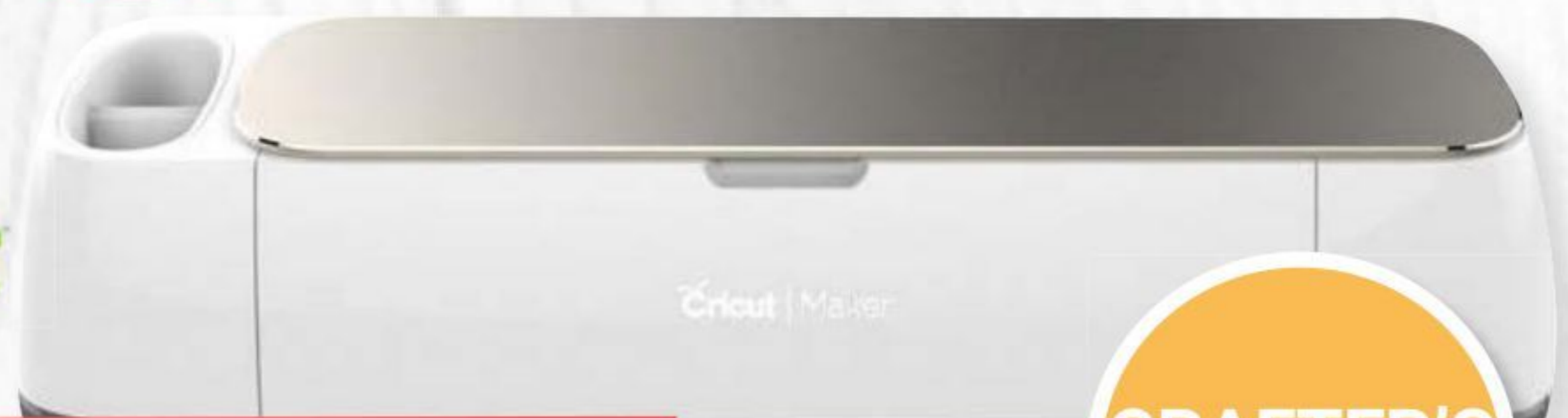
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Floral birthday



This quick-and-easy card is perfect if you need to whip up a last-minute birthday project

Happy birthday

You'll need

- ▶ white 5x7" card blank
- ▶ yellow, pink, white, Peach & dark pink cardstock
- ▶ Sizzix Female Occasions die set
- ▶ Creative Expressions Dotted Daisies embossing folder
- ▶ pearls
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cut a piece of dark pink cardstock slightly smaller than the card front and adhere. Cut a smaller piece of white cardstock and attach as shown.

2 Cut the pink, yellow and Peach cardstock into 2" squares and emboss each using the folder. Adhere to the card front.

3 Die-cut the sentiment from dark pink cardstock then die-cut the flower from yellow and dark pink cardstock and the leaves from green cardstock. Attach to the card front using glue.

4 Decorate the design using pearls to finish.



Where to buy

The Creative Expressions Dotted Daisies embossing folder is available from www.beckab.co.uk



Top Tip

Change the colour of the design to suit the recipient

Catch up with... Sara Davies

We catch up with Sara Davies from Crafter's Companion as she updates us on the latest gossip and shares this month's top product picks

Hill! It's great to be back sharing more new products and designs, and what a lovely month it's been! I've been playing with some hybrid goodies this month and perfecting more of my new sewing skills! Not only did we launch my new Sara Sew Homemade collection recently, but we also launched a brand-new overlocker, known as the Gemini Lock Pro. Our resident sewing guru Lizzy Curtis joined me during the launch, so I was able to take a moment with my dad backstage while Lizzy took over – I love collaborating with my colleagues at shows, everyone gets the best of both worlds!

A little while later I was back in the North East to set up a Facebook Live in our new on-site craft room! I'm thrilled with how the room has turned out and I love the little touches, from the door handles resplendent in Crafter's purple, to all the amazing storage space – it really is the craft room of my dreams!

Finally, I took some time out from the office last month and visited our Chesterfield store for a catch up. It was lovely to see the craft club there having a blast and I was blown away by the projects they were working on.

That's all for now, until next time... happy crafting!

Sara



Catching up with the crafters at my Chesterfield store



Sara's top picks!

Invitation Split Card dies

I just love this new die concept, it's such a clever idea! These decorative dies that have just been added to our Gemini range are perfect for creating bespoke stationery and invitations for events like weddings, parties, birthdays and much more. Each set includes flap dies, decorative panels and outline cutting dies, which can be used in a variety of ways for all kinds of looks. Create a decorative card with the top and bottom panels, or use the panel dies and the flap dies together to create a pocket. The additional outline cutting dies can be used to completely cut out your decorative panels, or just use them to cut the top edge – the possibilities are endless with this fabulous new range!



Sara Signature Nautical

Give your papercraft projects a summertime vibe with my newest Signature collection, Nautical. Perfect for holiday and beach-themed makes, this fully co-ordinating collection includes a 6x6" and an 8x8" paper pad in a palette of fresh blue, green and neutral tones, alongside regular and 3D embossing folders, dies, metal charms, rope and stamps. Absolutely stunning for those ever-tricky masculine-themed makes, I wanted to design a range that would be suitable for a mix of ages and occasions – I don't think you'll be disappointed!

Crafter's Companion Floral Alphabet stamps

Stamps and messy crafters are going to absolutely love this new addition to the Crafter's Companion stamp range. Monograms are so popular at the moment and we've added a pretty twist to the trend with our fabulous range, which includes each letter of the alphabet plus a hashtag and an ampersand, all elegantly embellished with beautiful blooms alongside tropical leaves and foliage. Designed to really make a statement, these wonderfully bold images are great for creating personalised cards and gifts or, if you're up for something a little more adventurous, you could even stamp, cut and layer the designs to create stunning 3D effects – this would look amazing framed as wall art!



Hello

You'll need

- ▶ white Sheena Stamping Card
- ▶ Crafter's Companion Textured Cardstock
- ▶ Dark Pink Core'dinations Card
- ▶ white glitter cardstock
- ▶ blue mirror card
- ▶ Gemini Cascading Dies & Alphabets
- ▶ Sara Signature Nature's Garden Layered Peony & Flourishing Vines dies
- ▶ pearls
- ▶ ribbon
- ▶ Collall 3D glue gel & Tacky Glue
- ▶ finger-lift tape
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine



Top Tip

You can choose whether to adhere each panel fully to the card front or leave the letter end of the panels unattached, as shown here

