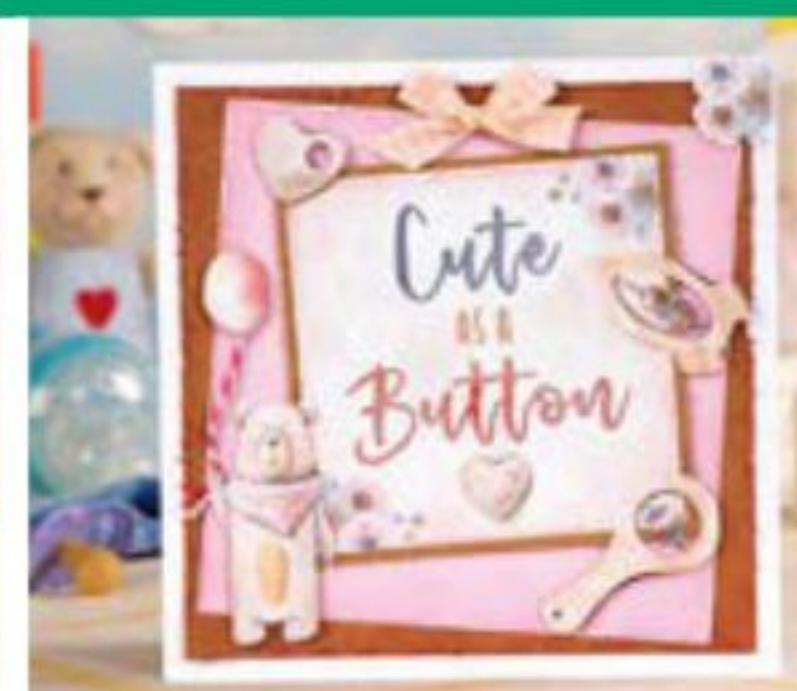


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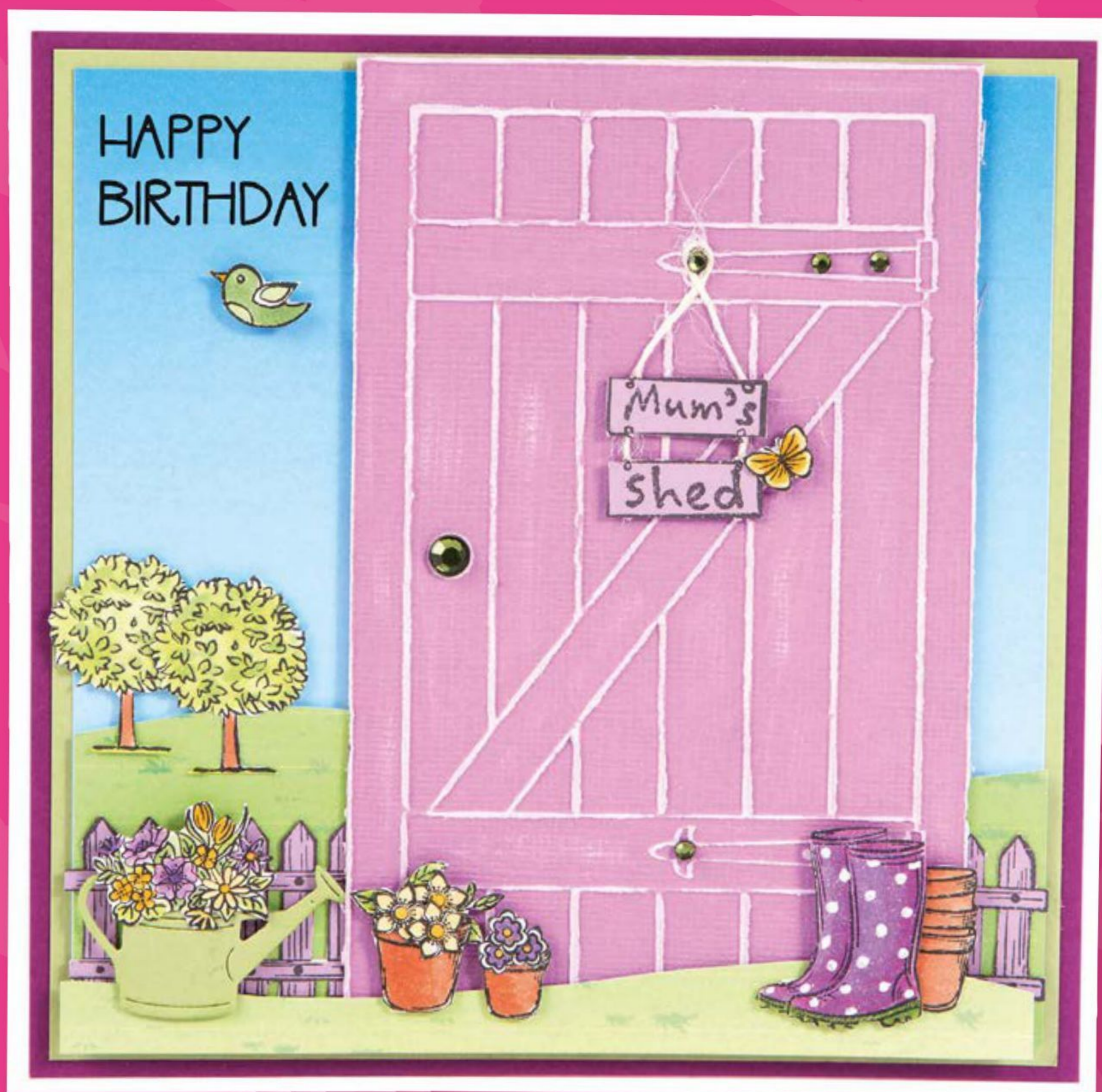
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Welcome to the latest issue of **Papercraft Essentials**! Issue 173 includes our beautiful **Garden Delights** die, 28-piece stamp set and embossing folder, plus six paper downloads, to keep you crafting throughout the summer months.

We love how **versatile** this gift is and our Design Team have done a wonderful job in showcasing the different projects you can create for **men and women** – check them out on page 15 and 80. We also have some fun **Father's Day** cards on page 62.

Issue 173 also features **new products** from Craftwork Cards and Lili of the Valley. As well as this, your **Cut out & keep** covers everything from new arrivals, projects for princesses and cards for your BFF, so turn to page 41 to see designs from Stamping Bella, Hunkydory, The Paper Nest Dolls and Stampin' Up!

We also like to try different ways to **stretch our craft stash**, so if you're **crafting on a budget** we've got just the thing. On page 26 Debbie Simpson demonstrates her best ideas for using up your ribbon stash. Our **Beginner's guide** on page 31 showcases how iris folding can help to breathe new life into your old patterned paper, while Jo Boland's **One kit makes** does exactly what it says on the tin.

This issue's gift is perfect for **summer crafting** and with the weather getting warmer, why not head outside and whip up a selection of garden delights? Don't forget to **download your papers** from www.papercraftmagazines.com.

Happy papercrafting!

Ria x

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What we've been up to this month



This month we've been busy putting together the first ever issue of the **Craftwork Cards Papercraft collection**! This brand-new magazine is filled with **cards and off-the-page projects** that are perfect for **summer crafting**. Inside is a **95-element kit** including a stamp set, dies, a stencil and a beautiful paper pack! Pick up your copy **in store or online** from the **2nd May**.



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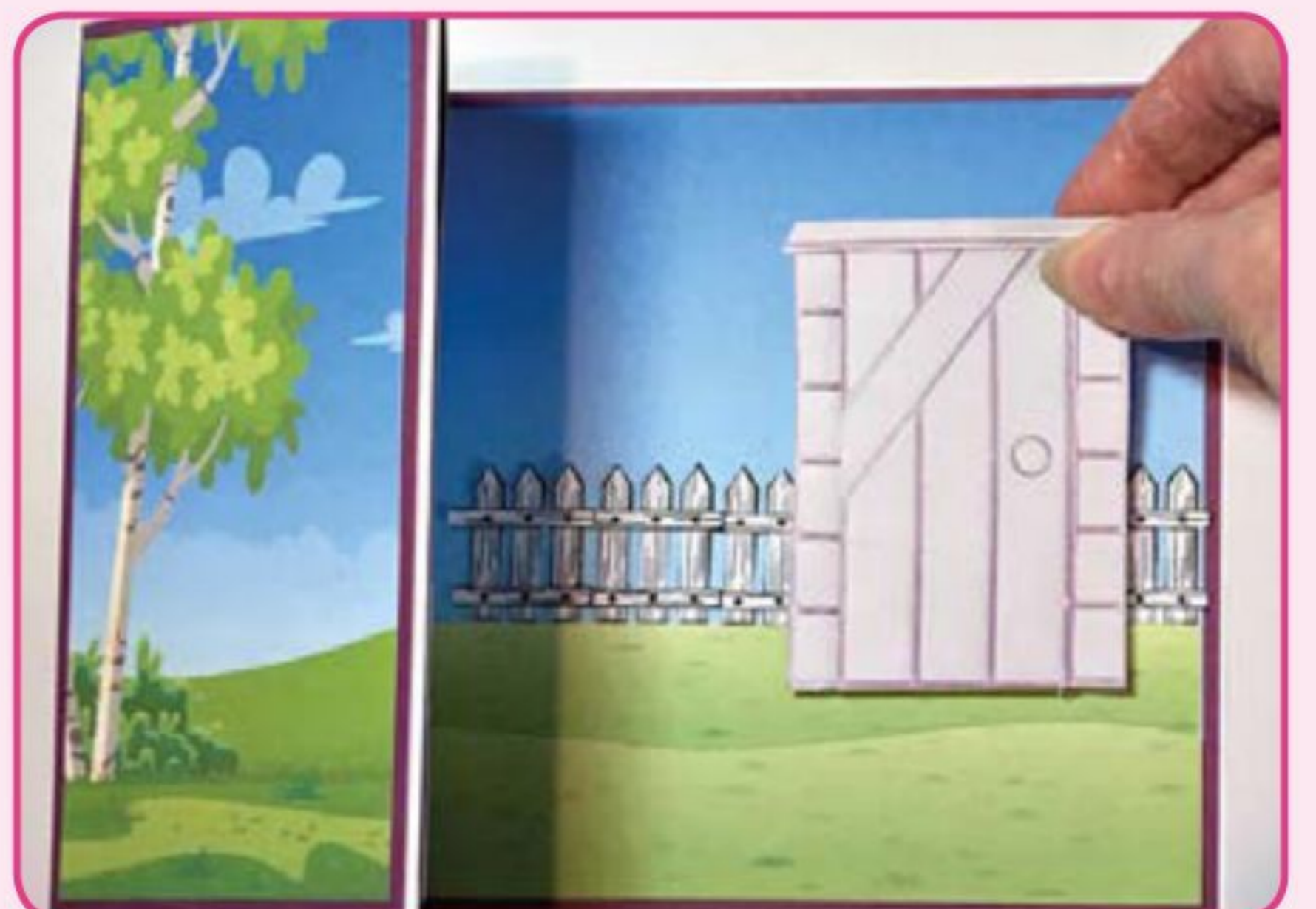
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A craftily ever after

Once upon a time there was a collection that instantly transported your projects to a fairytale land. Inspired by *Alice in Wonderland*, *Cinderella*, *Peter Pan* and other legendary stories, Hunkydory has crafted a whimsical topper collection perfect for any prince or princess.

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IndigoBlu's India crafting trip

Taking place 30th October – 8th November 2019, with the dates for 2020 to be confirmed, IndigoBlu is heading to India with Hochanda's Leonie Pujol. The trip includes all taxes and round-trip transfers to and from the four-star accommodation of the Heritage Hotel in Jaipur, a private coach for day trips, breakfast (and some lunches and dinners), a tour of the 16th century Amber Fort and the glorious water palace Jal Mahal, shopping and a wonderful workshop with local artisans in the fabulous arts of block printing and pottery.

The trip costs **£2,400 per person with more details** at www.thecrafttravelcompany.co.uk



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Why Craft Matters runs 23rd March – 1st September 2019. For more information and tickets, go to www.harewood.org

Craft arrives at Harewood House

Located less than 10 miles from Leeds is gorgeous 18th century Harewood House, the home of the eagerly anticipated handmade exhibition Useful/Beautiful: Why Craft Matters, as part of the very first Harewood Biennial. The showcase is aimed at challenging perceptions about the role craft plays in culture, identity and society, whilst posing the question 'why does craft matter today?'

The celebration of craftsmanship will feature 26 separate exhibits both above and below stairs from artisans across England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and will have three specially commissioned pieces by graphic artist Anthony Burrill, furniture, object and fashion designer Faye Toogood, and designer Max Lamb, who will be creating a unique and exclusive hand-dyed rug for the biennial, using vegetation from the Harewood estate.



Work by Andy Singleton

These new commissions and pieces showcase the best in fashion, woodwork, glass and furniture, but most importantly to us paper, from Wakefield paper artist and illustrator Andy Singleton, whose paper-based sculptures will hang in the Main Library. These craftspeople are already in great company with works by historical legends such as landscaper Capability Brown, furniture designer Thomas Chippendale and architect Robert Adam all featuring prominently at Harewood, making this exhibit an homage to the handmade, old and new, like nothing this country has seen before.



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Animal antics

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Are you a lover of a collection that has bold florals at the heart of it? Look no further than Cocoa Vanilla Studio's Happiness collection. Packed with watercolour-style images of blooms, spots and hearts, as well as flowing handwritten sentiments, this collection packs a punch and prepares for some serious summer crafting.

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We love Watermelon cooler

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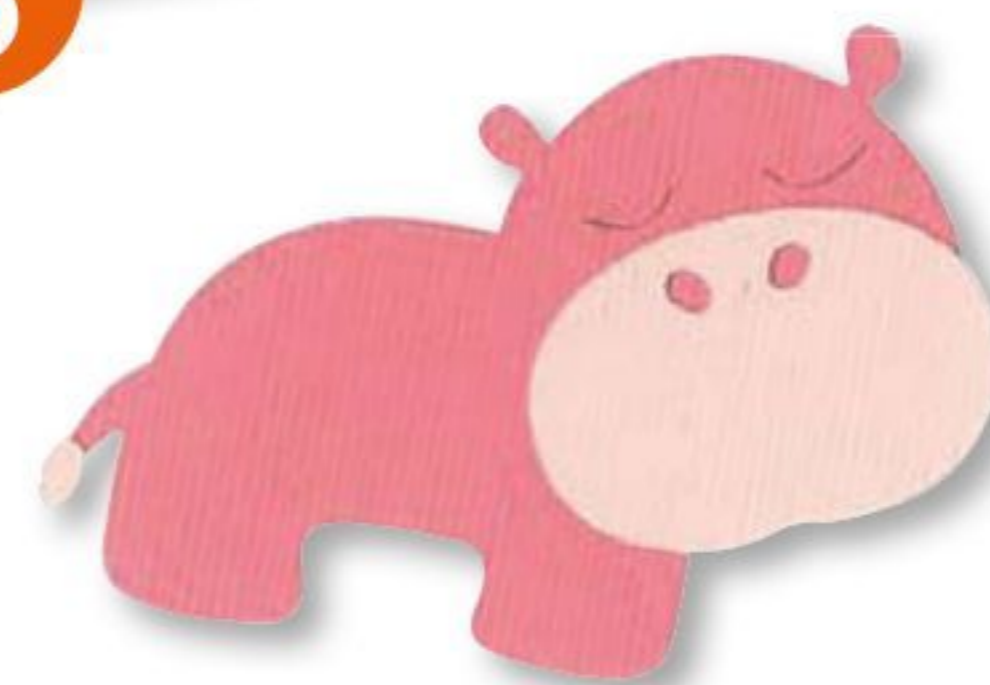
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Your letters

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



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Star letter

All things bright and beautiful

When I visit my daughter in Texas I always bring a supply of craft goodies and this year I brought the January issue of *Papercraft Essentials*. I have really enjoyed using the Hunkydory kit and have made 25 cards! I sell my cards in the coffee shop at Kiln Farm Nursery in Suffolk to raise money for our local children's hospice, E.A.C.H. I was so impressed with your magazine I have now bought a subscription so will have the next issue waiting for me when I get home.

Margaret Wall, via email

Ria says: This is amazing, Margaret! One of the reasons we loved the Hunkydory kit is because it can stretch so far and be used to create lots of stylish designs, as you have shown here! It's so admirable to hear you make the cards for your local children's hospice - keep up the good work!

Get in touch and you could win our prize - £50 worth of fantastic crafty stash from Hunkydory!

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Crafting for charity

I thought you might like to see the cards I made inspired by the recent All Things Bright and Beautiful Hunkydory kit. I found I had another Hunkydory pack that I had forgotten about and hadn't even opened, so I was prompted to take time out and have a marathon card-making session!

I make lots of cards for charity so they're perhaps quite similar, but I think that sets them off well, and I cut the backing papers in half, which gave me twice the numbers, then added peel-offs and gems from my stash.

The daffodil toppers were particularly delightful and arrived just in time for St. David's Day - perfect for cards for my friends in Wales. All this and I still have some of the tags for another round of cardmaking. I'm so pleased with them, hope you like them too!

Marie-Therese Kielty, Clydebank



Makes for men

Your reader's letter from issue 170 about masculine makes struck a chord with me as I also struggle with these. I decided to concentrate on making this type of card by using ideas from back issues of your magazine. After getting side-tracked multiple times, here are some of the cards I made that I thought you might like to see.