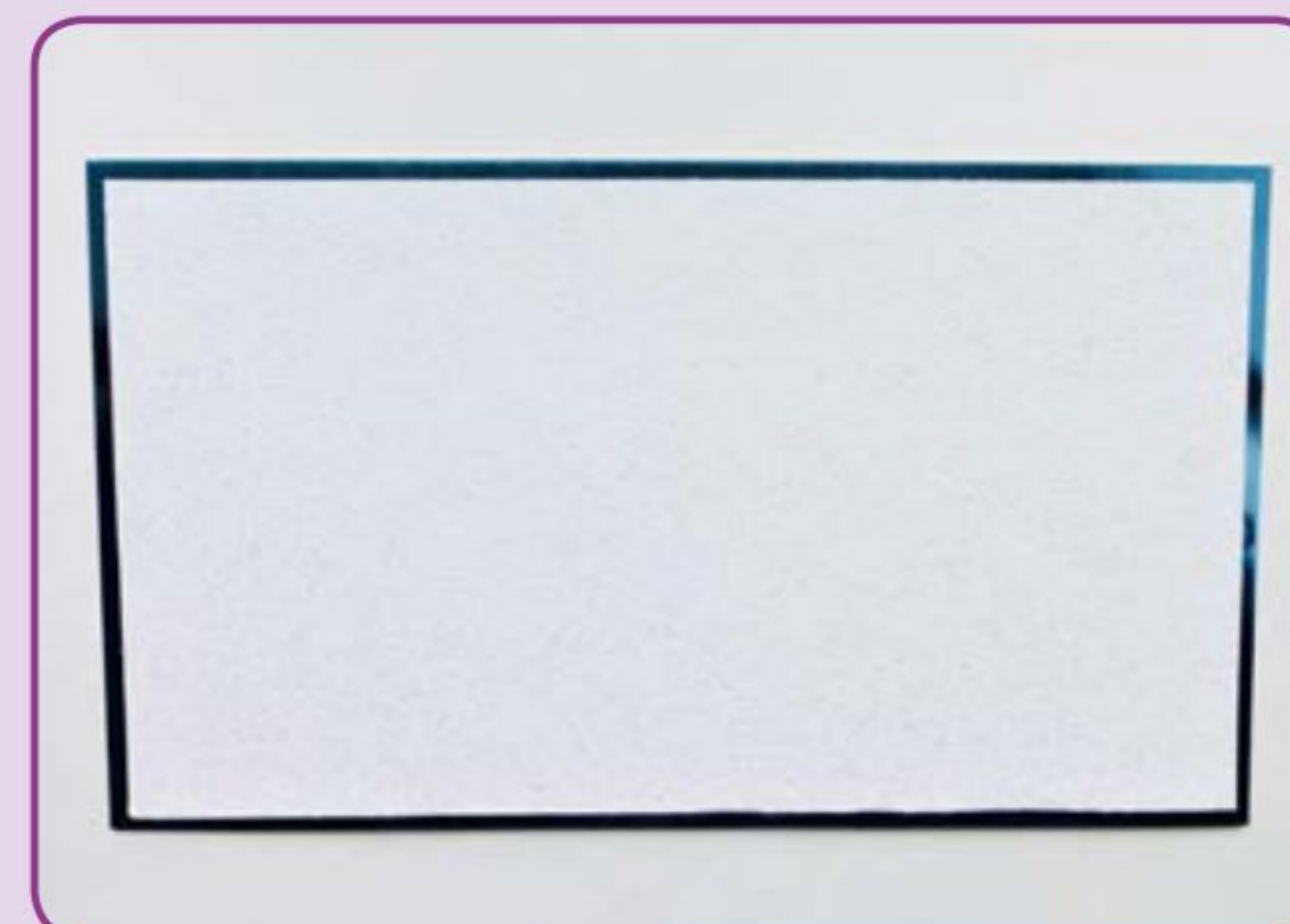
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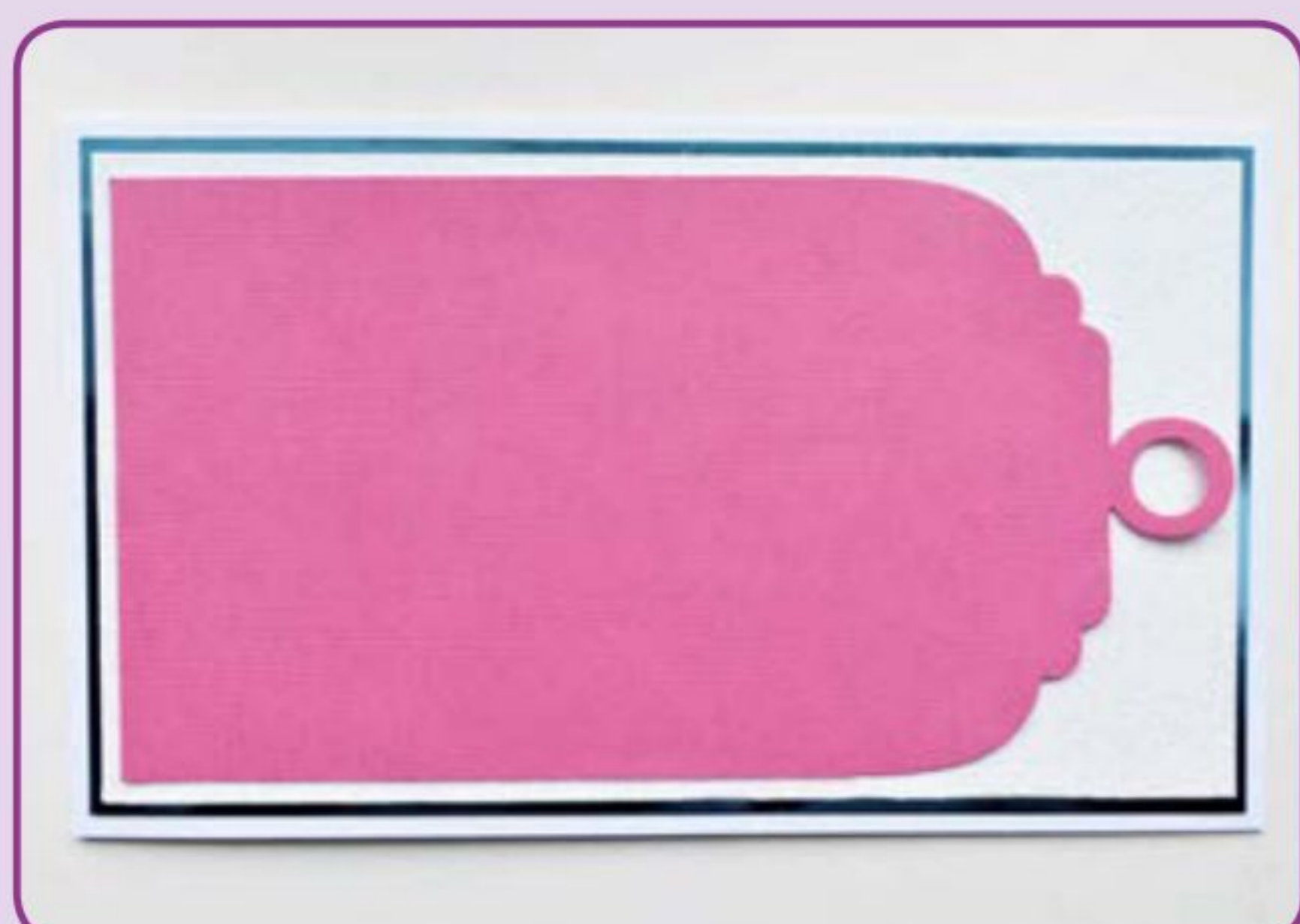
1 Select your colour scheme from cardstock, your edge die, and the letter dies for the word you would like to spell.



2 For the five-letter word cut a 4½x4" piece, a 4½x5" piece, a 4½x6" piece, a 4½x7" piece and a 4½x8" piece. Die-cut your letters into the edge of each sheet, layer them together and adjust the length so the wording layout and spacing is pleasing to the eye as shown.



3 Create a 4½x8" panel from white glitter cardstock and layer onto a 4¾x8¼" piece of blue mirror card as shown.



4 Create a 8½x5" side-fold card blank and attach the glitter panel. Use Collall Tacky Glue or 3D glue gel to adhere the last letter panel as shown, this will act as a guide to line up all other letter panels.



5 Line up all other letter panels except the last one, as shown.



6 On the final panel, add a length of ribbon and die-cut a flower and foliage embellishment from co-ordinating cardstock, then attach to the card front. Add pearls to finish.



Kim Dellow

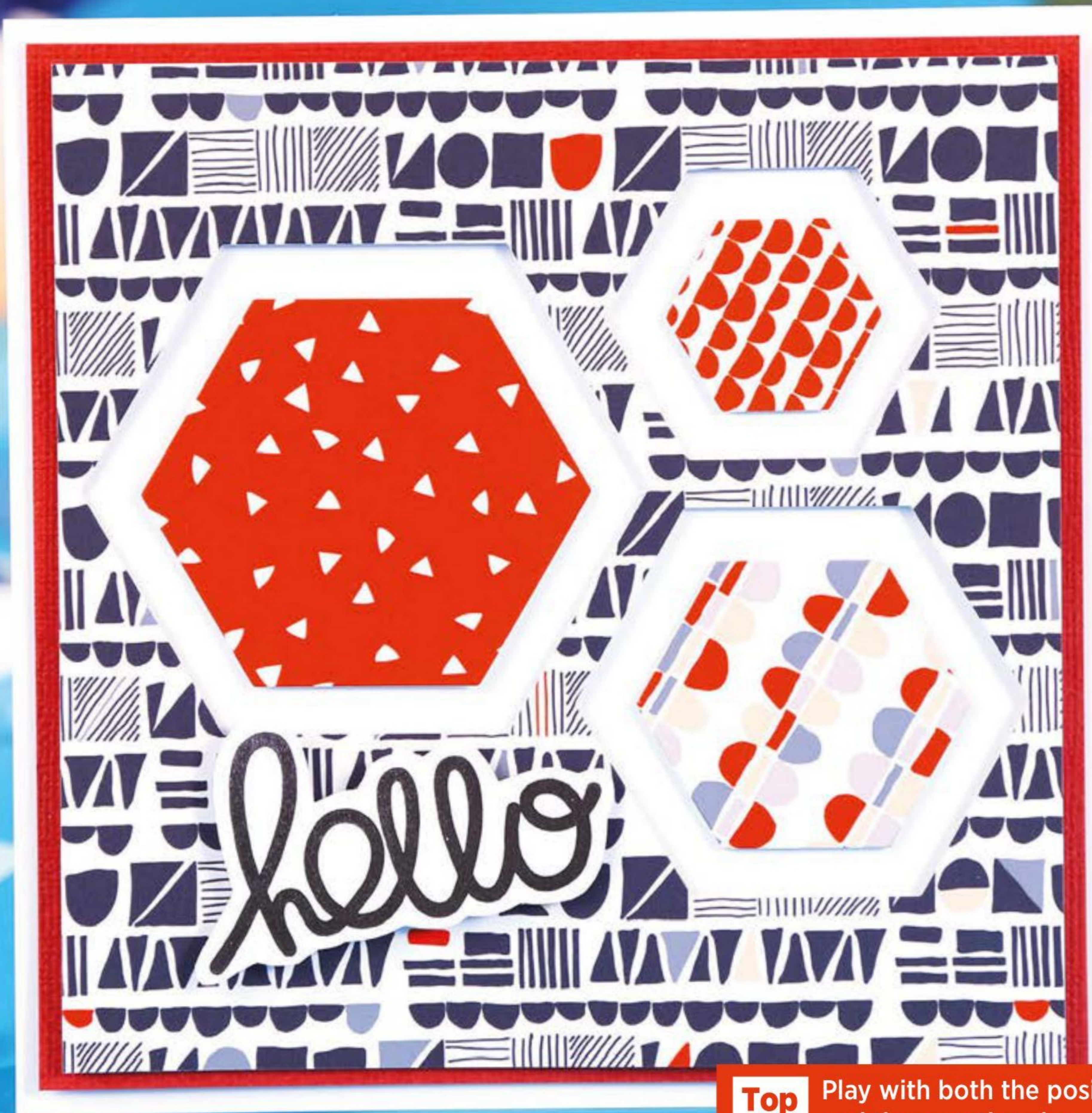
Make his day

Kim's masculine makes are a great way to put a new spin on your die stash



Where to buy
Creative Dies are available exclusively from www.craftstash.co.uk

Hello



Top Tip

Play with both the positive die-cut shape and the negative shapes – both can lead to some fun and interesting looks!

You'll need

- ▶ white 15.5cm-square card blank
- ▶ white & red cardstock
- ▶ Paper Smooches Bold Buzzwords stamp set
- ▶ Jet Black Ranger Archival Ink
- ▶ Happy Design Studio digital patterned paper
- ▶ computer & printer
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ Creative Dies Nesting Hexagon dies
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cut a panel of red cardstock and a smaller panel of white

cardstock then matt and layer them onto the card front.

2 Trim a panel of patterned paper the same size as the panel of white cardstock, then die-cut three different sizes of hexagon apertures from it. Affix the panel onto the card front

with 3D foam pads.

3 Die-cut three hexagons to fit the apertures, leaving white borders, and secure them inside the apertures as shown. Add a stamped and fussy-cut sentiment to finish.



Happy day

You'll need

- ▶ white 13.5cm-square card blank
- ▶ white & red cardstock
- ▶ Jet Black Ranger Archival Ink
- ▶ Happy Design Studio digital papers
- ▶ computer & printer
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ Concord & 9th Happy Words stamp set
- ▶ Creative Dies Nesting Hexagon dies
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Die-cut a medium-sized hexagon and seven smaller

hexagons from different patterned papers.

2 Line up and affix the medium-sized hexagon to the left side of the card front using 3D foam pads.

3 Adhere a patchwork of smaller hexagons from the top of the medium hexagon in the top-right corner of the card front, using 3D foam pads for some.

4 Trim off any hexagons that overlap the card edge then add a stamped and cut-out sentiment.

5 Finish by attaching a small hexagon on the left as shown.

Happy birthday

You'll need

- ▶ white 10.5x14.8cm card blank
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Concord & 9th Happy Words stamp set
- ▶ Jet Black Ranger Archival Ink
- ▶ Happy Design Studio digital patterned paper
- ▶ computer & printer
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ Creative Dies Nesting Hexagon dies
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cut a panel of patterned paper to fit half the card front then die-cut part of it with a hexagon die to make a half-hexagonal aperture as shown.

2 Die-cut a smaller hexagon from a contrasting patterned paper, then affix the panel to the card front using 3D foam pads and add the hexagon lined up in the aperture.

3 Stamp and cut out a sentiment. Attach to the card front using 3D foam pads.



Celebrate

You'll need

- ▶ white & red cardstock
- ▶ white 10.5x14.8cm card blank
- ▶ Jet Black Ranger Archival Ink
- ▶ Happy Design Studio digital patterned paper
- ▶ computer & printer
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ Paper Smooches Bold Buzzwords stamp set
- ▶ Creative Dies Nesting Hexagon dies
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Die-cut 12 small hexagons from different patterned papers, then affix in a patchwork line along the bottom half of the card front.

2 Cut a medium-sized red cardstock hexagon and a smaller white hexagon, then layer and adhere with 3D foam pads.

3 Finish the card by stamping and cutting out a sentiment and affix it to the card front on top of the layered hexagons with 3D foam pads.



Hexagon dies are great for making interesting patchwork designs. Don't forget to mix and match the sizes as well as the paper patterns

Happy birthday frame



You'll need

- ▶ white 15.5cm-square card blank
- ▶ white & red cardstock
- ▶ Jet Black Ranger Archival Ink
- ▶ Happy Design Studio digital patterned paper
- ▶ computer & printer
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ Concord & 9th Happy Words stamp set
- ▶ Creative Dies Nesting Hexagon dies
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Matt and layer the card front with red cardstock and patterned paper.

2 Die-cut a large hexagon from patterned paper and the same shape again from white cardstock.

3 Cut a smaller hexagonal aperture off-centre into the larger die-cut to make an off set frame as shown.

4 Adhere the frame to the white hexagon with 3D foam pads and affix them to the card front. Add smaller die-cut hexagons and the stamped sentiment as shown.

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You'll need

- ▶ Wallace & Gromit foiled kit
- ▶ tin
- ▶ silver Mirri Card
- ▶ circle & scalloped circle nesting dies
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Measure the tin and cut the paper to size to fit around it. If you are using paper with a vertical pattern, you will need to cut an extra section for the back.

2 Adhere the paper around the tin using double-sided tape.

3 Die-cut a scalloped circle from silver Mirri Card, slightly smaller than the

height of the tin. Adhere using tape.

4 Cut a piece of patterned paper using the next size down circle die, then adhere in the centre of the Mirri circle as shown.

5 Add the topper to the centre of the circle using tape, then adhere the sentiment across the bottom of the circle using 3D foam pads to finish.

Top Tip Use a coffee tin rather than a food tin as these generally don't have a sharp edge



Laura Bradley

Top Tip Try and keep everything flat as the book will close more easily when in use!

Bookmark

You'll need

- ▶ Wallace & Gromit foiled kit
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ white ribbon
- ▶ hole punch

Step by step

1 Cut a 7.5x18cm piece of white cardstock then cover both sides in patterned paper.

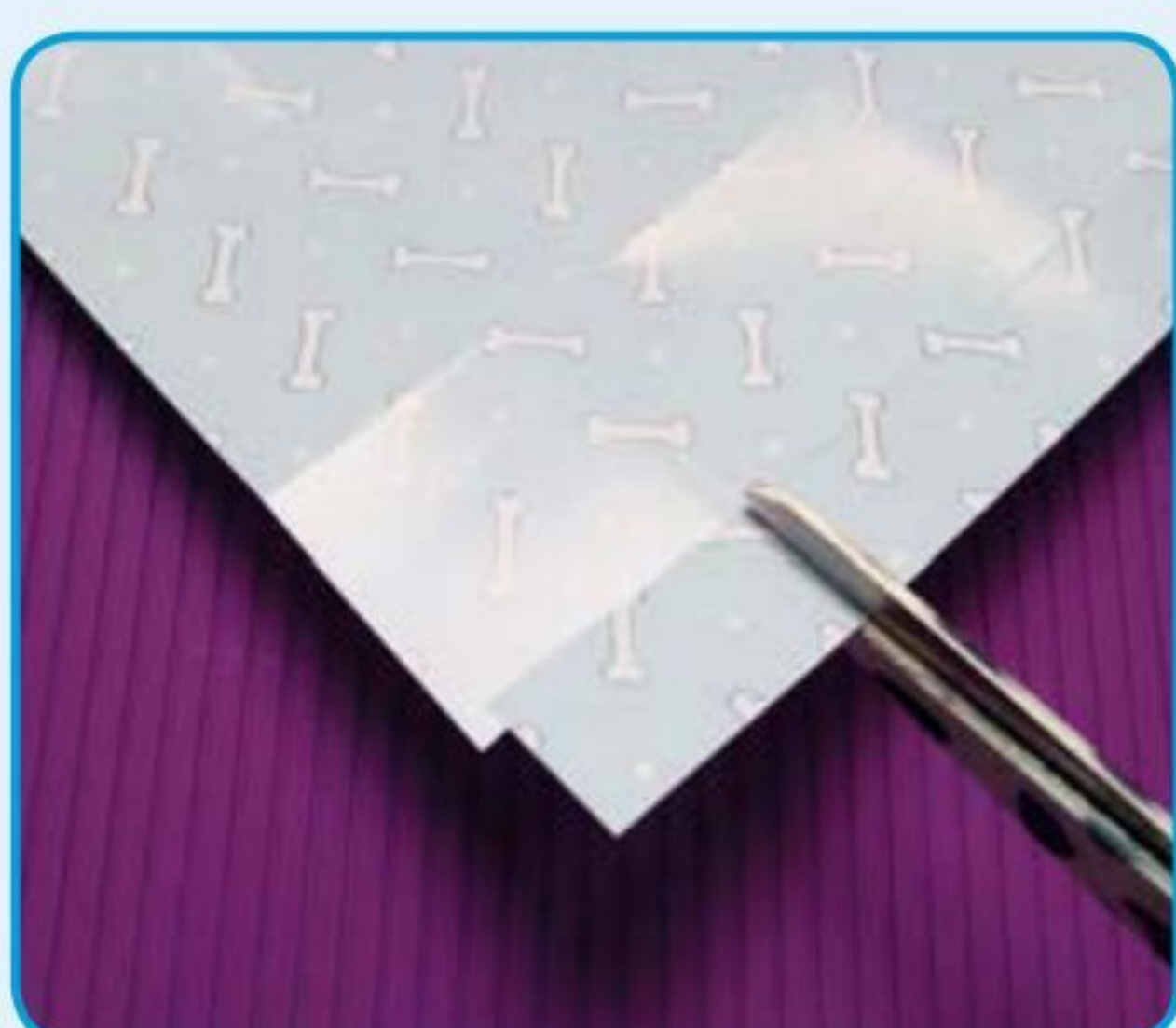
2 Arrange your chosen toppers and adhere in place using double-sided tape.