Barbara Mills, via email



Butterfly Rose

I've attached a photo of a concertina card I made using the set from The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady in issue 171. They are so beautiful and spring-like – perfect for makes at this time of year. The flower and leaf dies with the embossing folder complement the papers perfectly and I have used them to make this card. I can't wait to use the bird and branch die and issue 171 has so many ideas for its use that it will not be difficult. Thank you for another really useful gift.

Betty Wakeham, Rugby



Happy crafter

Thank you again for showing my cards on your letters page. It's such a thrill to open the magazine and see what I made. Issue 171's gift from The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady was superb. I really liked the image of the two horses working the land, it brought back memories of my mum who used to tell us many stories of running alongside my granddad as he worked with his two big Clydesdales. I never knew my granddad as he passed away before I was born but through her stories and a photo I have (which is very similar to the picture with the horses) I feel I knew him well. It's a very beautiful kit! I hope you like what I've done.

Shirley Paterson, Scotland

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- ▶ brown cardstock
- ▶ stitched scalloped square die
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inkpad
- ▶ Fern Green Archival Ink
- ▶ Peeled Paint, Barn Door & Spiced Marmalade Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ Post-it notes
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Die-cut three scalloped squares from white cardstock and colour using Peeled Paint ink. Adhere to the card front as shown.

2 Blend Spiced Marmalade and Barn Door ink over three 5cm squares of cardstock then affix these to the green scalloped squares.

3 Stamp, then create masks for the flowers and plants.

Cover them and stamp a plant pot for each as shown. Colour the images then cut out, leaving a narrow white border. Adhere to the squares using 3D foam pads.

4 Stamp the sentiment using Fern Green ink to finish.

Top Tip Get a darker coloured sentiment by using a stamp positioning tool and re-inking the stamp until the desired shade is achieved



Dad's shed

You'll need

- ▶ Garden Delights gift
- ▶ Apple Blossom Springtime Sentiments stamps
- ▶ white A5 card blank
- ▶ white Sheena Douglass Stamping Card
- ▶ beige, brown & green cardstock
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inkpad
- ▶ Mowed Lawn & Pumice Stone Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ Washi tape
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Lightly adhere a strip of Washi tape across an A5 piece of green cardstock and blend Mowed Lawn ink off the edge of the tape. Lift and reposition slightly lower, then apply ink again to create a wooden-slatted effect. Adhere to the card front.

2 Cut two strips of beige cardstock to create a step, apply Pumice Stone ink to the edges of the panel then attach to the card front using 3D foam pads.

3 Emboss brown cardstock to create the shed door. Trim the excess and adhere in the centre of the steps.

4 Stamp the images onto white cardstock and colour using alcohol markers. Fussy-cut then secure to the card front as shown.

5 Die-cut the watering can, colour and adhere to the card front then stamp the sentiment to finish.

Top Tip

Use a craft knife to cut away the inside of the tools and door sign, do this before cutting the images out to make it easier

Happy birthday

You'll need

- ▶ Garden Delights gift
- ▶ white 7"-square card blank
- ▶ white Sheena Douglass Stamping Card
- ▶ brown cardstock
- ▶ stitched scalloped circle die
- ▶ Acorn Ranger Archival Ink
- ▶ Gathered Twigs Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ Arteza Watercolour Real Brush pens
- ▶ White Blizzard Nuvo by Tonic Studios Glitter Drops
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ stamp positioning tool
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine
- ▶ paintbrush

Step by step

1 Pencil across over the centre point on a 15cm square of stamping cardstock. Secure the cardstock on the stamp positioning tool and line the spade stamp up with one of the pencil marks. Stamp using Acorn

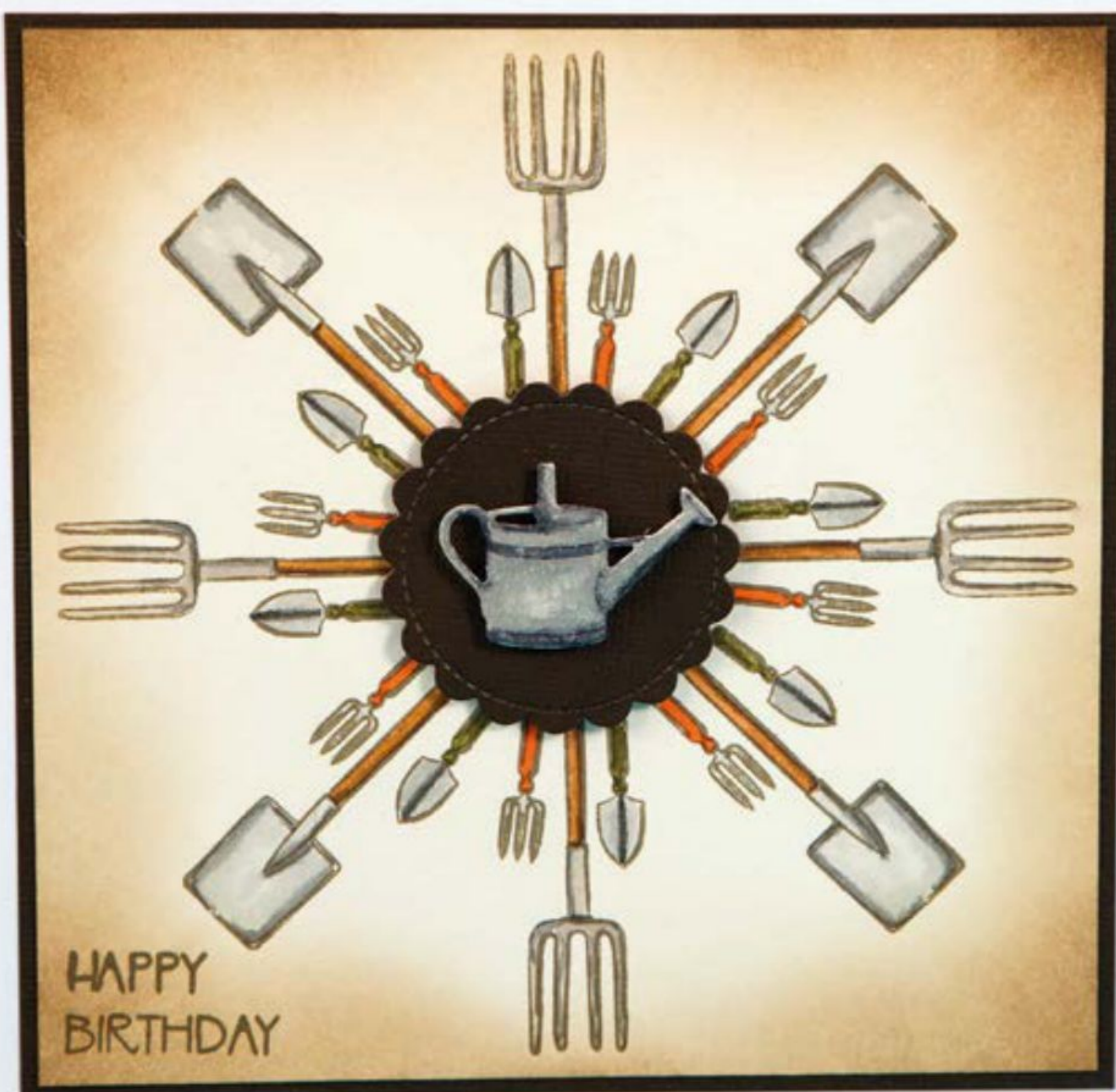
ink and rotate the square panel to get four spades. Line up the fork stamp between the spades and repeat the process, then place the small fork and trowel between the larger images and fill in the spaces. Colour using watercolour pens.

2 Blend Gathered Twigs ink around the edge of the panel. Use Acorn ink to stamp the sentiment in the bottom-left corner, layer onto brown cardstock and adhere to the card front.

3 Die-cut a circle from brown cardstock and affix to the centre of the card front using 3D foam pads.

4 Die-cut the watering can, colour using grey markers then adhere to the centre of the panel using 3D foam pads.

5 Cover with a layer of Nuvo Glitter drops, moving the glitter glue around with your finger or a paintbrush for a thinner layer.



Top Tip

Erase the pencil marks before you colour or blend any ink around the card piece

Mum's shed

You'll need

- ▶ Garden Delights gift
- ▶ Sheena Douglass Stamping Card
- ▶ kraft cardstock
- ▶ Crafter's Companion Die'sire Shutter Card die set
- ▶ Acorn Archival Ink
- ▶ Brushed Corduroy, Mowed Lawn, Gathered Twigs & Mustard Seed Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ Arteza Watercolour Real Brush pens
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Die-cut the Shutter card blank from white cardstock following the package instructions, then cut the layering elements from kraft cardstock. Cut two additional end panels from white cardstock and emboss in the folder.

2 Blend Brushed Corduroy ink over the door panels and score each 0.5cm from the long edge. Set aside. Colour the remaining panels using Mustard Seed ink and, using scrap paper,

lightly blend Brushed Corduroy ink to create the shelves. Stamp the images and colour using watercolour markers.

3 Adhere the panels into position, using adhesive just down the sides of the doors.

4 Use Mowed Lawn ink to colour three panels for the spaces at the bottom then add stamped and cut out the fence panels.

5 Stamp the vegetables in rows on the central panel and add lines of Brushed Corduroy ink for the vegetables to sit on. Matt onto kraft cardstock and adhere to the card front.

6 Cut three panels for the top and stamp flowers onto each, then colour and adhere to the card front.

7 Add die-cut and stamped elements across the design to finish.



Top Tip

Colour the space between the fence pieces green to avoid having to fussy-cut those pieces out!



Celebrate new beginnings

You'll need

- ▶ Garden Delights gift
- ▶ Apple Blossom Springtime Sentiments stamps
- ▶ white 7x5" card blank
- ▶ Neenah cardstock
- ▶ pink cardstock
- ▶ Jet Black Ranger Archival Ink
- ▶ Worn Lipstick & Picked Raspberry Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ Arteza Watercolour Real Brush pens
- ▶ pink organza ribbon
- ▶ Post-it notes
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Place Washi tape a third of the way up a 17.5x10cm piece of white cardstock and lightly blend Worn Lipstick ink above. Remove the tape then stamp three bunches of flowers as shown. Create a mask for the flowers and stamp the plant pots then colour using watercolour markers.

2 Die-cut three watering cans and colour using Picked

Raspberry ink then adhere above the flowers. Stamp the water droplets and colour using a pale blue watercolour marker.

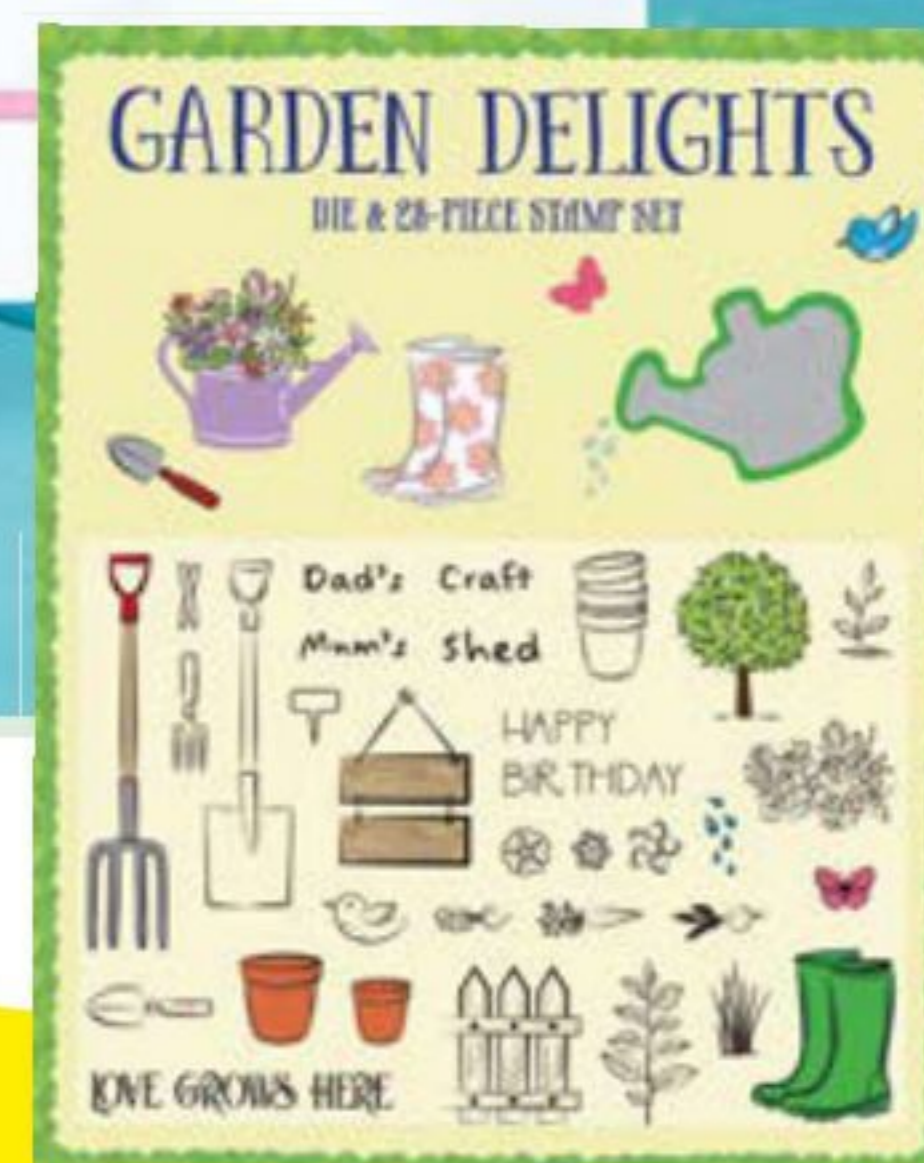
3 Tie pink organza ribbon around the panel, secure to the reverse then adhere to the

card front. Adhere narrow strips of pink cardstock to the top and bottom of the panel and trim the excess.

4 Use Jet Black ink to stamp the sentiment and add a bow to finish.

Top Tip

Add sparkle to the images by glazing with a clear glitter pen such as Clear Sparkle Spectrum Noir Crystal Pen



Turn to **page 62** to see Father's Day ideas using your gift

Birthday gatefold



You'll need

- ▶ Garden Delights gift
- ▶ Apple Blossom Springtime Sentiments stamps
- ▶ white A5 card blank
- ▶ Neenah cardstock
- ▶ pink cardstock
- ▶ scalloped & stitched circle nesting dies
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inkpad
- ▶ Vibrant Fuchsia Ranger Archival Ink
- ▶ Worn Lipstick Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ baker's twine
- ▶ organza ribbon
- ▶ pink Card Candi
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Emboss two 7.5x14.5cm pieces of cardstock and apply Worn Lipstick ink to both pieces. Punch holes for the door handles, thread pink ribbon through each and secure to the reverse then adhere to the card front. Add card Candi to cover the punched holes.

2 Stamp the images randomly across a 14.5cm square of Neenah cardstock then colour using alcohol markers. Matt onto pink cardstock and adhere inside the card blank.

3 Use a pink ink to stamp the sentiment. Die-cut into a circle, matt onto a pink scalloped circle then adhere to the centre of the card front as shown.

4 Die-cut the watering can and stamp the elements to cover the card front. Adhere to the shed door using 3D foam pads. Use baker's twine to make the flower pots look like hanging baskets as shown, then add Candi to finish.

Step by step

1 Score and fold a 14.5x29.7cm piece of white cardstock then score 7.5cm from each end to create the gatefold card.

Top Tip

Add dots using a white gel pen to add extra interest to the watering can

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Debbie Moran

Go Wild

Go wild for the latest collection from Craftwork Cards – perfect for all-occasion makes this summer



Party animal

You'll need

- ▶ white 7"-square card blank
- ▶ Craftwork Cards Go Wild die, stamp, embossing folder & 8x8" paper collection kit bundle
- ▶ black cardstock
- ▶ square die
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ Star Dust Ranger Stickles glitter glue
- ▶ black ribbon
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ scoreboard
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Emboss the outer edge of a square of black cardstock.

2 Cut a 16.5cm square of black cardstock and adhere pieces of pink and beige animal-patterned paper on top. Attach to the card front.

3 Cut a 15cm square, a 10cm circle and four lions from black cardstock. Die-cut four 3cm squares of pink animal paper and eight 3cm squares from black, pink and beige animal paper.

4 Attach the black square to the card front then add the

small squares around the outside edge, placing the pink squares in each corner as shown. Adhere the lions using 3D foam pads.

5 Emboss the party animal topper using the folder, then distress using Onyx Black ink. Adhere to the black die-cut circle, then attach to the centre of the card front using 3D foam pads.

6 Add a black bow and Candi as shown, then decorate with glitter glue to finish.



Where to buy

The Go Wild collection from Craftwork Cards is available from www.craftstash.co.uk

Special wishes

You'll need

- ▶ white 7"-square card blank
- ▶ Craftwork Cards Go Wild die, stamp, embossing folder & 8x8" paper collection kit bundle
- ▶ black cardstock
- ▶ white stamping cardstock
- ▶ Craftwork Cards Festive Sentiments die & stamp set
- ▶ circle die
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ scoreboard
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Emboss the outer edge of the card blank using the folder. Die-cut the black leaves, shape and attach using 3D foam pads as shown.