3 Punch a hole in the top of the bookmark and thread through a length of ribbon as shown to finish.

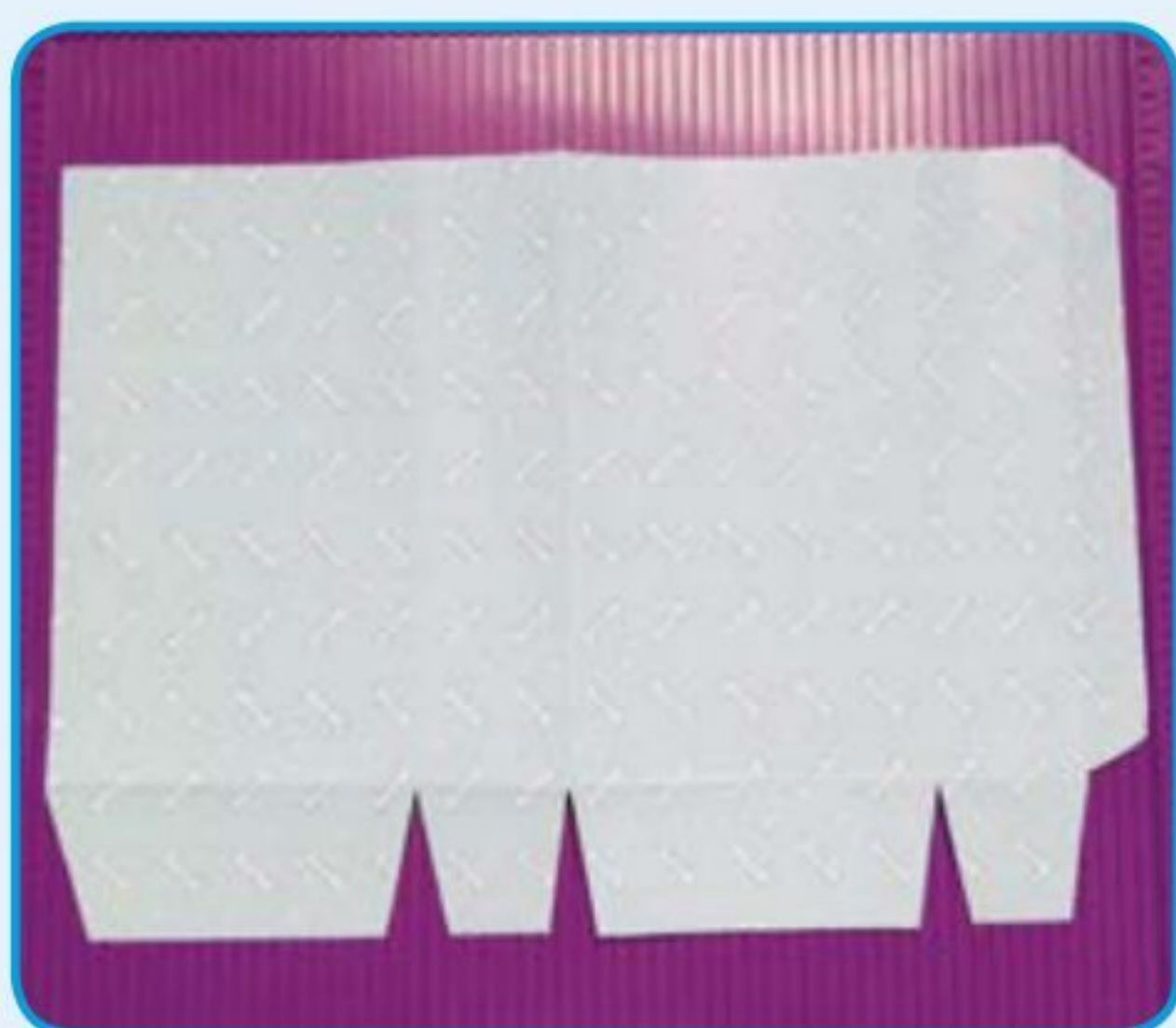
How to... create a gift bag



1 Place the A4 sheet landscape onto the scoreboard and score at 10cm, 14cm, 24cm and 28cm. Rotate the sheet anti-clockwise, then score at 15cm.



2 Rotate the sheet back to its original position then score 14cm down, at 12cm and 26cm. Fold along the score lines then cut away the rectangle from the bottom-right corner.



3 Cut the sections into tabs as shown.



4 Place double-sided tape onto the three tabs. Bring the long-side tab around and adhere to the opposite edge to create a box shape. Fold in the two side tabs at the bottom and adhere one of the larger bottom tabs on top.



Turn to **page 16** to see the Angel policy for this kit

Gift bag

You'll need

- ▶ Wallace & Gromit foiled kit
- ▶ scoreboard
- ▶ twine
- ▶ hole punch

Step by step

1 Take one of the A4 sheets from the kit, keep the length as it is

and trim the width to 18cm.

2 Follow the step-by-step guide opposite to create the gift bag.

3 Punch holes in the top of the bag and add a length of twine through it to create a handle.

4 Use 3D foam pads to adhere a topper as shown. Punch a

hole through a smaller topper, thread through another piece of twine and tie into a bow around the handle to finish.

Top Tip

Turn any topper into a gift tag with a single hole punch



5 Add tape to the inside of the remaining bottom tab and fold over to secure the bottom of the gift bag.



6 Fold in the side sections as shown to complete the bag.



Turn to **page 97** to see next issue's gift!



Gift box

You'll need

- ▶ Wallace & Gromit foiled kit & stamps
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Intense Black Hero Arts inkpad
- ▶ Evergreen Bough Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ acetate
- ▶ blue organza ribbon
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ scoreboard
- ▶ heat tool
- ▶ water spritzer

Step by step

- 1 Cut two 16.5cm squares of white cardstock.
- 2 Take one of the pieces and use black ink to stamp various images all over the panel as shown.
- 3 Apply Evergreen Bough ink to a piece of acetate, spritz

with water and apply directly to the stamped panel. Dry using a heat tool.

4 Score all sides of both pieces (stamped and non-stamped) at 2.5cm, one of them using the box lid side of the board, the other using the box base side.

5 Fold along all the score lines and cut the corner sections into tabs. Add tape to the tabs and assemble the lid and base.

6 Tie a length of ribbon around the box and tie a bow in the centre. Use 3D foam pads to add the sentiment as shown to finish.



You can recreate this look with any stamps from your stash – it's such a fun technique!

Giftwrap

You'll need

- ▶ Wallace & Gromit foiled kit
- ▶ white & red cardstock
- ▶ circle & scalloped circle nesting dies
- ▶ Spun Sugar Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ white ribbon
- ▶ Collall 3D glue gel
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ ink-blending tool

Step by step

- 1 Use a sheet of paper from the kit to wrap a gift as you normally would.
- 2 Die-cut a large scalloped circle from red cardstock and a slightly smaller circle from white cardstock.
- 3 Blend Spun Sugar ink from the centre of the circle to almost the outer edge.
- 4 Use double-sided tape to adhere the circle into the centre of the scalloped circle.
- 5 Use 3D foam pads to adhere the whole piece into the centre of the gift as shown.
- 6 Adhere a Piella topper to the circle using 3D foam pads, then add the sentiment and cake topper as shown.
- 7 Tie a bow from ribbon and add in the top-left corner using Collall 3D glue gel to finish.



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Floral fun

The new layering stamps and dies are everything you need to create beautiful floral all-occasion cards



Where to buy

The Crafter's Companion layering stamps and dies are available from www.crafterscompanion.co.uk



Top Tip

If the flowers look too bulky, cut away leaves or flowers to create a more natural look

Someone special

by Mel Jess

You'll need

- ▶ white card blank
- ▶ white stamping cardstock
- ▶ grey cardstock
- ▶ Crafter's Companion Flourishing Fuchsia layering stamps & dies
- ▶ Gemini Twinkling Trellis die set
- ▶ Pink Tulip, fuchsia, Crushed Velvet, Grasshopper & Pine Harmony Quick Dry inkpads
- ▶ Pale Tulip, fuchsia & Crushed Velvet Harmony Water-Reactive inkpads
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inkpad
- ▶ Purple Rain Tonic Studios Nuvo Glitter Drops
- ▶ Collall Tacky Glue
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Die-cut the Twinkling Trellis from grey cardstock.

2 Cut a piece of stamping cardstock the same size as the die-cut panel and create a coloured background with Harmony Water-Reactive inkpads. Add a few water drops.

3 Stamp the Flourishing Fuchsias three times on to stamping cardstock and stamp leaves for each. Die-cut using the co-ordinating dies. Shape the flowers and leaves then adhere the flowers to the stems.

4 Adhere the die-cut grey panel to the coloured background and add to the card front using 3D foam pads.

5 Arrange the flowers on top of each other, cascading down from the top-left corner, then adhere using glue and 3D foam pads.

6 Stamp a sentiment on to grey cardstock and adhere using 3D foam pads. Decorate with Tonic Studios Nuvo Glitter Drops to finish.

Happy birthday by Mel Jess

You'll need

- ▶ white card blank
- ▶ white stamping cardstock
- ▶ green & purple cardstock
- ▶ Crafter's Companion Flourishing Fuchsia layering stamps
- ▶ Gemini Everyday Expressions 1 die set
- ▶ Pale Fig, Crushed Velvet, Damson Wine, Spring Meadow & Grasshopper Harmony Quick Dry inkpads
- ▶ Post-it notes
- ▶ gems
- ▶ Colall Tacky Glue
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cut a square of stamping cardstock and create masks from Post-it notes using the first layer of the stamps.

2 Add the first layer of leaves from the stamp set on to the

stamping cardstock, then add the first layer of flowers on top. Remove the leaves and stamp all three layers. Repeat this all around the square.

3 Cover the flowers with the masks and use Spring Meadow and Grasshopper ink to stamp the leaves on top with both layers.

4 Stamp the flowers in any spaces around your background, just off the page as shown.

5 Adhere the background on to purple then green cardstock then adhere to the card front.

6 Die-cut the sentiment from white and purple cardstock and layer together to create a drop shadow. Adhere to green cardstock and attach to the card front using 3D foam pads.

7 Decorate the design with gems to finish.



Top Tip

Turn the paper and line up in the same position when using a stamping platform to get the same stamping on the opposite corner - repeat to fill the background

On your special day by Mel Jess

You'll need

- ▶ white card blank
- ▶ white stamping cardstock
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Crafter's Companion Traditional Peony layering stamps & dies
- ▶ Tonic Studios Large Circle layering dies
- ▶ Pink Tulip, fuchsia, Plum Jam, Grasshopper & Pine Harmony Quick Dry inkpads
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inkpad
- ▶ Carnation Pink Tonic Studios Nuvo Crystal Drops
- ▶ Colall Tacky Glue
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Use a large circle die to create a white circle card blank. Trim a sliver from the bottom of the card blank to help it stand.

2 Use a smaller circle die to cut a frame from white cardstock and use 3D foam pads to adhere to the card base.

3 Stamp the Traditional Peony in pink tones with the

co-ordinating leaves in green then die-cut.

4 Arrange the Peonies on the right-hand side of the card front, tucking the leaves under each, then adhere using glue and 3D foam pads.

5 Use Tuxedo Blank ink to stamp the sentiment on white cardstock then attach using 3D foam pads. Decorate with Nuvo Crystal Drops to finish.



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Top Tip

If you're having trouble with the layers, use a pencil to mark around the extra-square section on the stamps then line up with each layer to get perfect stamping

You are my sunshine

by Soraya Lara

You'll need

- ▶ white 17x14cm card blank
- ▶ black cardstock
- ▶ white stamping cardstock
- ▶ Snow White Centura Pearl cardstock
- ▶ Crafter's Companion Detailed Decorations 12x12" paper pad
- ▶ Crafter's Companion Happy Sunflower layering stamps & dies
- ▶ Crafter's Companion Cable Knit 3D embossing folder
- ▶ Straw Bale, Lemon Tonic & Honey Pot Harmony Quick Dry inkpads
- ▶ VersaMark inkpad
- ▶ White Sea Foam Papermania embossing powder
- ▶ glitter
- ▶ Crafter's Companion Stick and Spray adhesive
- ▶ Collall Tacky Glue
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ stamping platform
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Trim a 16x13cm piece of yellow patterned paper and adhere to

the card front.

2 Use the folder to emboss a piece of Snow White cardstock and adhere on top.

3 Cut a 15x3.5cm piece of black cardstock. Use VersaMark ink to stamp the sentiment and heat-emboss in white, then adhere to the bottom of the card front.

4 Use a stamping platform to stamp two sunflowers on to stamping cardstock. Stamp the first layer using Straw Bale ink, the second layer using Lemon Tonic and the third layer using Honey Pot ink. Die-cut the image using the co-ordinating die and attach using 3D foam pads.

5 Apply Stick and Spray adhesive to one flower then pour glitter over and shake the excess. Cut the flower in half and use 3D foam pads to attach as shown.

6 Affix the full sunflower in the centre as shown to finish.



Birthday peonies

by Mel Jess

You'll need

- ▶ white 15cm-square card blank
- ▶ white stamping cardstock
- ▶ white & purple cardstock
- ▶ Crafter's Companion Traditional Peony layering stamps & dies
- ▶ Paper Smooches Happy Birthday stamp set
- ▶ Spellbinders Nestabilities Circle & Scalloped Circle die sets
- ▶ Altenew Spring Garden stencil
- ▶ Pale Fig, Crushed Velvet, Damson Wine Grasshopper & Wine Harmony Quick Dry inkpads
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inkpad
- ▶ sequins
- ▶ Collall Tacky Glue
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cover the card front in purple cardstock.

2 Cut a square of white cardstock and use low-tack tape to adhere the stencil on to it. Run through a die-cutting machine just as you would to emboss a die.

3 Trim the embossed panel smaller than the purple layer and adhere.

4 Use purple tones of Harmony inkpads to stamp three Traditional Peony layers with green leaves, then die-cut using the co-ordinating dies.

5 Die-cut a scalloped circle from purple cardstock and adhere a white die-cut circle on top.

6 Use Tuxedo Black ink to stamp the sentiment in the centre of the circle and adhere to the card front using 3D foam pads.

7 Shape the peonies and leaves then adhere using glue and 3D foam pads. Add sequins to finish.



Top Tip

If the stencil doesn't give a defined embossed detail, use a shim to help

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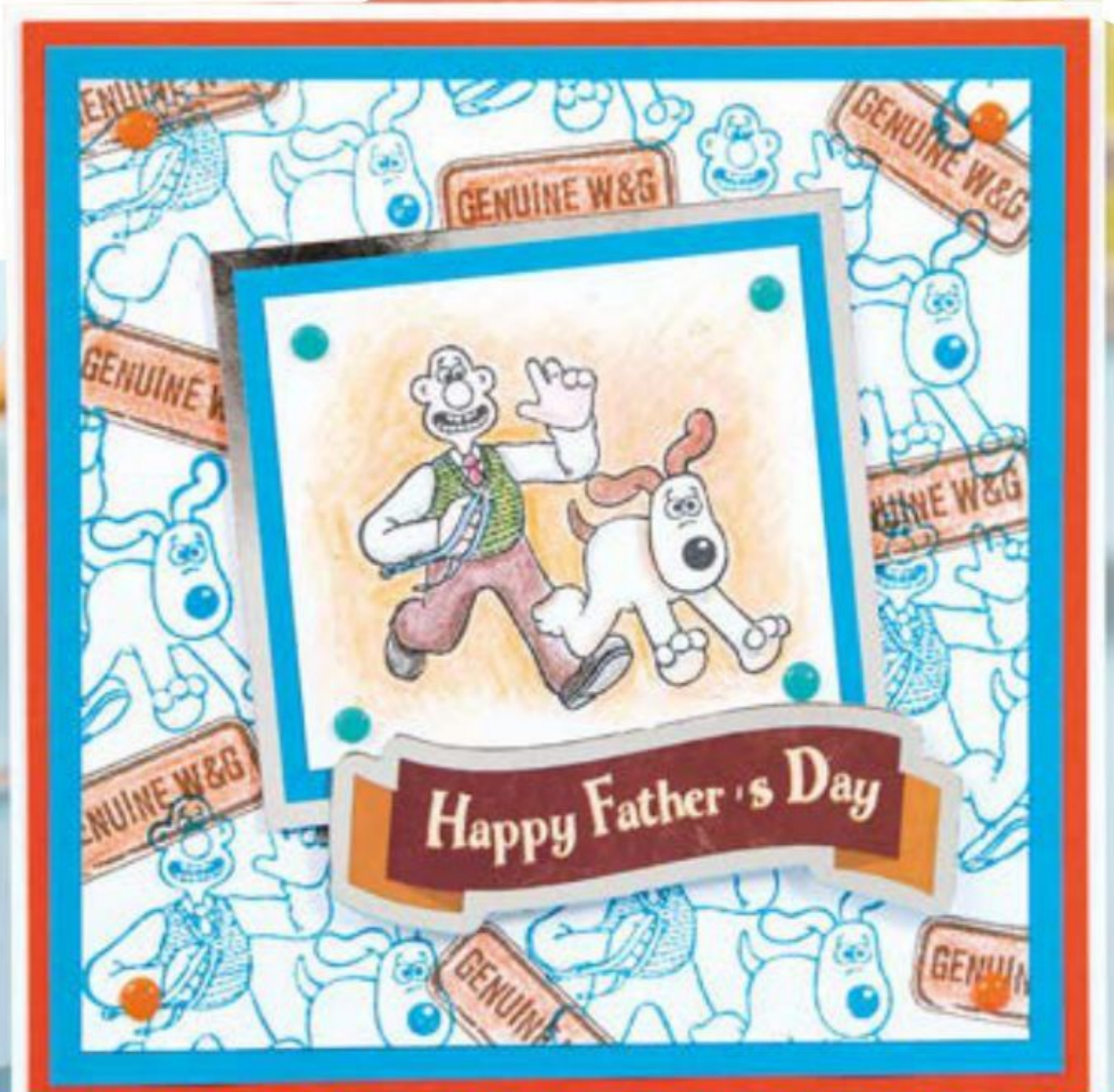
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The perfect stash to celebrate the original Mr Cool this June