2 Cut a 13cm square from beige animal-patterned paper. Cut a 12.5cm square from

black cardstock and a 12cm square from white stamping cardstock. Emboss around the outside of each then matt and layer together.

3 Stamp the sentiment around the square panel as shown, then stamp the birds and attach the panel to the centre of the card front.

4 Distress the outer edge of the topper using Onyx Black ink. Matt onto a black die-cut circle using 3D foam pads then attach to the card front.

5 Add black Candi and attach a die-cut lion to the topper to finish.

Top Tip Emboss around the edge of the card blank, then emboss a smaller square inside to give you a frame to work to when attaching the die-cut leaves



Special birthday

You'll need

- ▶ white 6"-square card blank
- ▶ Craftwork Cards Go Wild die, stamp, embossing folder & 8x8" paper collection kit bundle
- ▶ black cardstock
- ▶ Craftwork Cards Create a Flower die set 2
- ▶ Craftwork Cards Baby stamp set
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ white gel pen
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ scoreboard
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Score vertically up the centre of the card front, then fold to create the easel. Cut a 6" square of white cardstock.

2 Cut a 2¾"-wide piece of black cardstock and adhere to the card base using 3D foam pads. Add a piece of pink patterned paper on top, then stamp the sentiment as shown.

3 Die-cut two large and two small elephants and highlight the trunk, mouth and front of the legs using a white gel pen. Place 3D foam pads under one large and one small elephant then

arrange and attach below the sentiment.

4 Die-cut four pink roses and four flower bases, shape then assemble. Die-cut and stamp four of each leaf and attach using 3D foam pads as shown.

5 Take two elephant toppers and cut out the elephant's heads and the leaves. Shape then découpage them onto the remaining topper. Attach the topper in the centre of the white square then add Candi around the edge.

6 Place a rose flower in each corner and leaves in between them as shown. Add the square to the folded card front to complete the easel.



Don't miss our Craftwork Cards gift in issue 175 of *Papercraft Essentials!*



Top Tip Start placing Candi from one of the corner positions then, should you end with a gap, it can be covered with a flower

Wild

You'll need

- ▶ white 6"-square card blank
- ▶ Craftwork Cards Go Wild die, stamp, embossing folder & 8x8" paper collection kit bundle
- ▶ navy blue, Peach & black cardstock
- ▶ circle die
- ▶ Chipped Sapphire Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ Ranger Glossy Accents
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ scoreboard
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cut two 5¾x2" pieces of navy blue cardstock and two 5½x1¾" pieces of beige patterned paper. Score around the edges then attach the beige paper onto each navy panel. Attach one to the top and one to

the bottom of the card front as shown.

2 Die-cut two 'Wild' sentiments from black cardstock and attach to the beige paper. Use Onyx Black ink to stamp the lace on the side of the sentiments then attach the Candi.

3 Take two lion toppers and cut out the inner section of the face from one. Cut out the zebra print then shape both for dimension and attach using 3D foam pads.

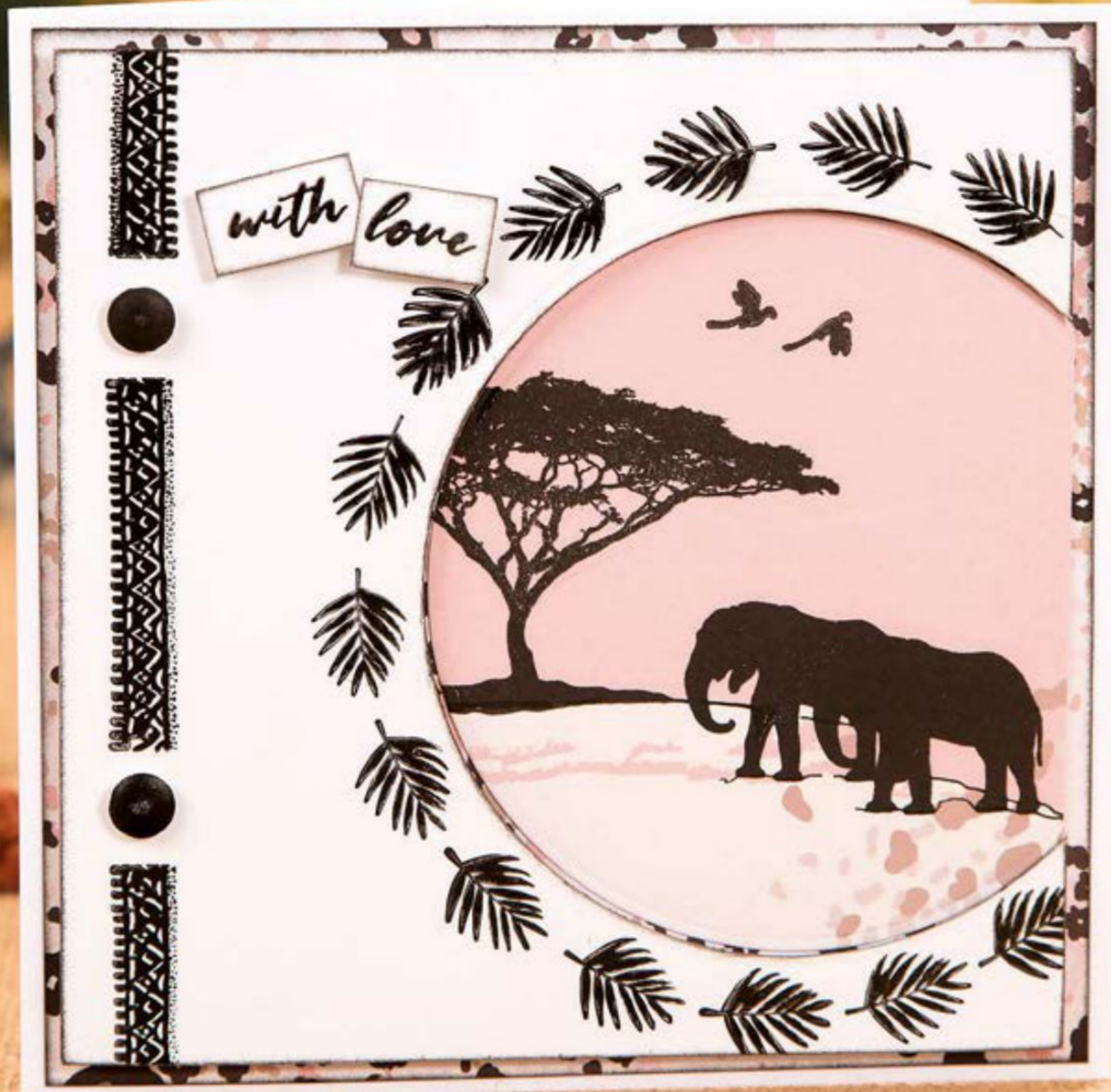
4 Distress the edges of the topper using Chipped Sapphire ink. Die-cut a circle from navy blue cardstock and attach the topper. Decorate using Ranger Glossy Accents.

5 Trim a piece of Peach cardstock and snip into a fishtail banner at both sides as shown. Adhere to the centre of the card front then add the circle panel to finish.



Top Tip

Putting a small amount of glue onto 3D foam pads gives you time to correctly place the topper



With love

You'll need

- ▶ white 6"-square card blank
- ▶ Craftwork Cards Go Wild die, stamp, embossing folder & 8x8" paper collection kit bundle
- ▶ Craftwork Cards Word stamp set
- ▶ white stamping cardstock
- ▶ circle die
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ black fine-line pen
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ scoreboard
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cut a 5¾" square of black, beige and pink animal-patterned paper.

2 Cut a 5½" piece of white stamping cardstock then die-cut a circle from the

right-hand side as shown.

3 Distress the panel using Onyx Black ink then attach the square panel to the card front.

4 Use Onyx Black ink to stamp the leaves around the circle aperture. Stamp the lace strip as shown, then stamp the sentiment onto white cardstock and trim into two pieces.

5 Die-cut a circle from pink and off-white-wash patterned paper. Stamp the tree, elephants and birds on the circle then use a black fine-line pen to draw the landscape.

6 Attach the white panel to the card front using 3D foam pads then add the Candi. Use 3D foam pads to adhere the sentiment panels as shown.

7 Trim the right-hand side of the pink circle to fit the card front then attach as shown to finish.

Top Tip

When stamping the lace start in the middle to get the first stamp in the centre, then do each outer stamp

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Happy birthday

You'll need

- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ teal glitter cardstock
- ▶ Aqua Card Making Magic organza & satin ribbons
- ▶ white Card Making Magic satin ribbon
- ▶ white leafy ribbon
- ▶ Sue Wilson Orange Blossom dies
- ▶ My Favorite Things Tag die
- ▶ Dreamees Happy Birthday sentiment stamp
- ▶ black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ Aqua Aurora Hobby House 10mm pearls
- ▶ clear embossing powder
- ▶ heat tool
- ▶ hot-glue gun
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Trim a 9.5x13.5cm piece of white cardstock, wrap two lengths of Aqua organza ribbon around the top and bottom, securing with strong double-sided tape, then wrap a length of Aqua satin ribbon

around the centre to create a ribbon background.

2 Wrap a length of the leafy ribbon across the centre to create a border. Adhere the ribbon panel to a piece of teal glitter cardstock, leaving a narrow border all round, then adhere this to a landscape

white A6 card blank.

3 Use the illustrated step-by-step guide below to create three ribbon roses. Cut Orange Blossom leaves from glitter card and secure onto the left-hand side of the ribbon panel, affixing the ribbon roses on top.

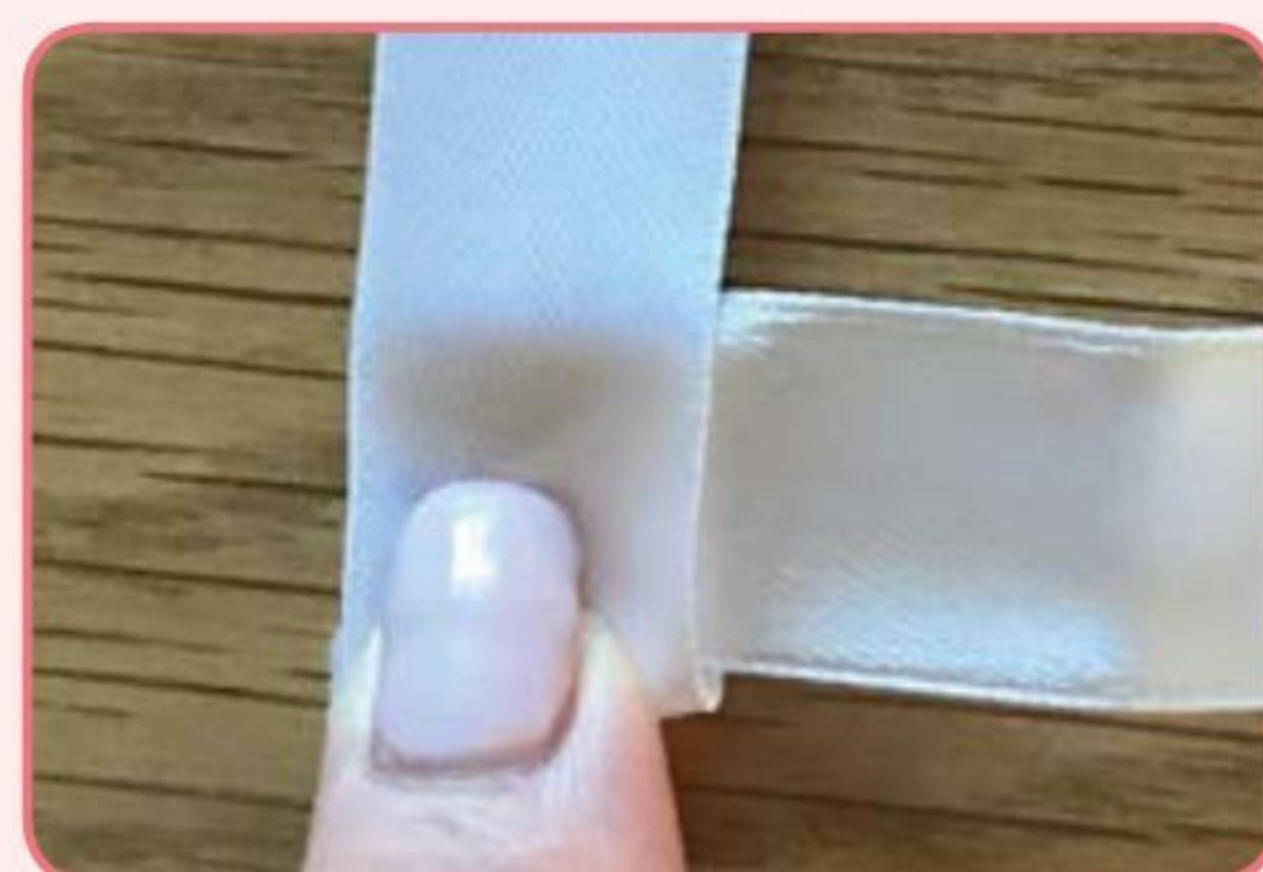
4 Die-cut a mini tag and stamp the sentiment onto it using black VersaFine ink and heat-emboss with clear embossing powder before securing it to the right of the flowers. Add the Aqua Aurora pearls to the flowers using hot-glue to secure to finish.



How to... create your own ribbon roses



1 Take a length of white satin ribbon and fold at a right angle at the centre.



2 Carefully concertina-fold the ribbon as shown.



3 Hold both ends and gently pull one end to form a rose shape with the ribbon.



4 Hold firmly and re-adjust the front of the flower as desired. Secure the ends with a hot glue.



Enjoy your special day

You'll need

- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Crate Paper Bloom 6x6" paper pad
- ▶ Card Making Magic ribbon
- ▶ Hobby House Rhinestone Sparkler
- ▶ Go Kreate Frilly #10 Frame dies
- ▶ My Favorite Things STAX Die-namics Inside and Out Stitched Circle dies
- ▶ Sentimentally Yours Birthday sentiment stamps
- ▶ black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ Creative Expressions Clear embossing powder
- ▶ gems
- ▶ heat tool
- ▶ grey board
- ▶ clear embossing powder
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Die-cut two of the larger Frilly #10 Frames from white cardstock, score across the top of one, approximately 2cm down,

to create a hinge and adhere the non-scored one to the top to create a shaped card blank.

2 Cut the chevron patterned paper using the next size down Frilly #10 Frame and adhere to the card front.

3 Die-cut a 7.5cm-stitched circle from white cardstock, stamp the sentiment in the centre using black VersaFine ink, sprinkle with clear embossing powder and heat-emboss. Affix to the centre of the card front.

4 Die-cut a couple of the largest stitched circle frames from grey board or heavyweight white cardstock. Adhere together and wrap pink satin ribbon around the frame, overlapping as you go.

5 Secure the ribbon-wrapped frame to the base card as shown. Add a ribbon bow to the left-hand side of the frame with a Rhinestone Sparkler in the centre and a few small gems onto the sentiment to finish.

Happy wishes

You'll need

- ▶ pink & white cardstock
- ▶ pink Card Making Magic ribbon
- ▶ Xcut Polka Hearts 6x6" embossing folder
- ▶ Xcut Nesting Hearts die set
- ▶ WPlus9 Happy Wishes Word die
- ▶ gems
- ▶ Hobby House Rhinestone Sparkler
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Trim two 13.5cm squares of white cardstock, then die-cut the largest heart die in the centre of both. Emboss one with the heart embossing folder.

2 Using the non-embossed heart aperture, adhere pink satin ribbon across the aperture diagonally securing in place at the ends with strong double-sided adhesive. Weave more lengths of pink satin ribbon in the opposite direction diagonally.

3 Adhere the embossed heart aperture over the top of the ribbon weaving and then adhere to pink cardstock, leaving a narrow border, before adhering



this panel to a 14.5cm-square card blank.

4 Create a small bow from the pink satin ribbon, trim off the tails and adhere to the top of the heart, adding a

Rhinestone Sparkler as shown.

5 Add mini gems to the ribbon weaving at the intersections using a strong PVA clear-dry glue or fabric glue.

6 Die-cut the 'Happy Wishes' sentiment from pink and white cardstock, overlaying the white die-cuts to create a drop shadow with the pink, and affix as shown to finish.

Birthday wishes

You'll need

- ▶ purple pearlescent cardstock
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ My Favorite Things Dots & Stripes Confection 6x6" paper pad
- ▶ Marianne Craftables Ribbon Doily die set
- ▶ Creative Expressions Crafts dies by Sue Wilson Finishing Touches Orange Blossom die set
- ▶ My Favorite Things Handwritten Happiness sentiment stamps
- ▶ white Card Making Magic satin & doily ribbon
- ▶ Hobby House Rhinestone Sparkler
- ▶ mini gem
- ▶ black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ clear embossing powder
- ▶ heat tool
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Matt and layer an 11.5cm-square panel of Peach stripy paper onto white and then purple cardstock, leaving a

narrow border each time, then adhere to the front of a 12.5cm-square card blank.

2 Die-cut the doily ribbon-weaving die from purple pearlescent cardstock and weave white satin ribbon through, securing at the back with strong double-sided tape.

3 Adhere the doily to the centre of the card front using 3D foam pads. Cut a circle using the die from the doily set from white cardstock, stamp the 'birthday wishes' sentiment using black VersaFine ink and heat-emboss with clear embossing powder. Adhere to the centre of the doily.

4 Create a ribbon rose, following the illustrated step-by-step guide on page 26 and adhere to the bottom right of doily with a few die-cut blossom leaves.

5 Finish with a double ribbon bow with a rhinestone sparkler in the centre and a few mini rhinestones as shown. Punch a butterfly and add to the sentiment topper.



Wish big



You'll need

- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ purple pearlescent cardstock
- ▶ My Favorite Things Handwritten Happiness sentiment stamps
- ▶ purple Card Making Magic leafy ribbon
- ▶ Creative Expressions Crafts dies by Sue Wilson Finishing Touches Orange Blossom die set
- ▶ Couture Creations Christmas Vine embossing folder
- ▶ Hobby House pearl medallion
- ▶ black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ clear embossing powder
- ▶ sewing needle & thread
- ▶ Martha Stewart Victorian Lace Edge punch
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

wide organza ribbon

- ▶ white Card Making Magic leafy ribbon
- ▶ Creative Expressions Crafts dies by Sue Wilson Finishing Touches Orange Blossom die set
- ▶ Couture Creations Christmas Vine embossing folder
- ▶ Hobby House pearl medallion
- ▶ black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ clear embossing powder
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Step by step

1 Trim a 16.5x11.5cm piece of white cardstock and emboss with the Christmas Vines embossing folder.

2 Trim a piece of purple pearlescent cardstock to measure 16.5x4cm and punch along one long edge. Adhere to the left-hand side of the embossed panel then wrap a length of leafy ribbon around before securing to purple

cardstock, leaving a narrow border. Adhere to a 7x5" tent-fold card blank.

3 Trim five lengths of purple organza ribbon approximately 10cm long. Fold in half and stitch along the bottom edges, pulling the thread as you go to create petal shapes.

4 Do this to all five pieces, then stitch each petal together to form a large flower. Add a pearl medallion in the centre to hide the stitching.

5 Die-cut Orange Blossom Leaves from purple pearlescent cardstock and adhere to the bottom of the border panel before adhering the ribbon flower over the top.

6 Stamp 'wish big' onto white cardstock using black VersaFine ink and heat-emboss with clear embossing powder.

7 Trim to size then matt and layer onto purple cardstock, leaving a narrow border, and adhere to top-left corner of embossed panel using 3D foam pads.

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Iris folding

Nicole Haupka demonstrates how to get more from your paper stash with these imaginative iris-folded designs



Do you remember your early days of cardmaking? No matter how long you've been crafting, most of us would have started out with a very basic kit. One of the first techniques that caught my attention was iris folding. I had just bought my first die-cutting machine and some basic dies and there were lots of beautiful patterned papers in my stash.

Iris folding is a timeless classic. It doesn't require you to buy the latest craft products. Simply trim paper scraps into strips, combine with basic dies and create truly beautiful patterns. Transform your designs into cards or home décor, or frame an iris-folded heart as a thoughtful handmade gift. Create a birthday or baby shower garland easily by using larger die-cut frames than shown on the

Thinking of you card. There are many possibilities when using the iris folding pattern.

Whether you are using paper pads, découpage papers, giftwrap, ribbons or book pages, the idea is always the same. The paper strips are secured around the aperture in numerical order to create an iris in the centre. If you have seen iris folding before,

you might have noticed that the designs tend to be rather bulky with an uneven surface. This can be avoided by not folding your paper strips in half and creating enough depth with an extra layer of card. If you follow the step-by-step guide on page 33, your cards will turn out lightweight, which might save you on postage. Of course, you can always spend those savings on new craft items!

With gratitude

You'll need

◆ triangle template ◆ white, green, blue, orange & kraft cardstock ◆ My Favorite Things Bundles of Blossoms Pastels 6x6" paper pad ◆ white, green, red, orange & kraft cardstock ◆ My Favorite Things Die-namics Stitched Heart Peek-a-Boo Window dies ◆ My Favourite Things Die-namics Stitched Flowers dies ◆ Altenew Heartfelt Sentiments stamp set ◆ black inkpad ◆ enamel dots ◆ 3D foam pads ◆ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1 Create an 11.4x8.2cm tent-fold card blank.
- 2 Trim a 10.8x7.6cm white panel and die-cut a heart window off-centre. Stamp a sentiment in the bottom-right corner.
- 3 Place the aperture onto the iris-folding template and secure using tape on the side. Follow the step-by-step guide on page 33 to create the design.
- 4 Cut a rectangle panel from kraft cardstock the same size as the card blank. Cut out



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- 5 Layer the heart panel onto a square on the left-hand side where the heart aperture fits then attach to the card blank.
- 5 Layer the heart panel onto the card front. Die-cut

flowers and leaves and affix in the top-right corner then embellish with enamel dots to finish.



Top Tip Always check the front of the iris folding to make sure no clear tape shows through



Birthday greetings

Step by step

- 1 Create a white 13.3x10.2cm card blank.
- 2 Trim a white 12.6x9.5cm panel and die-cut a circle aperture from the centre.
- 3 Place the aperture upside down onto the template to create an iris folding pattern.
- 4 Cut a panel of kraft cardstock the same size as the card blank. Cut out a square in the centre large enough to cover the stitched circle aperture, then attach to the card front.
- 5 Mount the iris folding onto the card front. Die-cut flowers and leaves and place them around the aperture, then add enamel dots to the centre of the flowers to finish.

You'll need

◆ square template ◆ white, green, blue, orange & kraft cardstock ◆ My Favorite Things Bundles of Blossoms Pastels 6x6" paper pad

◆ My Favorite Things Die-namics STAX Inside & Out Stitched Circle dies ◆ My Favorite Things Die-namics Stitched Flowers dies ◆

Stamping All Day Birthday Greetings stamp set ◆ black inkpad ◆ enamel dots ◆ 3D foam pads ◆ manual die-cutting machine



Top Tip Replace the 3D foam pads with several die-cut layers if needed

How to... create an iris-folded design



1 Cut several 1.8cm-wide strips of patterned paper for the square template and 1.5cm strips for the triangle template.



2 Place the aperture facing down onto the template. Secure using clear tape on one side, then affix the paper strips in numerical order using tape.



3 Trim the excess around the edges, then turn around and check if any clear tape shows in between the paper strips.



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Smile

You'll need

◆ square template ◆ photo ◆ white, green, red, orange & kraft cardstock ◆ My Favorite Things Bundles of Blossoms Pastels 6x6" paper pad ◆ My Favorite Things Die-namics Stitched Circle Scallop Edge Frames dies ◆ My Favorite Things Die-namics Stitched Flowers dies ◆ circle nesting dies ◆ Altenew Sentiments & Quotes stamp set ◆ black inkpad ◆ enamel dots ◆ 3D foam pads ◆ manual die-cutting machine



Complete only half of the template to frame pictures or sentiments

Step by step

1 Die-cut four scalloped frames from kraft cardstock. Remove one inner circle from one frame, then secure the other three circles to the inside of the frames using tape.

2 Adhere two frames with circles together to create the base of the photo frame. Score and fold in half.

3 Die-cut one inner circle from white cardstock using the stitched scallop die. Place a slightly smaller circle nesting die in the centre and cut out a circle. Attach the white aperture within the scalloped frame.

4 Secure the frame on top of the iris-folding template

upside down. Follow the step-by-step guide above to create half of the iris folding. Leave a square aperture in the centre.

5 Place a picture behind the iris folding. Trim any excess paper strips around the edges, leaving a narrow line around the frame. Affix narrow strips of 3D foam pads around and mount the aperture onto a scalloped frame with the inner circle.

6 Attach to the base of the photo frame. Add a die-cut stitched flower with leaves and a stamped sentiment below the picture to finish.



Where to buy

The My Favorite Things Bundles of Blossoms Pastels 6x6" paper pack is available from www.sevenhillscrafts.co.uk

Thinking of you

You'll need

◆ square template ◆ white, green, blue, orange & kraft cardstock ◆ My Favorite Things Bundles of Blossoms Pastels 6x6" paper pad ◆ My Favorite Things Die-namics STAX Inside & Out Stitched Circle dies ◆ My Favorite Things Die-namics Stitched Flowers dies ◆ Altenew Heartfelt Sentiments stamp set ◆ black inkpad ◆ enamel dots ◆ 3D foam pads ◆ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Create a 13.3x10.2cm white card blank and cover with kraft cardstock.

2 Trim a 12.6x9.5cm white panel and stamp the sentiment in the bottom-left corner. Die-cut three circles from paper in different sizes and attach to the panel as shown. Trim the excess on the right-hand side then attach the smallest circle onto 3D foam pads.

3 Die-cut a white stitched circle frame. Secure facing down using tape on the iris-folding template. Create a pattern by following the step-by-step guide on page 33.

4 Trim off paper strips around the edges and leave a narrow line to attach 3D foam pads. Mount onto the card front as shown.

5 Die-cut flowers and leaves and affix them on top of the iris-folding aperture. Embellish the flowers using enamel dots to finish.



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Birthday easel

You'll need

◆ triangle template ◆ white, green, orange, blue & kraft cardstock ◆ My Favorite Things Bundles of Blossoms Pastels 6x6" paper pad ◆ My Favorite Things Die-namics STAX Inside & Out Stitched Circle dies ◆ My Favorite Things Die-namics Stitched Heart Peek-a-Boo Window dies ◆ My Favourite Things Die-namics Stitched Flowers dies ◆ Stamping All Day Birthday Greetings stamp set ◆ black inkpad ◆ enamel dots ◆ 3D foam pads ◆ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Secure the largest circle die to a square card blank. Push the die slightly over the folded edge then die-cut a circular card blank.

Score and fold one circle of the card base in half.

2 Die-cut another large white-stitched circle and attach to the bottom of the folded base.

3 Cut two circular frames from kraft cardstock and an inner circle from white cardstock. Die-cut a heart aperture in the centre. Place the aperture upside down onto the template and follow the step-by-step guide on page 33.

4 Secure the iris folding to one kraft frame using tape on the reverse. Leave the aperture upside down and affix the second frame. Mount onto the card blank.

5 Die-cut another stitched frame from kraft cardstock and one inner circle from paper. Mount onto the flat part of the card blank.

6 Stamp a sentiment and cut into a strip then attach using 3D foam pads to the flat section. Add die-cut flowers and leaves around the sentiment and heart then embellish using enamel dots to finish.

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Happy birthday Mum

You'll need

- ▶ Pop-up Box gift from *Die-cutting Essentials* issue 51
- ▶ Garden Delights gift
- ▶ white, pink, cerise, turquoise, teal purple & Peach cardstock
- ▶ Tuxedo Black, Teal Zeal, Rose Bud & Lilac Posies Memento inkpads
- ▶ Aged Mahogany Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ acetate
- ▶ twine
- ▶ gems
- ▶ hot glue gun
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Die-cut four base panels and two support strips from white cardstock. Fold down the sides of the three base panels.

2 Die-cut three square panels and three rectangle panels from pink cardstock, then emboss each piece in the folder. Rub the Aged Mahogany inkpad over each piece to highlight the embossing and blend colour around the edges, then affix in position on the four panels. Seal the box closed, adding adhesive to the tabs.

3 Emboss a 10x6cm piece of pink cardstock and add ink as before, then affix inside the back panel. Add the support strips, decorating with strips of pink embossed cardstock.

4 Affix die-cut hearts to twine using a hot glue gun to create bunting, then attach to the reverse and sides as shown. Stamp the sign, plus the craft



Top Tip

Use strong double-sided tape to attach the sides of the box together and wet adhesive to affix the support strips into the correct position

shed onto the front panel, then onto white cardstock. Cut out the white signs and affix to the panel.

5 Decorate the box with die-cut flowers, butterflies and leaves

cut from coloured cardstock.

6 Create six mini greeting cards using the stamps and dies from the gifts, then colour using alcohol markers. Cut six tabs from acetate and affix the cards

to the support strips.

7 Stamp and cut out 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY', attach to a strip of pink cardstock and attach to the back of the box. Add gems and twine bows to finish.


Top Tip

Stamping foliage is much quicker than die-cutting individual leaves. This also ties the stamping and die-cutting neatly together using a co-ordinating inkpad

Love grows here

You'll need

- ▶ Pop-up Box gift from *Die-cutting Essentials* issue 51
- ▶ Garden Delights gift
- ▶ white 11cm-square card blank
- ▶ white, pink, cerise, turquoise, teal, purple & Peach cardstock
- ▶ Tuxedo Black, Teal Zeal & Elderberry Memento inkpads
- ▶ Aged Mahogany Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ gems
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Use the square die from the Pop-up Box gift to cut an aperture in the centre of the card front. Rotate the die 45° and cut again to create an eight-pointed star aperture.

2 Use Teal Zeal ink to stamp a selection of leaves around the aperture. Use Tuxedo Black ink to stamp two fence panels onto scrap cardstock and fussy-cut. Stamp the flowerpots and wellies on turquoise cardstock, cut out

then affix to the card front using 3D foam pads as shown.

3 Die-cut a selection of flowers and butterflies from coloured cardstock and arrange around the aperture over the stamped foliage using 3D foam pads. Embellish with gems.

4 Die-cut and emboss a pink square in the folder. Rub the Aged Mahogany inkpad over the panel to highlight the embossing and blend colour around the edges. Use Elderberry ink to stamp the sentiment across the panel as shown, then mask the diagonal stripe with paper while stamping the sentiment.

5 Cover the inside of the card blank with a square of turquoise cardstock. Matt the stamped pink square panel diagonally across a die-cut purple square and, using the aperture as a guide, affix inside the card blank. Add two embellished, die-cut butterflies to finish.

Happy birthday dad

You'll need

- ▶ Pop-up Box gift from *Die-cutting Essentials* issue 51
- ▶ Garden Delights gift
- ▶ white A6 tent-fold card blank
- ▶ white, turquoise, teal & purple cardstock
- ▶ Tuxedo Black & Teal Zeal Memento inkpads
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ 3D foam tape
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Emboss a piece of white cardstock using the folder, then trim and matt onto turquoise cardstock. Cover the card front with purple cardstock and attach the embossed panel.

2 Die-cut two white support strips from the Pop-up Box gift and two turquoise strips. Trim the turquoise strips to cover just the centre of the white strips, fold the ends over and adhere to the card front as shown.

3 Die-cut a selection of tools from purple, teal and white cardstock and adhere across the two strips. Stamp and cut out a sign for Dad's shed and a birthday sentiment, then add to the card front.

4 Use Tuxedo Black ink to stamp a garden spade and fork onto white cardstock, colour and cut out. Use narrow strips of 3D foam tape to affix them to the card front in the bottom corners to finish.