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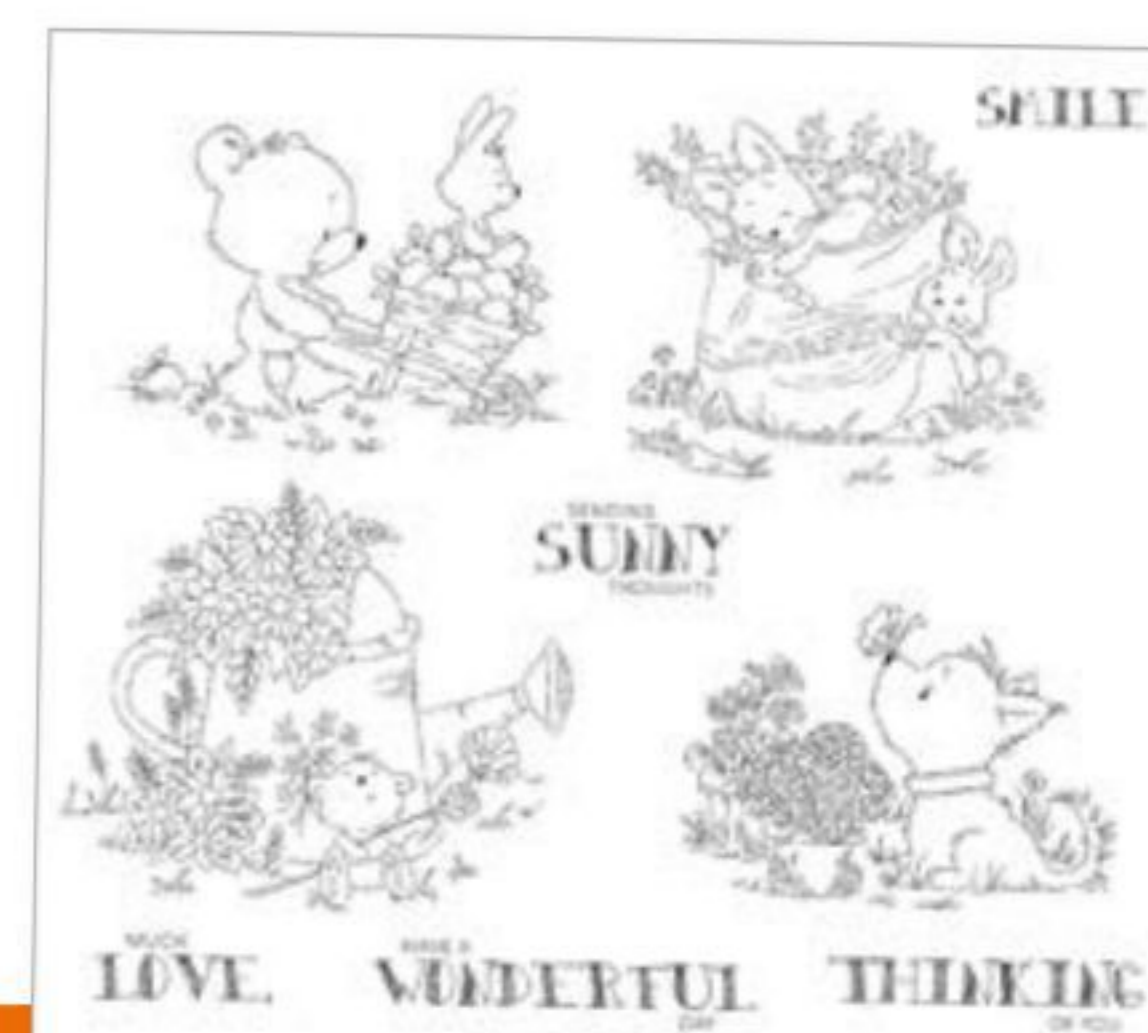
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Summer smiles



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Where to buy

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Thinking of you

You'll need

- ▶ kraft 14.8x10.5cm card blank
- ▶ white, yellow & pink cardstock
- ▶ Lili of the Valley Sunny Days stamp set
- ▶ My Favorite Things Party Patterns 6x6" paper pad & Sweet Celebration 6x6" paper pad
- ▶ Creative Dies Plus Nesting Circle Stitched & Pierced die set
- ▶ Hunkydory Fabulous Flowers Moonstone Dies
- ▶ black inkpad
- ▶ Copic markers
- ▶ Doodlebug Design Tiny Hearts Glossy Enamel Stickers
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Attach a piece of yellow cardstock to the card front,

then add a smaller piece of pink spotty paper on top.

2 Stamp the image on to white cardstock and colour using markers. Die-cut into a pierced circle and layer on to a larger yellow circle. Trim the bottom of the circle then adhere to the card front as shown.

3 Cut a 13.9x2.1cm strip of striped paper, layer on to

yellow cardstock and adhere to the bottom of the card front, overlapping the image as shown.

4 Stamp, trim and affix the sentiment.

5 Die-cut the flower from yellow spotty paper and pink cardstock. Attach to the card front then add two enamel hearts to finish.

Sunny thoughts

You'll need

- ▶ kraft 14.3cm-square card blank
- ▶ yellow, white & blue cardstock
- ▶ My Favorite Things Party Patterns 6x6" paper pad & Sweet Celebration 6x6" paper pad
- ▶ Lili of the Valley Sunny Days stamp set
- ▶ Creative Dies Plus Nesting Square Stitched & Pierced die set
- ▶ Hunkydory Fabulous Flowers Moonstone Dies
- ▶ Penny Black Burlap Edge die set
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inkpad
- ▶ Copic markers
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cover the card front in smaller pieces of yellow cardstock, then green spotty patterned paper.

2 Cut a 9x11.5cm piece of multicoloured paper, layer on to blue cardstock and attach to the left-hand side of the card front.

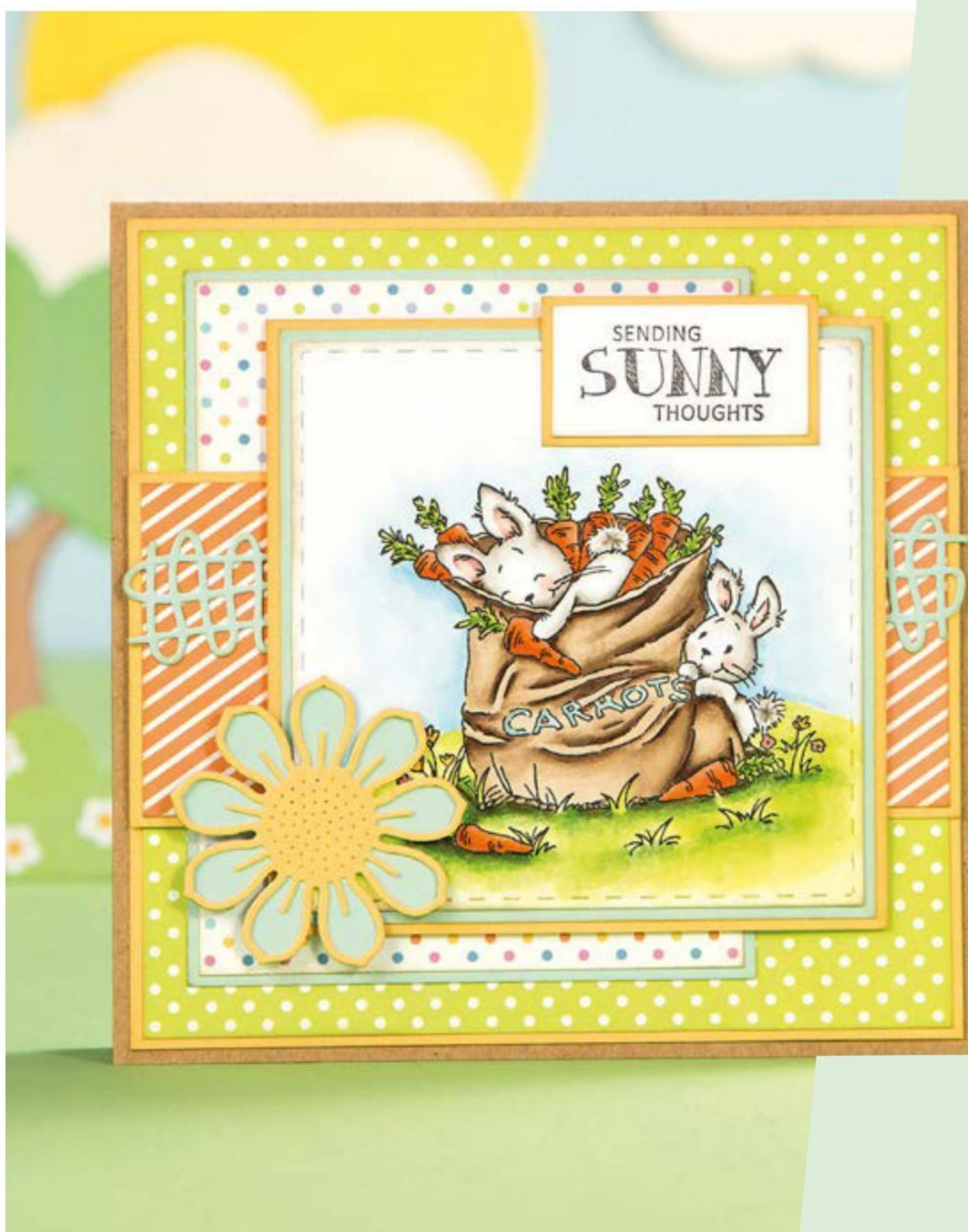
3 Cut a 13.4x5cm piece of orange striped paper, adhere to yellow cardstock and attach across the centre of the card front.