Top Tip

Keep a male card simple with strong contrasting colours for die-cuts, matting and layering. Use a co-ordinating inkpad to match the stamps to the dies

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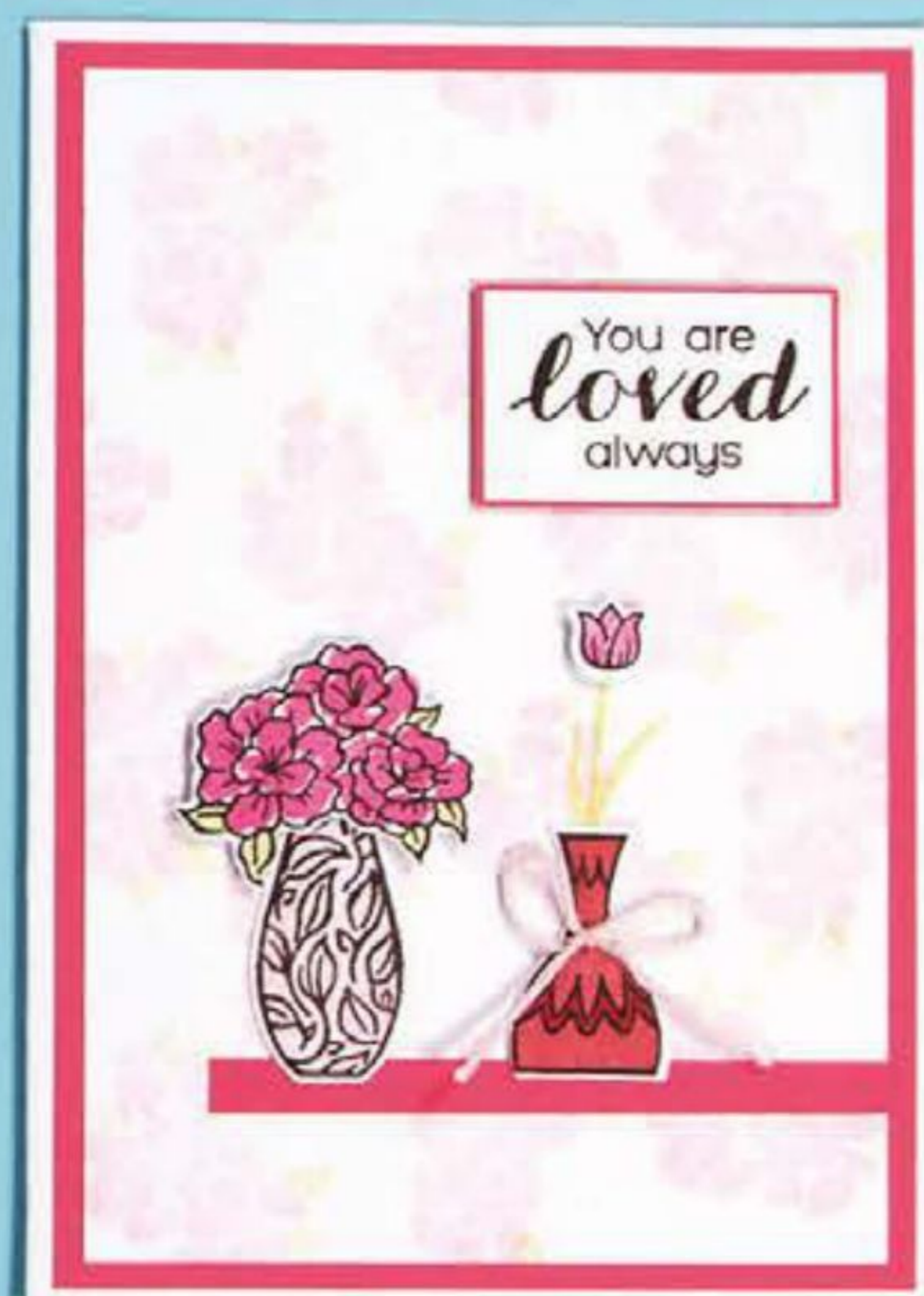
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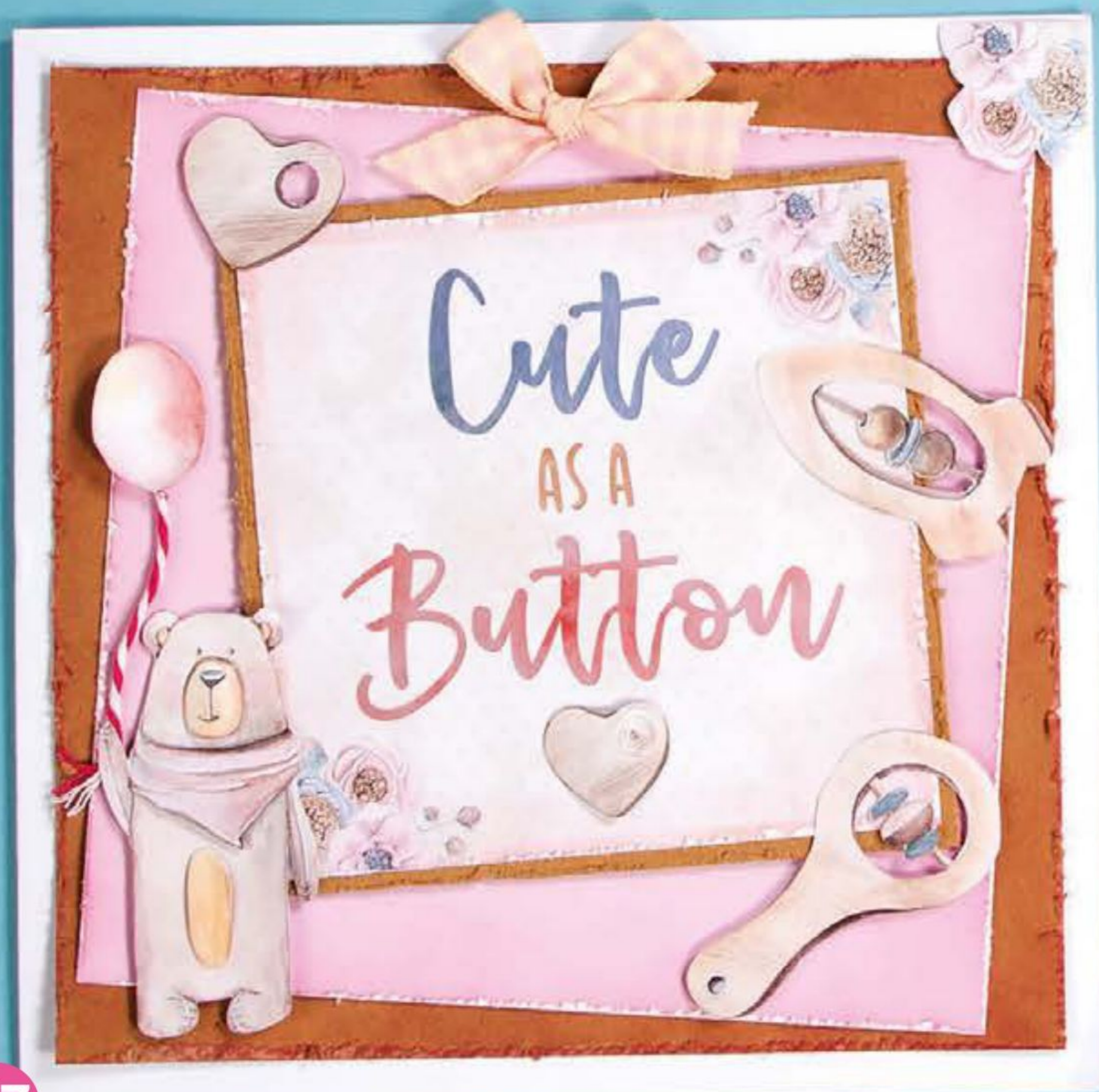
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Congratulations



Tara Cardwell

Here come the girls

Celebrate the wonderful women in your life with these uplifting designs new from Stamping Bella

Jammy birthday



Balance



Congratulations

You'll need

- ▶ white A6 card blank
- ▶ Sage Leaf Lawn Fawn cardstock
- ▶ Stamping Bella Curvy Girl with a Newborn stamp
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ Faber-Castell Polychromos colouring pencils
- ▶ Winsor & Newton Sansodor blending solution
- ▶ My Favorite Things Die-namics Stitched Scallop Edge Frames die set
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Stamp the image directly onto the card front and colour using pencils. Apply blending

solution over the colouring.

2 Use the partial die-cutting technique to cut the frame from Sage Leaf cardstock using the second largest die. Lengthen it to fit the card and image.

3 Adhere the frame in place then stamp the sentiment in line with the right-hand edge to finish.



Top Tip If you want to make a one-layer card then colouring lightly with pencils and blending solution helps stop the image bleeding through to the inside

congratulations!

Here for hugs

You'll need

- ▶ white 5¼"-square card blank
- ▶ Sage Leaf & Fog Lawn Fawn cardstock
- ▶ Stamping Bella Curvy Girl Besties stamp
- ▶ My Favorite Things Birdie Brown Alphabet & Numbers die set
- ▶ stitched square die
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ Faber-Castell Polychromos colouring pencils
- ▶ Ken Oliver Stick It adhesive sheets
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Die-cut a stitched square from Sage Leaf cardstock to cover the card blank.

2 Stamp the image centrally using Onyx Black ink and colour using pencils. Add a little grey to ground them.

3 Apply a Stick It sheet to the reverse of Fog cardstock and die-cut the alphabet twice. Position the letters to create the sentiment and press them into place.

4 Adhere the square panel to the card blank to finish.



Top Tip Try colouring on different cardstock using pencils – you don't always have to start with white!

Balance

You'll need

- ▶ white DL card blank
- ▶ white stamping cardstock
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Sage Leaf Lawn Fawn cardstock
- ▶ Stamping Bella Curvy Girl with Good Balance stamp & die
- ▶ Neat & Tangled All the Sprinkles stamp
- ▶ My Favorite Things Birdie Brown Alphabet & Numbers stamp set
- ▶ stitched rectangle die
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inkpad
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ clear embossing inkpad
- ▶ clear embossing powder
- ▶ felt
- ▶ heat tool
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Stamp and clear heat-emboss the sprinkles on a piece of Sage Leaf cardstock slightly smaller than the card blank.

2 Stamp the curvy girl onto stamping cardstock, colour using markers then die-cut.

3 Stamp the central part of the image onto felt, fussy-cut and adhere onto the image. To add more depth, dot a little more colour onto the felt using a copic marker

4 Stamp the sentiment and die-cut using a stitched rectangle die then affix as a base to stand the girl on.

AND GO TO THE GYM,
SOME DAYS YOU EAT CUPCAKES
AND REFUSE TO PUT ON PANTS.

Jammy birthday

You'll need

- ▶ white A6 card blank
- ▶ white stamping cardstock
- ▶ Sage Leaf Lawn Fawn cardstock
- ▶ Stamping Bella Curvy Girl with a Newborn, Curvy Girl Loves Jam stamp & die
- ▶ Lawn Fawn Lacy Borders die
- ▶ Mama Elephant Jar Shaker die
- ▶ My Favorite Things Birdie Brown Alphabet & Numbers stamp set
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inkpad
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ sequins
- ▶ acetate
- ▶ 3D foam sheet
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Stamp the curvy girl onto stamping cardstock and use alcohol markers to colour before die-cutting.

2 Die-cut the inner jar from the left-hand side of an A6 piece of cardstock and the outer jar from acetate and pink patterned paper.

3 Die-cut the inner and outer jar layers taped together from the foam sheet twice to create the layers for the shaker element.

4 Assemble the shaker element and adhere the foam frames on top of each other, then onto the patterned paper piece. Add sequins and adhere the acetate on top then leave to dry. Adhere behind the aperture on the white panel and affix a die-cut Sage Leaf frame on top.

5 Handwrite the sentiment on to the label and secure to acetate.

6 Add a die-cut border to the top and bottom of the card front and affix the girl to the card front using 3D foam pads.

Leg's get together



Happy birthday



Love just got real



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The Curvy Girl collection from Stamping Bella is available from www.sevenhillscrafts.co.uk

Happy birthday

You'll need

- ▶ white A6 card blank
- ▶ white stamping cardstock
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Sage Leaf Lawn Fawn cardstock
- ▶ Lawn Fawn Spiffy Speckles 6x6" paper pad
- ▶ Stamping Bella Curvy Girl With a Heart stamp & die
- ▶ Neat & Tangled All the Sprinkles stamp
- ▶ My Favorite Things Essential Sentiments stamp set
- ▶ Lawn Fawn Lacy Borders die
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inkpad
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ Collall 3D glue gel
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Stamp the image four times onto stamping cardstock. Colour one image using alcohol markers and die-cut.

2 To create a découpaged image, colour elements from the other three images and cut carefully to create raised elements.

3 Adhere the découpaged images using Collall 3D glue gel.

4 Cover the card front with lilac patterned paper and apply die-cut Sage Leaf lacy borders to the left and right-hand sides.

5 Adhere the curvy girl centrally and stamp the sentiment underneath to finish.



Top Tip Stamping images not designed for découpage means you can cut out elements from different images to ensure you get all the pieces you want to raise up

Leg's get together

You'll need

- ▶ white A6 card blank
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Stamping Bella Curvy Girl with a Newborn, Curvy Girl Loves Jam & Curvy Girl Besties stamps
- ▶ My Favorite Things Birdie Brown Alphabet & Numbers stamp set
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inkpad
- ▶ Copic markers

Step by step

1 Trim a panel of white cardstock just smaller than the card blank.

2 Lightly draw a pencil line on a panel of white cardstock and stamp the curvy girls so their feet rest on it and their bodies hang off the top edge. Colour the images using alcohol markers.

3 Stamp the sentiment pun across the bottom using the alphabet stamp and affix to the card blank to finish.



Top Tip If you're not sure it will fit, stamp your sentiment first on gridded paper so you can work out where to move the letters if required



The new Curvy Girl range from Stamping Bella is the perfect collection to celebrate the women in your life. Whether you're getting glammed up for a girl's night, or celebrating a family member's birthday,

there's something for everyone with this range of uplifting and inspiring stamps. Pair the stamps with the coordinating dies and you have everything you need for fun, female-inspired projects.

Love just got real

You'll need

- ▶ white A6 card blank
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Sage Leaf Lawn Fawn cardstock
- ▶ Stamping Bella Curvy Girl with a Newborn stamp
- ▶ Lil' Inker Designs Radiating Love Heart die
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ Dusty Concord & Shaded Lilac Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Oxide Ink
- ▶ Faber-Castell Polychromos colouring pencils
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ masking paper
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Die-cut the radiating heart onto a piece of white cardstock slightly smaller than the card blank.

2 Die-cut the heart to mask the centre and blend ink from the heart around the edges as shown.

3 Use the other part of the die-cut mask to cover the inked radiating rays and stamp the figure in the centre. Colour using pencils.

4 Stamp a sentiment onto Sage Leaf cardstock, trim and attach to the panel. Affix the panel to the card front to finish.



Cute as a button



Welcome little one



Jane Hewins

Baby love

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Congratulations



It's a girl



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Welcome little one

You'll need

- ▶ white 7"-square card blank
- ▶ kraft cardstock
- ▶ The Square Little Book of Bundles of Joy
- ▶ Pretty Polka Dots Adorable Scorable Colour Twist
- ▶ Hunkydory Terrific Tags & Beautiful Banners Moonstone dies
- ▶ For the Love of Stamps Hands Up stamp set
- ▶ Cinnamon Swirl Prism inkpad
- ▶ blue buttons
- ▶ acetate
- ▶ twine
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1** Cut a piece of kraft cardstock slightly smaller than the card front, then place a smaller piece of blue patterned paper on top.
- 2** Cut a square of kraft cardstock then two pages of the pink background rabbit

from the Little Book. Take one page and use a craft knife to cut out the central frame then cut and adhere a piece of acetate behind the frame. Cut out the neckerchief and flowers from the second piece. Cut a piece of dotty patterned paper slightly larger than the page.

3 Die-cut the label from kraft cardstock then use Cinnamon Swirl ink to stamp the sentiment. Wrap a length of twine around the largest panel then secure the sentiment tag as shown. Attach the panel to the card front.

4 Layer the matts onto the card front just off centre as shown. Decorate the design using buttons to finish.

Top Tip Use an embossing folder to give the design extra texture

Cute as a button

You'll need

- ▶ white 8"-square card blank
- ▶ kraft cardstock
- ▶ pink Matt'tastic Adorable Scorable
- ▶ The Square Little Book of Bundles of Joy
- ▶ Dusky Rose Prism inkpad
- ▶ pink twine
- ▶ pink ribbon

Step by step

1 Cut a piece of kraft cardstock slightly smaller than the card blank. Distress the edges using scissors then layer a smaller piece of pink paper on top, at an angle as shown.

2 Cut a smaller piece of kraft cardstock and a Little Book page. Distress the edges of both and use the inkpad to colour the edges of the Little Book page, then layer together and use 3D foam pads to adhere to the card

front at an angle.

3 Take two pages of the 'Cute as a button' page, two of the bear with a pink balloon page and one of the toy pages. Fussy-cut the flowers and heart from the second page, and the toys, bear, bear's tummy, neckerchief, snout and balloon from the bear pages.

4 Adhere all elements onto the card front as shown. Découpage the parts of the bear and attach in the bottom-left corner with the balloon. Use pink twine as the balloon string.

5 Decorate with a pink bow to finish.

Top Tip Distressing the edges of the cardstock helps to give a rustic feel to the design

It's a girl

You'll need

- ▶ white 6"-square card blank
- ▶ The Square Little Book of Bundles of Joy
- ▶ Pink Posy & Café Latte Adorable Scorable 2019
- ▶ Adorable Scorable Lace
- ▶ ribbon
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ corner punch

Step by step

- 1** Cut a piece of Pink Posy cardstock slightly smaller than the card blank. Cut a strip of pink lace as shown.
- 2** Take two 'it's a girl' pages. Cut a piece of Café Latte cardstock slightly smaller than the page, then from the second

page fussy-cut the heart and two flowers.

3 Use the corner punch to shape the card blank, the pink lace and the Pink Posy panel, layer together, then use a combination of glue and 3D foam pads to adhere to the card front as shown.

4 Use 3D foam pads to attach the découpage layers, then shape the flowers and add to the top-right corner. Add a bow in the bottom-left corner to finish.

Top Tip Use an embossing tool and mat to shape the découpage flower layer

Congratulations

You'll need

- ▶ white A5 card blank
- ▶ Pick 'N' Mix Luxury Cardstock
- ▶ green Adorable Scorable Colour Family
- ▶ silver Mirri Card
- ▶ The Square Little Book of Bundles of Joy
- ▶ gems
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Cover the card front in silver Mirri Card then a slightly smaller piece of green spotted cardstock.

2 Cut a strip of silver Mirri Card the width of the card blank, layer a piece of coloured cardstock on top then attach across the bottom of the card front using 3D foam pads.

3 Take three of the 'congratulations' pages from

the Little Book and mount one onto a slightly larger piece of silver Mirri Card. Fussy-cut the top border, the balloons, a small piece of the banners and the sentiment from the second, then fussy-cut three individual balloons from the third. Use glue to découpage the top border and balloons onto the first page then the individual balloons on top.

4 Adhere the main image and mat to the card front then add the sentiment and banner to the bottom strip as shown. Decorate with gems to finish.

Top Tip Using more pages from the Little Book to découpage adds further dimension to the design

It's twins



It's a boy



Welcome to the world



Get the look!

Hunkydory



The Square Little Book of Bundles of Joy is available from www.hunkydorycrafts.co.uk

It's a boy

You'll need

- ▶ white A5 card blank
- ▶ blue Colour Families Spots & Stripes paper pad
- ▶ silver Mirri Card
- ▶ The Square Little Book of Bundles of Joy
- ▶ circle nesting dies
- ▶ gems
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cover the card front in silver Mirri Card then a slightly smaller piece of blue spotted paper.

2 Cut a strip of blue spotted paper and a strip of blue striped paper, layer both onto silver Mirri Card and adhere to the card front as shown.

3 Take two of the rocking horse pages and the 'it's a boy' page. Die-cut the horse

topper into a circle and layer onto a slightly larger silver Mirri Card circle. Fussy-cut the flowers from the second page, and the sentiment and heart from the 'it's a boy' page.

4 Layer together the rocking horse and silver mat and adhere to the card front using 3D foam pads. Adhere the heart in the bottom-right corner as shown, then shape the flowers and adhere at the top of the circle and heart.

5 Decorate with gems to finish.

Top Tip Using a 3D foam pad in the centre and glue at the edges will allow you to shape the sentiments on your designs

It's twins

You'll need

- ▶ white 6"-square card blank
- ▶ The Square Little Book of Bundles of Joy
- ▶ Gingham Adorable Scorable
- ▶ silver Mirri Card
- ▶ circle & scalloped circle nesting dies
- ▶ pink & blue ribbon
- ▶ gems
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Place the scalloped circle die slightly over the edge of the card blank, then die-cut to create a circle card blank. Score the top circle halfway across to form the easel back.

2 Use the same die to cut circles from pink and blue gingham cardstock, then the circle die to cut out a silver Mirri matt.

3 Take five pages of the 'it's twins' paper and use tape

over two edges to temporarily adhere them together. Die-cut into a circle and carefully peel off one layer. Catch the remaining layers together then cut out four layers using a smaller circle die. Repeat to get five layers using smaller dies each time. Fussy-cut the flowers and boats from the sixth page.

4 Use 3D foam pads to découpage the circular layers. Layer onto silver Mirri Card then blue gingham paper then adhere to the card blank as shown.

5 Adhere a length of ribbon centrally across the pink scalloped circle then attach to the card base.

6 Use 3D foam pads to attach one set of flowers to act as the easel stopper, then use 3D foam pads and glue to adhere the flowers and boats as shown. Decorate with gems to finish.



The Square Little Book of Bundles of Joy includes a stunning variety of baby-themed designs, perfect for new parents. The artwork features cute rabbits, bears, rocking horses, bunting and pinwheels in a soft, neutral colour palette suitable for all

tastes and genders. Its lovely heart-warming sentiments include 'Cute as a Button', 'Welcome to the World' and 'Hello Baby'. The sentiments are printed on Hunkydory's Matt-tastic paper so you can get creative with inking, colouring and stamping!

Welcome to the world

You'll need

- ▶ white 8"-square card blank
- ▶ The Square Little Book of Bundles of Joy
- ▶ Lilac Mist
- ▶ Matt-tastic cardstock
- ▶ Adorable Scorable Colour Twist Splendid Stripes
- ▶ silver Mirri Card
- ▶ Hunkydory The Essential Book of Sentiments 2019
- ▶ blue gems
- ▶ scoreboard

Step by step

1 Cut a piece of Colour Twist cardstock slightly smaller than the card blank and a smaller piece of Lilac Mist cardstock.

2 Place the Lilac Twist panel diagonally along the centre of the scoreboard. Using the inches side, score at every 1/2", then at the next 1/8" along. Turn the panel upside down

and repeat in the other direction. This will create the hatched background.

3 Cut a strip of striped cardstock and layer onto a slightly larger piece of silver Mirri Card. Layer the panels onto the card front as shown.

4 Cut a square of Colour Twist cardstock and a smaller square of silver Mirri Card. Take three of the tepee page and cut découpage layers from the banners, the tent, the front section of the tent, the rabbit and the bear.

5 Use glue and 3D foam pads to découpage the layers to the page, then adhere to the card front as shown.

6 Cut a border from the toy page and attach across the striped panel. Adhere the sentiment in the bottom-right corner using 3D foam pads then add gems to finish.

Always sparkle



Sweet wonderful you



Tamara Potočnik

Once upon a time

Make a wish and be transported to a land far, far away with the brand-new stamps from The Paper Nest Dolls

One of a kind



A royal birthday



Sweet wonderful you

You'll need

- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Echo Park Hello Baby Boy 12x12" paper pad
- ▶ The Paper Nest Dolls Indian Princess stamp
- ▶ Magnolia Stamps Sweet Wonderful You stamp
- ▶ La-La Land Crafts Stitched Nested Circles & Stitched Circles Border die sets
- ▶ Prima Marketing Forest Leaves die set
- ▶ Cherry Lynn French Pastry Doily die set
- ▶ Vintage Photo, Black Soot, Worn Lipstick, Peeled Paint, Fossilized Amber & Spiced Marmalade Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ blue & yellow enamel dots
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Create a white tent-fold card blank and cover the front with smaller pieces of white cardstock then spotty patterned paper.

2 Die-cut a doily from white cardstock and adhere to the card front as shown, then layer smaller pieces of white cardstock and yellow patterned paper on top.

3 Die-cut a selection of leaves from patterned paper and a border from white cardstock. Attach three to the card front and leave one to one side. Adhere the border underneath as shown.

4 Trim a square of patterned paper and snip triangle patterns into the corners. Attach to the card front. Stamp the image, colour using Distress Ink and affix as shown.

5 Stamp the sentiment onto white cardstock and die-cut into a stitched circle. Adhere the remaining leaf behind the panel and attach to the card front.

6 Decorate the design with enamel dots, and a heart trimmed from yellow patterned paper to finish.

Always sparkle

You'll need

- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Echo Park Perfect Princess 6x6" & Perfect Princess Solids 12x12" paper pads
- ▶ Doodlebug Designs Petite Prints 12x12" paper pad
- ▶ The Paper Nest Dolls Ice Princess stamp
- ▶ La-La Land Crafts Be Unique stamp set
- ▶ La-La Land Crafts Stitched Nested Circles, Pierced Scalloped Circles, Double Stitched Circles, Winter Branches & Small Snowflakes die sets
- ▶ Vintage Photo, Worn Lipstick, Antique Linen, Walnut Stain, Fossilized Amber, Spiced Marmalade, Broken China & Black Soot Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ blue enamel dots
- ▶ blue sequins
- ▶ acetate
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ corner rounder punch
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Create a card blank from white cardstock and round the bottom corners. Cut smaller pieces of white cardstock and two patterned papers, round the corners then adhere to the card front.

2 Trim a square of white cardstock, add patterned paper then adhere as shown.

3 Die-cut a selection of white branches. Die-cut a scalloped circle from patterned paper and add to a white scalloped circle.

4 Die-cut a white double-stitched circle with an aperture in the centre. Secure acetate to the reverse then 3D foam pads around the outside, leaving no gaps. Sprinkle sequins and die-cut snowflakes inside then attach to the card front. Add branches as shown.

5 Stamp the image, colour, then fussy-cut and adhere.

6 Stamp the sentiment then die-cut as shown. Adhere to the card front and decorate using enamel dots to finish.

A royal birthday

You'll need

- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Echo Park Hello Perfect Princess 6x6" paper pad
- ▶ The Paper Nest Dolls Sleeping Princess digital stamp
- ▶ La-La Land Crafts Dream Come True stamp set
- ▶ La-La Land Crafts Pierced Scalloped Circles, Double Stitched Circles & Small Stars die set
- ▶ Echo Park Dream Castle die set
- ▶ Vintage Photo, Fossilized Amber, Spiced Marmalade, Picked Raspberry & Black Soot Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ paper flowers & leaves
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cover a white card blank with smaller pieces of white cardstock then two different pieces of pink patterned paper. Cut a strip of pale pink paper and adhere across the centre as shown.

2 Cut a square of white cardstock and layer a piece of patterned paper on top. Attach to the centre of the card front.

3 Die-cut the castle from white cardstock and attach in the top-right corner of the card front.

4 Stamp the image onto white cardstock and colour using Distress Ink. Layer onto a white scalloped circle and attach to the card front.

5 Trim a selection of stars from yellow patterned paper and add to the card front using 3D foam pads, then decorate the design with paper flowers and leaves to finish.

One of a kind

You'll need

- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Echo Park Perfect Princess 6x6" paper pad
- ▶ The Paper Nest Dolls Princess with Rose digital stamp
- ▶ C.C Designs Unicorn stamp set
- ▶ La-La Land Crafts Tall Castle & Filigree Crown die sets
- ▶ C.C Designs Scalloped Circles & Circle Layering die sets
- ▶ Magnolia Stamps Teacup die
- ▶ Silhouette Designs Stores Nested Artisan Label die
- ▶ Vintage Photo, Antique Linen, Walnut Stain, Fossilized Amber, Spiced Marmalade, Barn Door & Peeled Paint Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ yellow enamel dots
- ▶ yellow gingham ribbon
- ▶ paper flowers
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Use the Artisan Label die to create the shaped card blank from white cardstock, then cover in a slightly smaller piece of yellow patterned paper. Attach a length of gingham ribbon across the centre.

2 Die-cut the teacup, castle and crown from white cardstock.

3 Stamp the image onto white cardstock and colour using Distress Ink. Die-cut the panel into a circle and layer onto a slightly larger scalloped circle. Attach all elements to the card front as shown.

4 Stamp the sentiment onto white cardstock, trim to size and use 3D foam pads to attach to the card front.

5 Decorate the design using paper flowers and enamel dots to finish.

I'm a prince



Hugs & kisses



Magical wishes



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Hugs & kisses

You'll need

- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Echo Park Perfect Princess 6x6" paper pad
- ▶ Doodlebug Designs Petite Prints 12x12" paper pad
- ▶ The Paper Nest Dolls Brave Princess stamp
- ▶ Magnolia Stamps Hugs & Kisses kit
- ▶ La-La Land Crafts Heart Arrows & Large Stitched Tags die sets
- ▶ Lawn Fawn Outside in Stitched Scalloped Rectangles die set
- ▶ Vintage Photo, Worn Lipstick, Spiced Marmalade, Broken China, Black Soot, Fossilized Amber & Peeled Paint Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ blue & yellow enamel dots
- ▶ white string
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Attach a piece of blue spotty patterned paper to the front of a tent-fold card blank.

2 Die-cut a scalloped rectangle from white cardstock then attach a smaller blue striped rectangle on top and adhere to the card front.

3 Die-cut the tag from white cardstock and blue cardstock. Adhere the elements together as shown, then tie a length of string through the hole and attach to the right-hand side of the card front.

4 Die-cut a scalloped rectangle from white cardstock and layer a small rectangle of yellow patterned paper on top. Adhere to the card front.

5 Stamp the image onto white cardstock, colour using Distress Ink and trim into a rectangle. Attach to a larger rectangle of blue patterned paper then use 3D foam pads to adhere at an angle as shown. Die-cut two arrows from white cardstock and attach.

6 Stamp the sentiment onto white cardstock, trim to size and adhere in the bottom-right corner. Decorate with enamel dots to finish.

I'm a prince

You'll need

- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Echo Park Perfect Princess 6x6" paper pad
- ▶ The Paper Nest Dolls Princess and Frog stamps
- ▶ Magnolia Stamps Kiss me I'm a Prince stamp set
- ▶ La-La Land Crafts Heart Wreath, Half Doily & Photo Elements die sets
- ▶ My Favorite Things Die-namics STAX Zig Zag Stitched Oval die
- ▶ Silhouette Designs Stores Nested Artisan Label die
- ▶ Magnolia Stamps Rose Leaf die set
- ▶ Vintage Photo, Antique Linen, Walnut Stain, Peeled Paint, Forest Moss, Fossilized Amber & Spiced Marmalade Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ green & yellow enamel dots
- ▶ paper flowers
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Use the Artisan Label die to create the shaped card blank, then cover in a piece of patterned paper of the same size.

2 Die-cut a smaller piece of white cardstock and layer with contrasting patterned paper, then adhere to the card front.

3 Die-cut all elements from white cardstock and leave to one side. Stamp the image onto white cardstock, colour using Distress Ink and die-cut into an oval. Use glue and 3D foam pads to adhere the elements onto the card front as shown.

4 Stamp the sentiment onto white cardstock then trim into a banner shape. Attach in the bottom-right corner using 3D foam pads.

5 Decorate the design using enamel dots and paper flowers to finish.



Get creative with the brand-new range of stamps from The Paper Nest Dolls. Featuring hand-drawn images inspired by

your favourite fairytales, this refreshing collection is ideal for children's cards, party invitations and much more.

Magical wishes

You'll need

- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Echo Park Perfect Princess 6x6" paper pad
- ▶ The Paper Nest Dolls Princess with Slipper stamp
- ▶ C.C Designs Unicorn stamp set
- ▶ La-La Land Crafts Stitched Bow, Love Doves, Heart Header Border & Love Owl Tag die sets
- ▶ Vintage Photo, Antique Linen, Walnut Stain, Stormy Sky & Black Soot Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ Star Dust Ranger Stickers glitter glue
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cover a square card blank with blue patterned paper. Cut a smaller square of

white cardstock and layer contrasting paper on top, then adhere to the centre of the card front.

2 Die-cut a Heart Header Border and two tags from white cardstock and attach to the card front as shown.

3 Stamp the image onto white cardstock and colour using Distress Ink. Die-cut into a stitched circle then layer onto a larger scalloped circle cut from blue patterned paper. Adhere to the card front then add two die-cut doves using 3D foam pads.

4 Stamp the sentiment onto white cardstock and cut into an oval. Adhere to the left-hand side of the card front. Die-cut a bow from blue patterned paper and attach to the sentiment panel using 3D foam pads.

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Helen Griffin

Vibrant Vases

The latest range from Stampin' Up! is perfect for letting a loved one know you care this spring

Thanks for understanding



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You'll need

- ▶ white A6 card blank
- ▶ white, pink & green cardstock
- ▶ Stampin' Up! Vibrant Vases stamp set
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ pink & green inkpads
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ pink twine
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Stamp a background of flowers and leaves onto a 5½x3½" panel of cardstock using pink and green ink.

2 Matt onto pink cardstock, trim a narrow border and

affix to the card blank. Add a narrow strip across the card front as shown to create a shelf.

3 Stamp two vases and flowers onto white cardstock, colour and cut out. Stamp and trim a sentiment.

4 Add the stamped elements to the card front using 3D foam pads and finish with a twine bow.

Top Tip Use embroidery silks for a larger range of coloured twine

Celebrate

You'll need

- ▶ white 6"-square card blank
- ▶ white, pink & green cardstock
- ▶ Stampin' Up! Vibrant Vases stamp set
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ pink & Plum inkpads
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ pink twine
- ▶ black fine-line pen
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Score and fold the front of the 6"-square card blank in half. Use pink ink to stamp a background of flowers over a square panel to fit the back and a rectangular panel to cover the front. Matt both onto pink cardstock and affix to the card blank.

2 To create the Z bridge, score a 12x1½" piece of cardstock at 3" and 6". Cover with pink cardstock, then affix to the card front as shown.

3 Stamp vases and flowers onto white cardstock. Use the inkpads and alcohol markers to colour the image using the block stamps then cut out. Affix to the bridge panel. Create a picture frame from a square of white cardstock mounted onto pink cardstock then draw in lines using a black fine-line pen. Add tiny flowers and leaves and draw frame lines in black.

4 Affix the images to the card front using 3D foam pads then add a twine bow. Stamp and trim a sentiment then affix to the card front to finish.

Top Tip Be wary of the reverse of the coloured flowers showing through on the smaller Z panel when closed. Add a flower at the front to cover it

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You'll need

- ▶ white 5"-square card blank
- ▶ white, pink & green cardstock
- ▶ Stampin' Up! Vibrant Vases stamp set
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ Plum inkpad
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ pink twine
- ▶ black fine-line pen
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Stamp a background on a 4½" square of cardstock. Matt onto pink cardstock, trim a narrow border and affix to the card front.

2 Adhere two narrow strips of green cardstock as shelves. Stamp and cut out vases and flowers then affix to the card front using 3D foam pads.

3 Create two frames from stamped images layered onto pink cardstock. Use a black fine-line pen for the detail and add to the card front as shown to finish.

Top Tip Make picture frames by mounting panels onto coloured card and drawing in frame lines

Thanks for understanding

You'll need

- ▶ white 7x5" card blank
- ▶ white, pink & green cardstock
- ▶ Stampin' Up! Vibrant Vases stamp set
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ Plum inkpad
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ pink twine
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Use Plum ink to stamp vases onto white cardstock and cut out. Stamp flowers to fill the vases as shown then cut out.

2 Arrange across a narrow strip of green cardstock

secured to a 6½x4" piece of white cardstock. Matt onto pink cardstock, trim a narrow border and affix to the card blank.

3 Stamp and trim a sentiment, matt onto green cardstock and affix to the card front. Add a twine bow as shown to finish.

Top Tip Use the same inkpad for layering patterns on the vases. Use a stamp-positioning tool to double stamp for a deeper colour

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Every tiny victory



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Every tiny victory

You'll need

- ▶ white 5"-square card blank
- ▶ white, pink & beige cardstock
- ▶ Stampin' Up! Vibrant Vases stamp set
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ Plum & pink inkpads
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Layer a 4½" square of white cardstock onto pink cardstock, trim a narrow border and affix to the card front. Add a narrow

strip of pink cardstock across the middle as shown.