4 Die-cut the raffia border from blue cardstock and attach across the card front.

5 Stamp and colour the image, cut out using a 9.5cm stitched square die then layer on to larger pieces of blue then yellow cardstock. Attach to the card front.

6 Stamp and trim the sentiment, layer on to yellow cardstock and adhere to the top-right corner of the card front.

7 Die-cut the flower from blue and yellow cardstock and add to the bottom-left corner to finish.



Much love

You'll need

- ▶ kraft, pink, yellow & white cardstock
- ▶ My Favorite Things Party Patterns 6x6" paper pad & Sweet Celebration 6x6" paper pad
- ▶ Lili of the Valley Sunny Days stamp set
- ▶ Creative Dies Plus Nesting Square Stitched & Pierced die set
- ▶ Creative Dies Plus Nesting Circle Stitched & Pierced die set
- ▶ Creative Dies Plus Scalloped Circle Stitched & Pierced die set
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inkpad
- ▶ Copic markers
- ▶ pink polka dot ribbon
- ▶ Doodlebug Design Glossy Enamel Stickers – Tiny Hearts
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cut a 22.6x14.3cm piece of kraft cardstock and score and fold at 8.3cm.

2 Cut a 7.5x13.4cm piece of chequered paper, layer on to

pink cardstock and adhere to the card front.

3 Cut a 13.4cm-square of blue patterned paper, layer on to pink cardstock and adhere inside the card blank.

4 Stamp and colour the watering can image then cut out using a 9.6cm-wide stitched circle die. Layer on to a yellow circle then a scalloped pierced pink circle.

5 Stamp and trim the sentiment then affix inside the card blank.

6 Adhere the image to the card front using 3D foam pads then attach two small pieces of ribbon behind the panel. Add a pink enamel heart next to the sentiment to finish.



Smile

You'll need

- ▶ kraft, blue, yellow & white cardstock
- ▶ My Favorite Things Party Patterns 6x6" paper pad & Sweet Celebration 6x6" paper pad
- ▶ Lili of the Valley Sunny Days stamp set
- ▶ Creative Dies Plus Nesting Circle Stitched & Pierced die set
- ▶ Creative Dies Plus Scalloped Circle Stitched & Pierced die set
- ▶ Penny Black Burlap Edge die set
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inkpad
- ▶ copic markers
- ▶ Doodlebug Design Tiny Hearts Glossy Enamel Stickers
- ▶ blue button
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cut a 14x20cm piece of kraft cardstock and score and fold at 10cm.

2 Layer blue cardstock to the card front. Cut two 2.8x9.2cm pieces of green spotty paper

and attach either side of the card front. Cut a 6.9x9.2cm piece of stripy paper and adhere in the centre as shown.

3 Stamp and colour the image then cut out using a 9.6cm-wide stitched circle die. Layer on to a larger

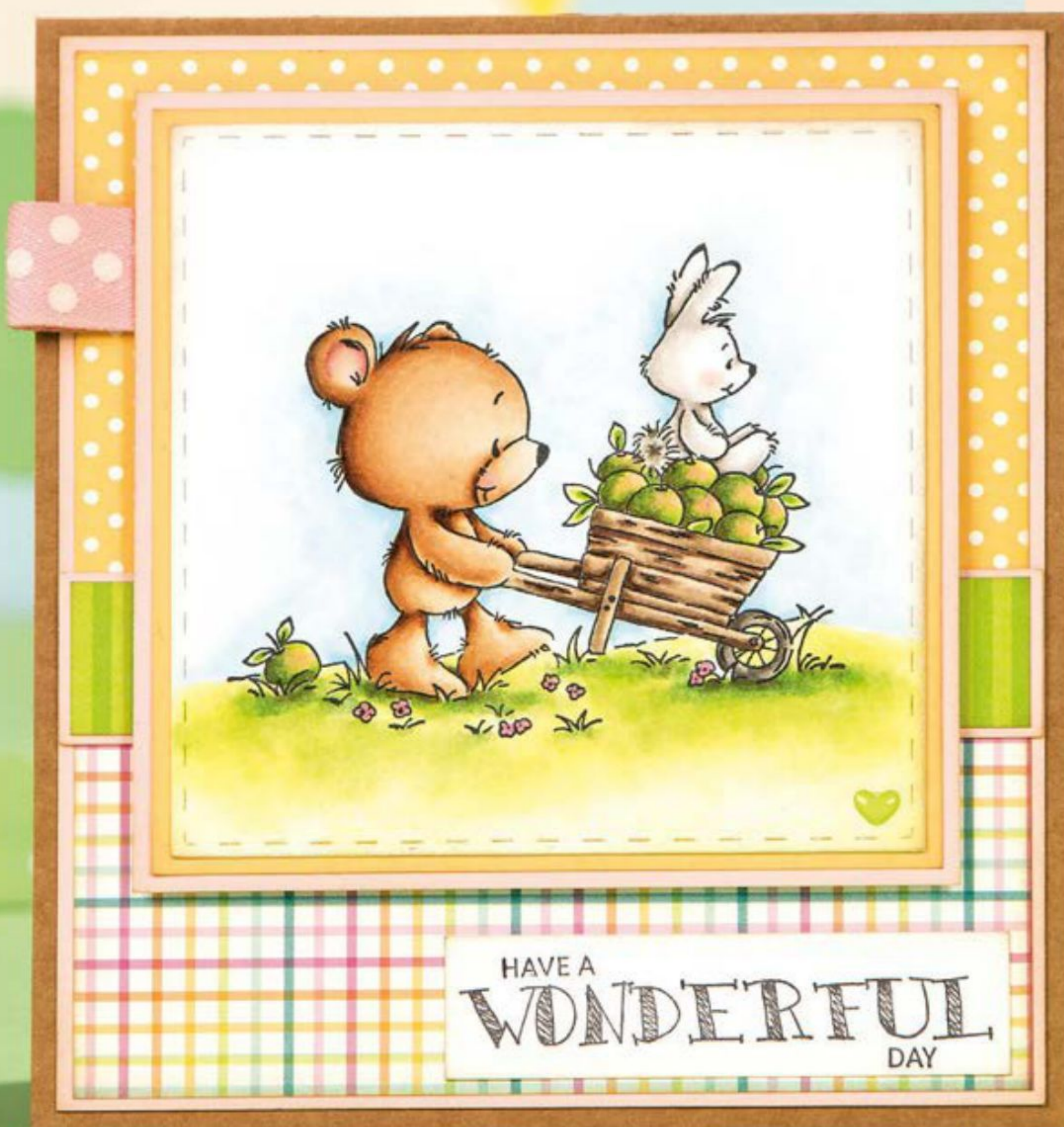
yellow circle then a larger blue scalloped pierced circle.

4 Die-cut the raffia border from yellow cardstock and adhere across the card front. Add the image panel using 3D foam pads.

5 Stamp and trim the sentiment. Layer on to blue

cardstock and add an enamel heart then attach to the image panel as shown.

6 Die-cut the flower from pink spotty paper, add a blue button to the centre of the flower and affix to the bottom-right of the card front to finish.



Wonderful day

You'll need

- ▶ kraft 13x14.5cm card blank
- ▶ white & pink cardstock
- ▶ My Favorite Things Party Patterns 6x6" paper pad & Sweet Celebration 6x6" paper pad
- ▶ Lili of the Valley Sunny Days stamp set
- ▶ Creative Dies plus Nesting Square Stitched & Pierced die set
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inkpad
- ▶ Copic markers
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- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

dotty paper to the top half then chequered paper to the bottom half as shown.

2 Cut a 12x1.9cm strip of green paper, layer on to pink cardstock and adhere across the centre of the card front.

3 Stamp and colour the wheelbarrow image. Cut out using a 9.5cm-wide stitched square die then layer on to yellow and pink cardstock. Adhere to the card front using 3D foam pads.

4 Stamp, trim and affix the sentiment using 3D foam pads.

5 Fold and attach a small piece of ribbon behind the top-left corner of the image panel. Add a green enamel heart in the bottom-right corner to finish.