2 Stamp a sentiment onto scrap cardstock, trim and layer onto beige cardstock, then affix to the card front using 3D foam pads.

3 Stamp four clusters of flowers onto scrap cardstock. Use the inkpads and block stamps to colour each one, then cut out.

4 Use 3D foam pads to affix to the corners as shown to finish.

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You'll need

- ▶ white 6"-square card blank
- ▶ white, pink & beige cardstock
- ▶ Stampin' Up! Vibrant Vases stamp set
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ Plum, green & pink inkpads
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ pink twine
- ▶ black fine-line pen
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Score and fold back the card front to create a gatefold shape. Stamp backgrounds of pink flowers and trim to fit the gatefold and the inside back panel. Layer onto pink cardstock, leaving a narrow border, then affix to the card blank.

2 Create a sentiment panel in the same way. Matt and layer onto beige and pink cardstock and adhere across the fold of the card front.

3 Stamp six clusters of flowers on to scrap cardstock. Colour using the block stamps, inkpads and green alcohol marker, then cut out. Use 3D foam pads to affix to the front panel and in opposite corners as shown.

Top Tip If you don't have a scoreboard, use the groove in your paper trimmer and a bone folder to make scorelines

Just for you

You'll need

- ▶ white 4"-square card blank
- ▶ white, pink & beige cardstock
- ▶ Stampin' Up! Vibrant Vases stamp set
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ green, Plum & pink inkpads
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Stamp a flower cluster and sentiment onto a 3½" square of white cardstock. Stamp a vase onto scrap cardstock and colour using green, pink and

Plum ink on the block stamps.

2 Cut out the vase and add to the card front using 3D foam pads.

3 Matt the square panel onto pink cardstock and trim a narrow border. Affix to the card blank to finish.

Top Tip If stamping directly onto a white matt, stamp before it's adhered to the card front

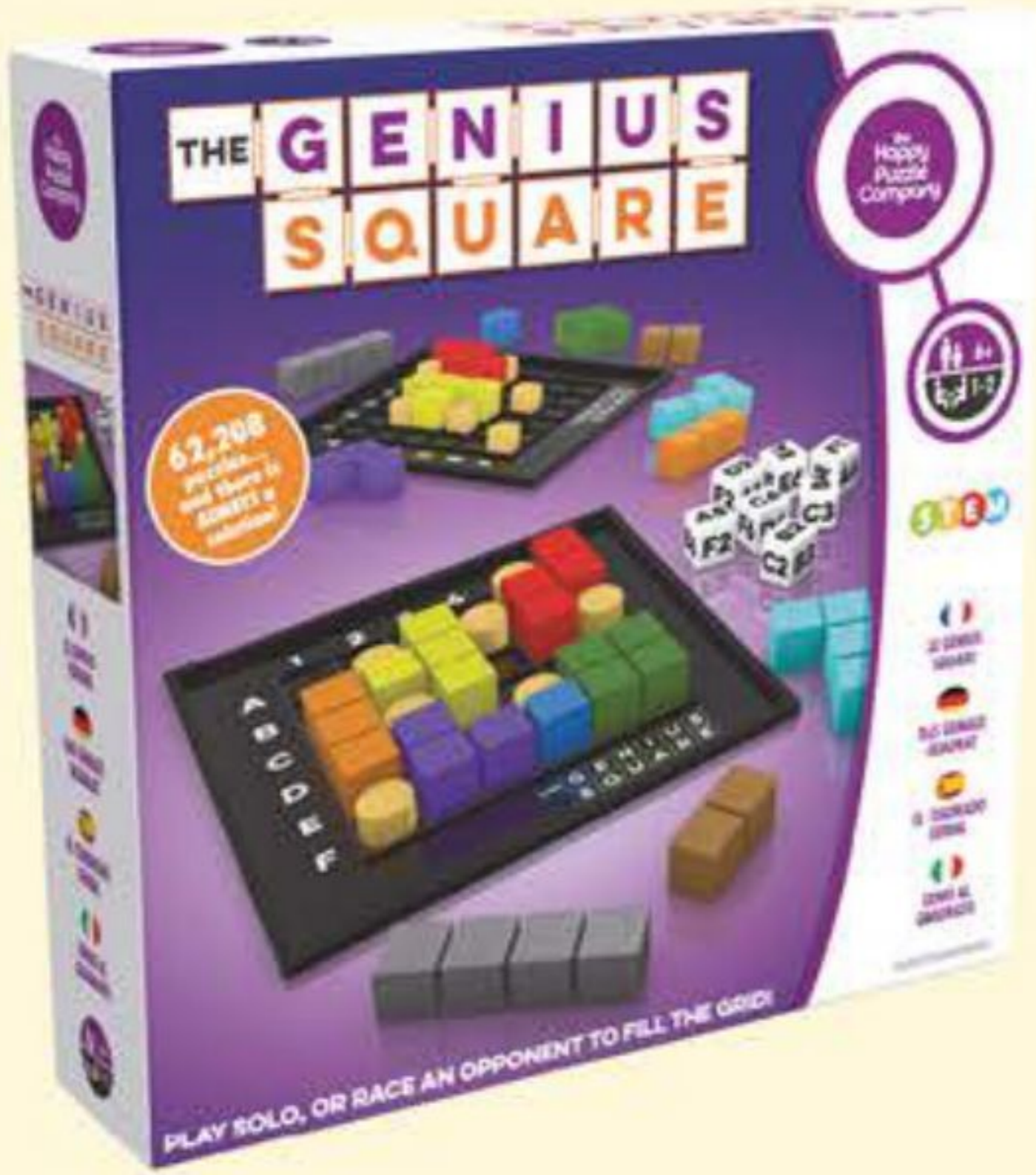


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You'll need

- ▶ white 5x7" card blank
- ▶ white, dark purple, light pink, green & dark blue cardstock
- ▶ Vilda Flowers and Leaves stamp set
- ▶ sentiment stamp
- ▶ ornate frame stencil
- ▶ Worn Lipstick, Wilted Violet & Faded Jeans Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Oxide Ink
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Crayons
- ▶ gems
- ▶ ink-blending tool

Step by step

1 Cut a piece of light pink cardstock slightly smaller than the card blank and adhere. Cut smaller pieces of green and dark blue cardstock, then adhere as shown.

2 Blend Distress Oxide Ink through the stencil onto a 4x6" piece of white cardstock, applying the ink randomly around the panel.

3 Use Onyx Black ink to stamp the floral image onto white cardstock. Colour using Distress Crayons then trim into a rectangle. Layer onto dark purple cardstock and attach to the card front using 3D foam pads.

4 Stamp the sentiment onto white cardstock, trim and layer onto purple cardstock then attach as shown. Decorate the design with gems to finish.

For someone so special



Where to buy

The Vilda Flowers and Leaves stamp set is available from www.beckab.co.uk





Father's Day

Celebrate the father figure in your life with these inspiring ideas using your gift

Dad's shed

You'll need

- ▶ Garden Delights gift & paper downloads
- ▶ Kaisercraft Occasions Mini Sentiment stamp set
- ▶ cream 6"-square card blank
- ▶ white, black, green, brown & cream cardstock
- ▶ Jet Black Ranger Archival Ink
- ▶ Vintage Photo Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine
- ▶ computer & printer

Step by step

1 Blend Vintage Photo ink around the edge of the card blank. Print and trim a background sheet to 13.5cm-square, then layer onto green and brown cardstock and adhere to the card front.

2 Print the wood-effect background onto cardstock and emboss the shed door. Cut out the door and opening then rub Vintage Photo ink across the raised sections. Print off shelves

to fit inside, trim and affix to the reverse of the door using 3D foam pads.

3 Stamp and colour the garden tools, pots and plants, then die-cut a watering can. Cut out

the stamped images and adhere inside the shed. Add a sign to the door as shown.

4 Stamp, cut and distress the fence panels and affix across the card front, then add the door

in the middle of the card front using 3D foam pads.

5 Add plants either side of the door, then attach a bird and butterfly as shown using 3D foam pads to finish.

Don't forget to download your scenic backgrounds from www.papercraftmagazines.com



If your card is front heavy, ensure you line the inside with cardstock to balance it out and keep it from falling over



Happy Father's Day

You'll need

- ▶ Garden Delights gift & paper downloads
- ▶ Kaisercraft Occasions Mini Sentiment stamp set
- ▶ red 6"-square card blank
- ▶ white, red, black, green, brown & cream cardstock
- ▶ Jet Black Ranger Archival Ink
- ▶ Vintage Photo Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine
- ▶ computer & printer

Step by step

1 Cover the card blank with green cardstock and leave a narrow border. Blend Vintage Photo ink around the edge of a 5/4" square of cream cardstock, then matt onto brown and black cardstock as shown.

2 Emboss the shed door onto brown cardstock, distress the embossed sections and colour the hinge. Cut out the wood panels, distress the edges and position them as a guide across the front of the cream square.

3 Stamp the gardening images within the spaces created by the panels and colour. Add two stamped flower pots and a sentiment using 3D foam pads. Affix the wooden panels to the card front.

4 Blend a little ink around the edge of a die-cut watering can, distress and affix to the wooden frame as shown to finish.

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You'll need

- ▶ Garden Delights gift & paper downloads
- ▶ cream 6"-square card blank
- ▶ white, red, black, green, tan, brown & cream cardstock
- ▶ Jet Black Ranger Archival Ink
- ▶ Vintage Photo Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ scoring board
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine
- ▶ computer & printer

Step by step

1 Score a 30x15cm rectangle of brown cardstock at 5cm, 10cm and 20cm, then fold to create a stepper card blank.

2 Cover the two front panels with green cardstock, then cover the large panel with a printed grass download, leaving a narrow border cut a grass effect across the top. Cover the bottom of the smaller panel.

3 Emboss a shed door on a downloaded sheet of wood-effect cardstock. Cut the door from the frame and distress the raised sections and edges. Use the frame to add shelves using 3D foam pads.

4 Stamp flower pots onto tan cardstock. Shade using



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alcohol markers then fussy-cut and adhere across the top shelf using 3D foam pads.

5 Die-cut a black watering can and stamp Wellingtons onto red cardstock. Shade and cut out

both then add to the bottom shelf. Stamp, colour and fussy-cut small tools and adhere these in between, then add a sentiment underneath. Attach the door to the large panel using 3D foam pads.

6 Stamp, colour and fussy-cut large tools and flowers and adhere to the front panel. Stamp and distress a sentiment, then attach using 3D foam pads to finish.

Top Tip

Apply black ink to the edges of fussy-cut elements can create a smoother line and neater look



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Hinged die-cuts



Claire Rhodes-Brandon shares ways to refresh your existing die stash with this creative technique

Don't miss next issue's masterclass on faux layered dies



Hinged die-cutting is a great way to add an interactive element to your projects and experiment with layering.

What is hinged die-cutting? It's using pieces of acetate to create 'invisible' hinges that can be added to a topper to create an opening. Unlike the usual use of toppers, with hinged die-cutting they become a dynamic element

in your design. This technique can be used a couple of times in the same project to create an interesting series of interactions.

These can open in any direction depending on the main die used. You might have a hidden sentiment underneath, or something like money or a gift card tucked inside. Hinged

die-cutting can work favourably for masculine cards because of their tactile, hands-on approach to design. You don't have to limit this technique to just cards either, experiment with ideas like wall art, canvasses, 3D projects and so on!

The technique works great for shaker cards in particular. This is because both elements are

facilitated by movement. When opening the hinged die-cut, the sequins inside will move with it.

Hinged die-cutting will considerably extend the utility of your dies by making you think of them in brand-new ways. There are lots of possibilities – take a look through your stash and get creative!

For you



You'll need

◆ white 15cm-square card blank ◆ white cardstock ◆ Golden Mosaic, Gleaming Lilac & Bright White Tonic Studios Craft Perfect cardstock ◆ NitWit Collections Gratitude digital

papers ◆ Tonic Studios Floral Affections Thank You Blossom & For You Sentiment Strip die sets ◆ acetate ◆ 3D foam pads ◆ manual die-cutting machine ◆ computer & printer

Step by step

1 Die-cut a heart from Gleaming Lilac and white cardstock. Die-cut the detail into the white heart and adhere to the lilac heart. Die-cut a smaller heart from printed patterned paper and add to the larger heart.

2 Cut two 0.5x5cm strips of acetate, fold at 1cm and add high-tack tape to the folded section. Adhere to the reverse of each curve of the heart. Die-cut two large hearts from white cardstock and affix one to the reverse of the heart, leaving the long pieces of acetate exposed at the top. Add high-tack tape to the front of the long acetate strips and adhere to the reverse of the other heart to create a small hinged heart design.

3 Print a piece of co-ordinating patterned paper, trim to 14cm-square and add to a 14.4cm square of Golden Mosaic cardstock. Secure both to the card blank then add a hinged heart to the centre of the card front as shown.

Top Tip

Sometimes the acetate can be a little heavy and doesn't fold well – to help, leave the finished card under a heavy book for a few hours

4 Die-cut the backing plate of the sentiment from white cardstock and the sentiment from Golden Mosaic cardstock. Add the sentiment to the backing plate then adhere to the card front using 3D foam pads. Trim the ends at the same angle as the card edges to finish.



You'll need

◆ white 14x11.5cm card blank ◆ white cardstock ◆ Golden Mosaic, Gleaming Lilac & Bright White Tonic Studios Craft Perfect cardstock ◆ NitWit Collections Gratitude digital papers ◆ Tonic Studios HELLO ATC die set ◆ sequins & gems ◆ acetate ◆ 3D foam pads ◆ manual die-cutting machine ◆ computer & printer

Step by step

1 Cut the largest outer edge die from white cardstock. Cut an aperture into the white die-cut using the smallest frame die. Add acetate to the reverse of the frame using high-tack tape. Add 3D foam pads around the edge to create a well for the sequins then add sequins inside the 3D foam pads. Secure a piece of white cardstock to the 3D foam pads to create a shaker.

2 Cut two 5x0.5cm strips of acetate. Fold at 1cm and add high-tack tape to the folded section, then adhere to the reverse of the shaker. Die-cut two of the largest die from white cardstock and add one to the reverse of the shaker, leaving the long pieces of acetate exposed

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Top Tip

If you have difficulty removing the film from acetate, a piece of high-tack tape can help

at the top. Apply high-tack tape to the front of the long acetate strips and adhere to the reverse of the other white panel to create a small hinged topper.

3 Print a selection of patterned paper, trim to 12.7x10.2cm then layer onto a 13x10.5cm piece

of Golden Mosaic cardstock. Attach both to the card blank then secure the hinged topper to the centre of the card front as shown.

4 Die-cut the sentiment from Golden Mosaic cardstock and attach to finish.



Happy birthday

You'll need

- ◆ white 14cm-square card blank
- ◆ white cardstock
- ◆ Golden Mosaic, Gleaming Lilac & Bright White Tonic Studios Craft Perfect cardstock
- ◆ NitWit Collections Gratitude digital papers
- ◆ Tonic Studios HELLO ATC die set
- ◆ Tonic Studios Essentials Mini Moments Wills Hand Happy sentiment die
- ◆ circle nesting dies
- ◆ Avery Elle Loads of Wishes stamp set
- ◆ VersaMark inkpad
- ◆ gold embossing powder
- ◆ sequins & gems
- ◆ acetate
- ◆ 3D foam pads
- ◆ heat tool
- ◆ manual die-cutting machine
- ◆ computer & printer



Where to buy

The NitWit Collections Gratitude digital papers are available to buy and download from www.nitwitcollections.com

Step by step

1 Die-cut a circle from white cardstock. Cut an aperture into the white die-cut using the next die down in size. Add acetate to the reverse of the frame using high-tack tape then add 3D foam pads around the edge to create a well for the sequins. Add sequins inside the foam pads then secure a piece of white cardstock to the 3D foam pads to create a shaker.

2 Follow the step-by-step guide opposite to create the hinged die-cut.

3 Print a selection of patterned paper. Die-cut a circle as shown and add the hinged panel to the centre. Cut a 12.7cm square of co-ordinating patterned paper and layer onto a 13cm square of Golden Mosaic cardstock. Add both to the card blank.

4 Die-cut the 'happy' sentiment, then stamp and heat-emboss 'BIRTHDAY'. Adhere to the card front as shown to finish.

How to... create a hinged die-cut



1 Cut a 0.8x5cm strip of acetate and crease at 1cm.



2 Apply high-tack tape to the folded section of the acetate and adhere to the reverse of the topper.



3 Add a piece of white cardstock to the reverse of the topper and leave the long pieces of acetate exposed.



4 Apply high-tack tape to the front of the long acetate strips as shown.



5 Adhere to the reverse of another circle of white cardstock.



6 You now have a small hinged topper.



With all my love

You'll need

◆ white A6 card blank ◆ white 17.5x12cm card blank ◆ white cardstock ◆ Golden Mosaic, Gleaming Lilac & Bright White Tonic Studios Craft Perfect cardstock ◆ NitWit Collections

Gratitude digital papers ◆ Tonic Studios With All my Love die set ◆ 3D foam pads ◆ corner-rounder punch ◆ manual die-cutting machine ◆ computer & printer

Step by step

1 Cut the backing plate of the sentiment die from Gleaming Lilac cardstock, and the sentiment from Bright White cardstock, then adhere the sentiment to the backing plate. Die-cut another sentiment from Golden Mosaic cardstock and paper-piece the offcuts back into the sentiment. Cut a 1.1x6.5cm piece of white cardstock, round the corners using a punch and use 3D foam pads to add the topper as shown.