Step by step

1 Adhere pink cardstock to the card front. Add yellow

Top Tip

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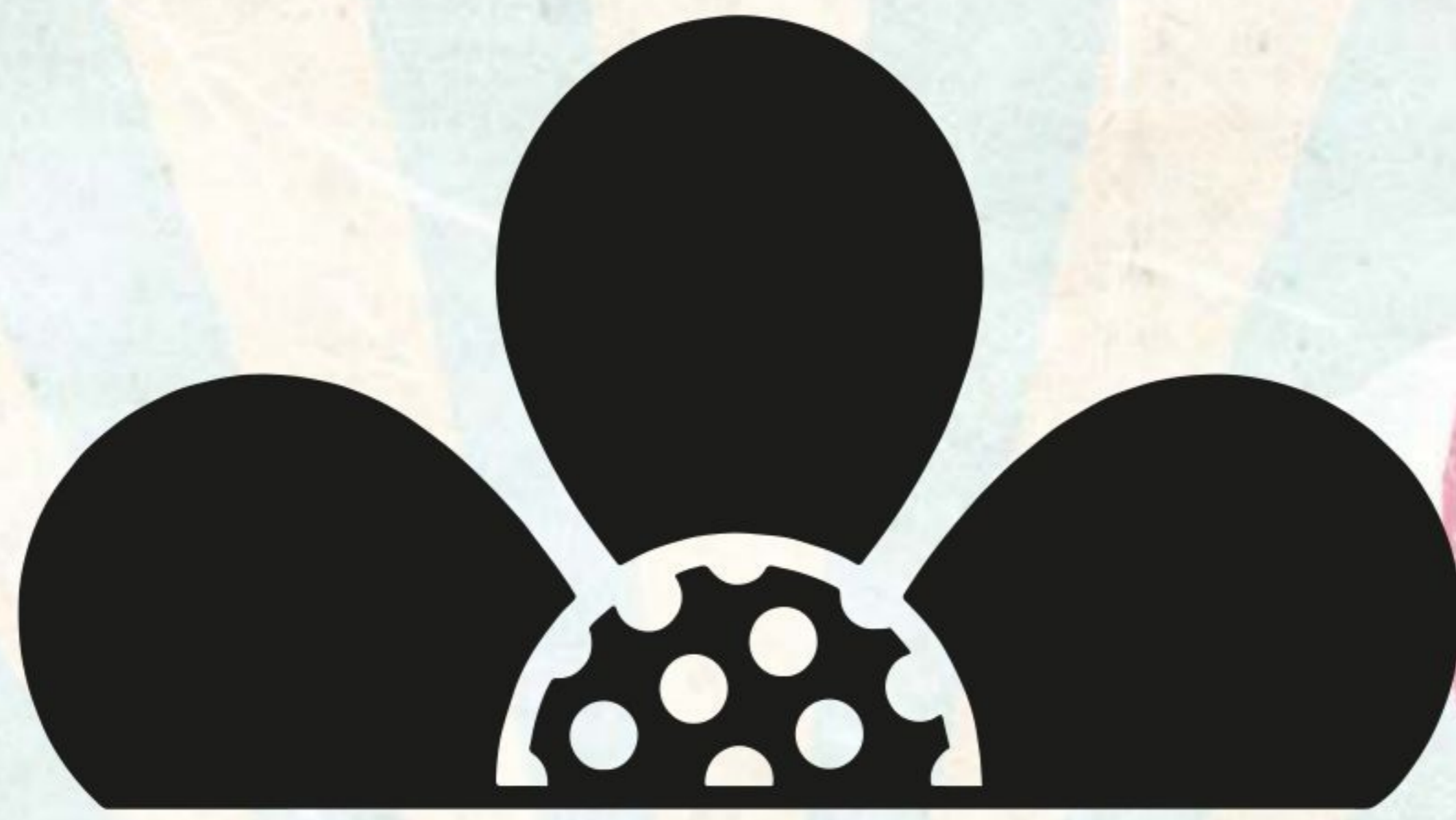
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The card expert



Hunkydory's Ruth Mackie-McCartan is on hand to answer all your crafting queries

Congrats grad

The little girl who lives next door is leaving 'little' school this year. They are having a graduation party at school and I've been asked along to join in the fun. I'd like to make her a graduation card – do you think she's too young for one?

Fiona Campbell, Glenrothes

Ruth says: Not at all Fiona – I think it's cute that they have these parties in school now and a card would be a lovely idea as a reminder when she's older. I've made this one with a baby

elephant as I think it's young enough for a mini ceremony, but says everything a graduation card would say for an adult.

You'll need:

- ▶ 6"-square 350gsm Ink Me! card blank
- ▶ All Occasions Whopper Topper pad – Happy Graduation Whopper Topper
- ▶ Pale Pink Striped Pick N Mix & black Adorable Scorable cardstock
- ▶ gold Mirri Card



Summer crafting

My sister's birthday is in the middle of summer and I seem to have sent her cards with every flower and animal going, so I need something different. Any ideas?

Shirley Gregory, Dorset

Ruth says: This pretty topper showing a gorgeous summer picnic really fits the bill! I've teamed it with a glorious twist of pink.

The A5 size makes it special, and certainly worthy for a lovely sister.

You'll need:

- ▶ A5 350gsm Ink Me! card blank
- ▶ All Seasons Whopper Topper pad – Life's a Picnic
- ▶ Pink/Striped Pink Colour Twist Adorable Scorable cardstock
- ▶ pale pink gems

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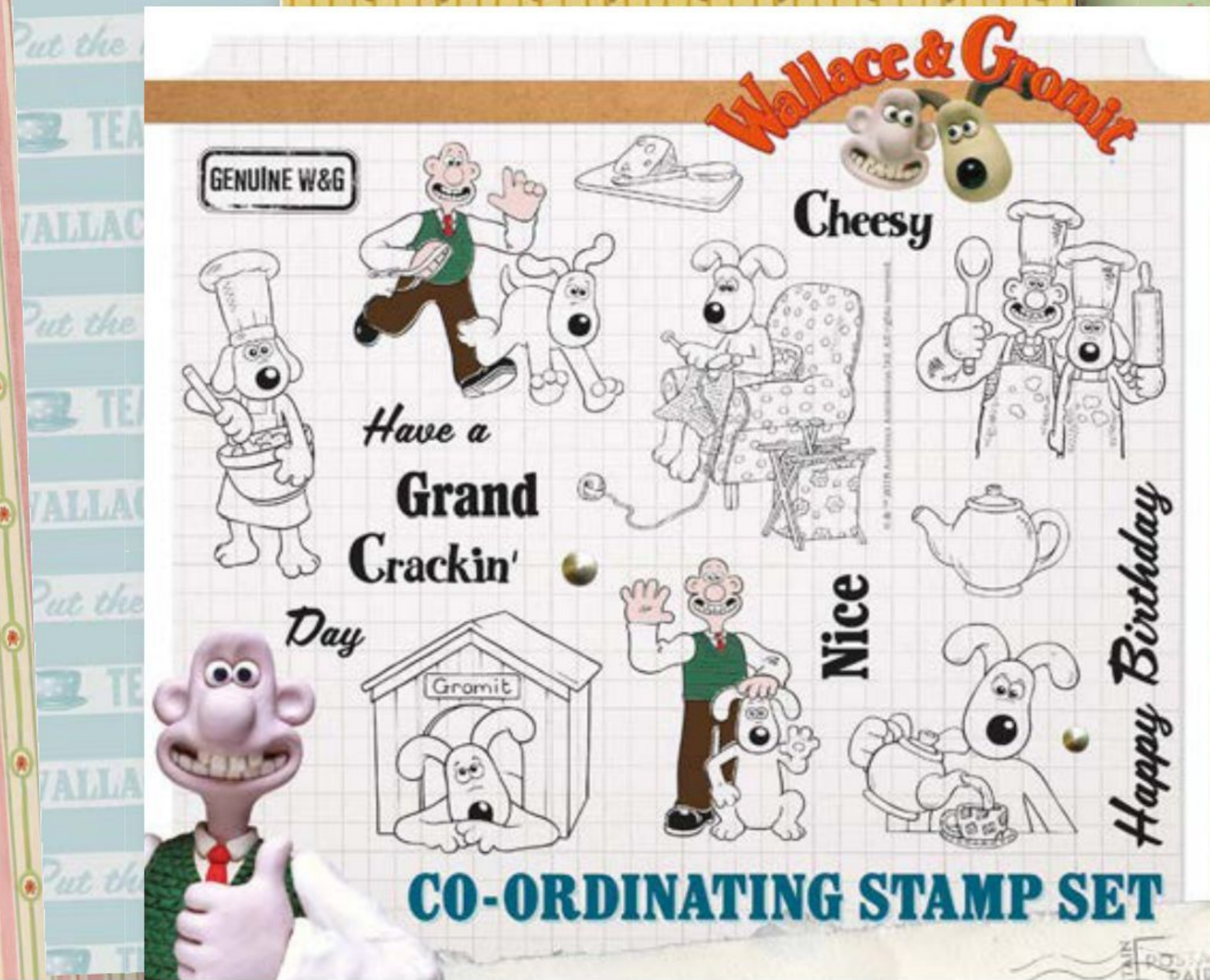
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