2 Cut two 0.5x5cm strips of acetate, fold at 1cm then add high-tack tape to the folded section. Adhere to the reverse of the topper, 2cm from each end. Cut two 1.1x6.5cm pieces of white cardstock, round the corners and add one to the reverse of the topper, leaving the long pieces of acetate exposed at the top. Secure high-tack tape to the front of the long acetate strips and adhere to

Top Tip

Hinge your cards from the bottom and add magnets to help keep them closed

the reverse of the other white panel to create a small hinged card as shown.

3 Print a selection of patterned paper and trim to 1.6x10.5cm then adhere to the card blank. Add the hinged card to the centre of the card front as shown to finish.



Sent with love

You'll need

◆ white 12x14cm card blank ◆ white cardstock ◆ Golden Mosaic, Gleaming Lilac & Bright White Tonic Studios Craft Perfect cardstock ◆ NitWit Collections Gratitude digital papers ◆ Tonic Studios Sent with Love ATC die set ◆ acetate ◆ 3D foam pads ◆ manual die-cutting machine ◆ computer & printer



Step by step

1 Cut the largest outer edge die from Golden Mosaic cardstock. Trim the next-size-down die from Gleaming Lilac and Bright White cardstock. Cut the detail into the white die-cut and adhere to the lilac cardstock, then add both to the gold panel. Die-cut the backing plate for the sentiment from Bright White and Golden Mosaic cardstock, then die-cut the detail into the gold die-cut and adhere to the white panel.

2 Cut a 0.5x4cm strip of acetate, fold at 1cm and secure high-tack tape to the folded section. Adhere to the reverse of the sentiment. Die-cut two further backing plates from Bright White cardstock

and add one to the reverse of the sentiment, leaving the long piece of acetate exposed at the top. Add high-tack tape to the front of the long acetate strip and adhere to the reverse of the backing plate to create a small hinged topper. Add to the centre of the larger die-cuts as shown.

3 Cut a 0.8x5cm strip of acetate then repeat the previous step to create a larger hinged topper.

4 Print a selection of co-ordinating patterned paper, trim to 10.5x12.5cm and adhere to the card blank. Add the hinged topper to the centre of the card front as shown to finish.



Top Tip

Add a hidden message under the hinged sentiment

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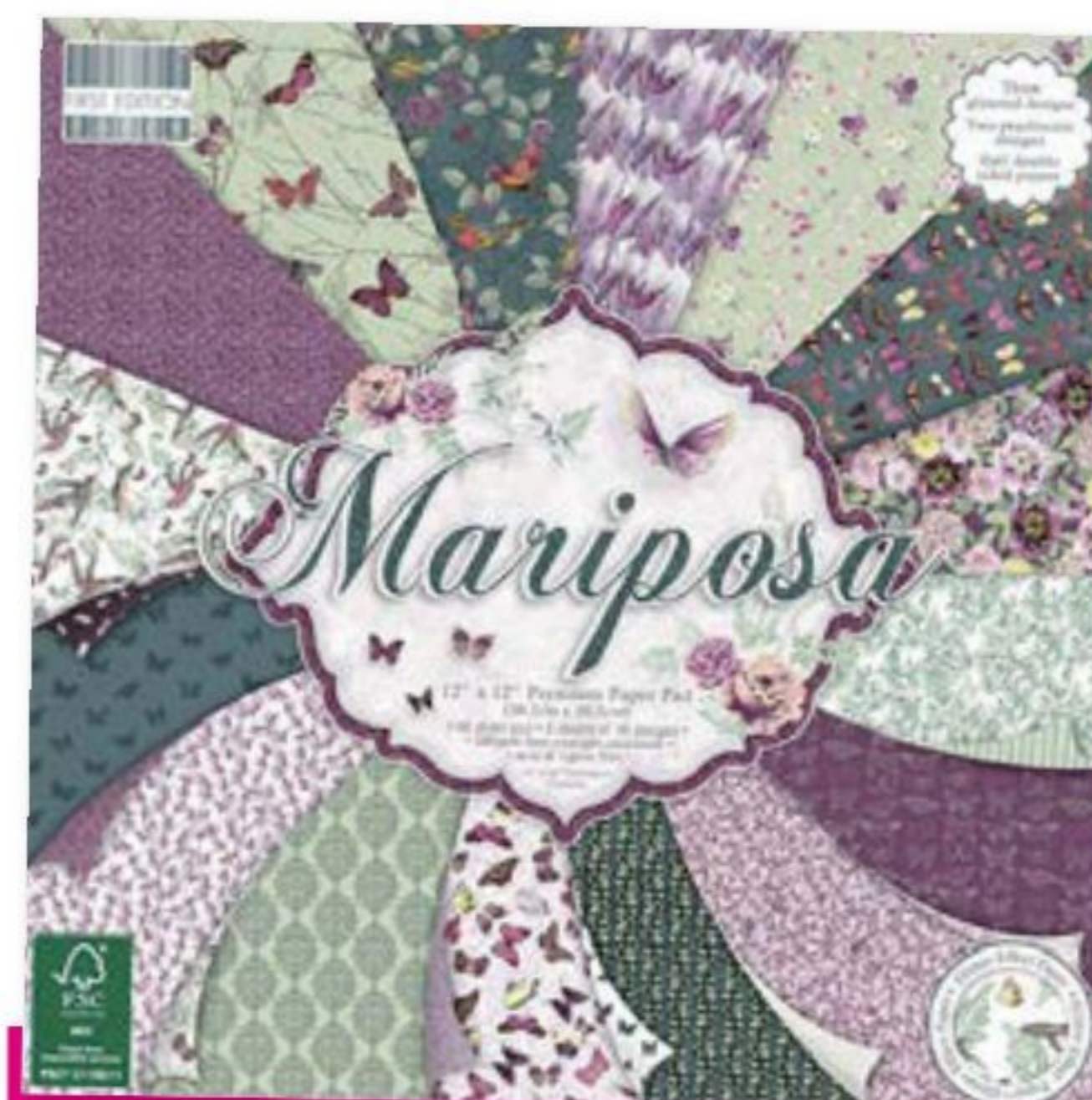
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Perfect paper



Laura Bradley

We love stretching our paper stash! Here we share five off-the-page projects using the Mariposa paper pad



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Gift bag

You'll need

- ▶ First Edition Mariposa 12x12" paper pad
- ▶ Moonstone Oval nesting dies
- ▶ Honey Bee Stamps Cheerful Sentiments stamp set
- ▶ Elderberry Memento inkpad
- ▶ twine
- ▶ scoreboard
- ▶ hole punch
- ▶ butterfly punch

Step by step

1 Cut two 10x12.5cm pieces of double-sided paper. Place one piece portrait onto the scoreboard and score at 7cm and 9.5cm. Turn the paper anti-clockwise and score at 10cm. Repeat the above steps with the second piece.

2 Fold along all the score lines then cut the bottom and end sections into tab shapes as shown.



3 Add a little tape to the narrow side tabs and attach together to form the basic bag shape. Add a little tape to the small tabs, bringing in the first bottom tab to adhere into place. Add tape to the bottom of the final tab and close to secure.



Top Tip

This mini gift bag is perfect for small gifts such as jewellery! It's a cute design and simple to make using one 8x8" sheet!

4 Punch holes into the top of the bag for the handles, then thread through a piece of twine and tie together on the inside.

5 Die-cut a small oval from one of the lighter papers and stamp the sentiments onto the bottom using Elderberry ink. Use tape to add the oval to the bag as shown.

6 Punch a butterfly from the same paper as the bag and adhere using glue on the body. Leave to dry then lift the wings of the butterfly to finish.

Gift box

You'll need

- ▶ First Edition Mariposa 12x12" paper pad
- ▶ pearl gems
- ▶ scoreboard
- ▶ circle punch
- ▶ butterfly punch

Step by step

1 Cut two 12.7cm squares of the same double-sided paper. Score the first piece at 2.5cm on all four sides, using the box lid side of the scoreboard.

2 Repeat the above step for the second piece using the box base side of the board. Cut a slit from all the corner tabs and assemble the lid and base using double-sided tape.

3 Take two 3.5cm-wide strips of the same paper used for the box and score every 0.5cm along both strips.

4 Concertina-fold both strips and attach at both ends to form a circle, then flatten into a

rosette shape with the opposite side to the box on top.

5 Punch a large circle and apply wet glue all over it then add the rosette on top.

6 Apply glue into the centre of the rosette then add a smaller circle on top using the same paper as the box. Hold the circles in place until the glue starts to set then place something heavy on top until it dries to keep it in place. Leave to dry.

7 Add the rosette to the top of the box and add a punched butterfly into the centre of the circle on the rosette, then lift the wings.

8 Decorate with pearls to finish.

Top Tip Using double-sided paper for boxes or bags means the inside automatically looks pretty too!



Notebook

You'll need

- ▶ First Edition Mariposa 12x12" paper pad
- ▶ A6 notebook
- ▶ Spellbinders Font One Lower Case dies
- ▶ pearls
- ▶ lace
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cover the front of the notebook with bird patterned paper. Cut the striped paper slightly smaller than the notebook and just over half the width, then adhere in place using double-sided tape.

2 Add a lace border down the side of the smaller panel and fix the end on the inside of the notebook as shown.

3 Cover where the lace is attached with another panel of paper on the inside of the notebook, so it looks tidy.

4 Die-cut the word 'notes' and a purple paper from the pad then affix in place using glue to finish.



Top Tip This is such a great project to use patterned paper – you could even wrap the paper around a pencil to co-ordinate!

Coasters

You'll need

- ▶ First Edition Mariposa 12x12" paper pad
- ▶ strong cardboard
- ▶ adhesive cork
- ▶ waterproof sealant
- ▶ sanding block

Step by step

1 Cut four 10cm squares of strong cardboard and round the corners using scissors.

2 Cover the top of each square entirely with wet glue and adhere a slightly larger square of patterned paper on top, pressing down to make sure it is smooth. Leave to dry.

3 Sand off the edges of the paper using a sanding block, then cover each coaster with a layer of waterproof sealant.

4 Affix each coaster onto adhesive cork and trim off the excess using scissors.



Top Tip

This is a great gift idea to create using patterned paper, just make sure they are matt as glossy papers don't tend to work with this technique



Photo frame

You'll need

- ▶ First Edition Mariposa 12x12" paper pad
- ▶ strong cardboard
- ▶ acetate
- ▶ pearls
- ▶ butterfly punch

Step by step

1 Cut a 15cm square of strong cardboard. Mark a 2.5cm border around the edge and cut out the centre square using a craft knife.

2 Adhere a piece of patterned paper to the cardboard frame using double-sided tape.

3 Make sure there is a 2.5cm border

around the edge of the frame and on the inside of the frame, cutting out the excess square from the centre.

4 Trim the excess into tabs and secure on the reverse of the frame using double-sided tape. Add acetate over the aperture on the reverse of the frame.

5 Create a back panel and adhere the edges only, not including the top edge so a photo can be slotted in. Cut a semi-circle to make it easier to place the photo.

6 Adhere the back panel into place then punch two butterflies from purple paper and adhere to the frame using wet glue on the bodies only.

7 Add pearls to the wings, then insert your chosen photograph to finish.



Sue Hughes

Go green

Sue Hughes creates contemporary all-occasion makes for men and women using your Garden Delights gift

Mum's shed

You'll need

- ▶ Garden Delights gift & paper downloads
- ▶ white 14.5cm-square card blank
- ▶ white, green & Grape cardstock
- ▶ mauve Core'dinations cardstock
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ twine
- ▶ gems
- ▶ white gel pen
- ▶ sandpaper
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine
- ▶ computer & printer

Step by step

1 Download and print the background paper onto white cardstock. Stamp 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY' in the top-left corner of a 14cm square of sky paper. Layer onto green and Grape cardstock, leaving narrow borders, then affix to the card front.

2 Cut the top of a 14x5cm piece of grass paper into a curve and attach to the bottom of the card front. Stamp four fence panels onto mauve cardstock and cut out. Position across the card front as shown.

3 Emboss a 9.5x14.5cm piece of mauve Core'dinations cardstock. Rub with sandpaper to reveal the white core. Trim around the door then attach to the card front using 3D foam pads.

4 Stamp the sign and words onto mauve cardstock. Cut and affix together using twine, then attach to the door using 3D foam pads. Add gems to the handle and hinges.

5 Stamp two trees onto white cardstock, colour using alcohol markers and cut out. Attach to the left-hand side of

Cover card

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the shed. Stamp, colour and cut out a bird, then affix to the card front.

6 Trim a curve onto a 14x2cm piece of grass background paper. Attach to the bottom of the card front using 3D foam pads.

7 Stamp flowers onto white cardstock, colour and affix to

the top of a die-cut watering can. Stamp, colour and fussy-cut the plant pots, flowers and leaves. Attach to the card front as shown using 3D foam pads.

8 Stamp and colour the boots then add dots using a white gel pen. Affix to the card front using 3D foam pads to finish.



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Just for you

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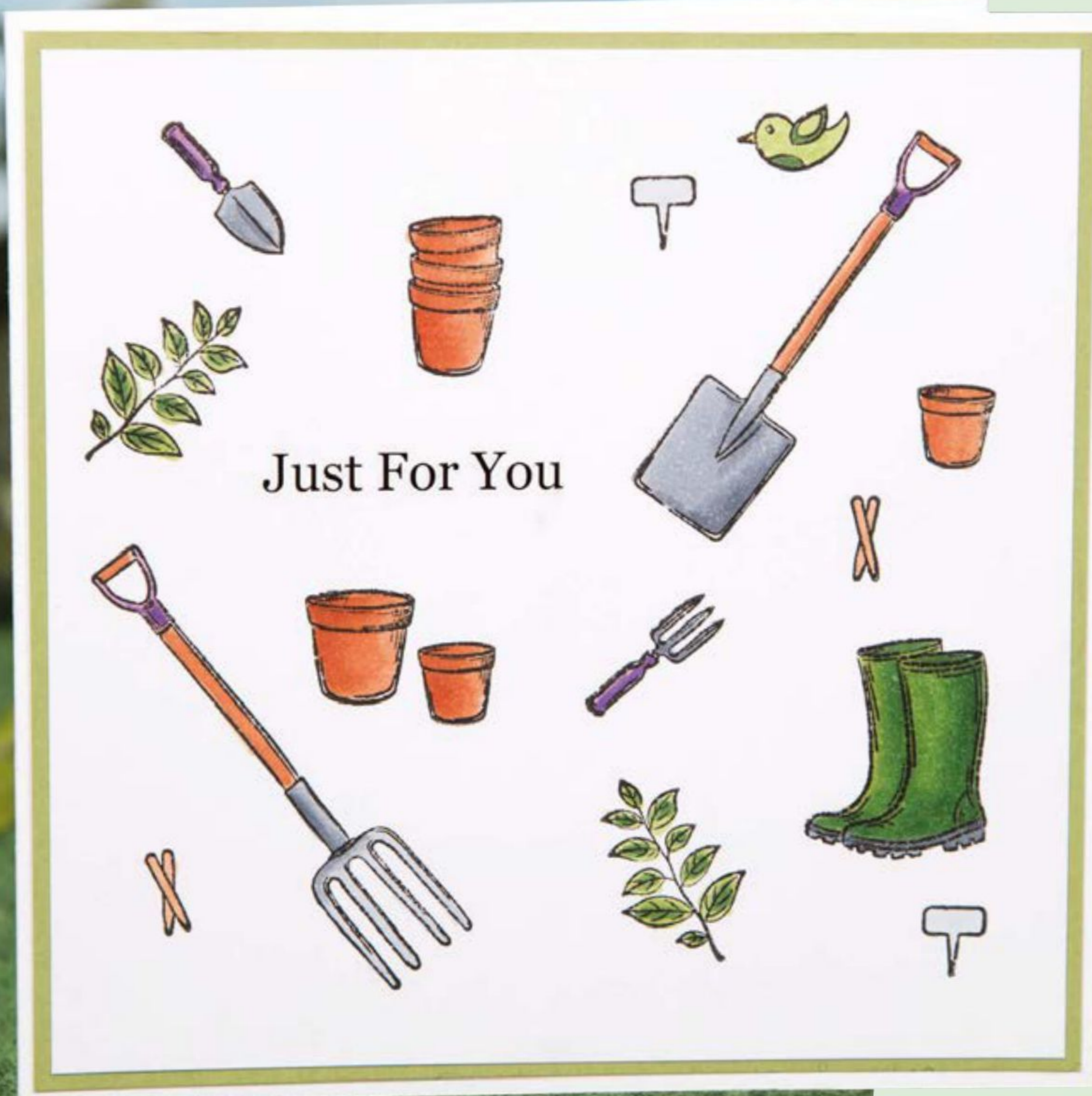
- ▶ Garden Delights gift
- ▶ white 14.5cm-square card blank
- ▶ white & green cardstock
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ sentiment stamp
- ▶ alcohol markers

Step by step

1 Cut a 13.5cm square of white cardstock. Stamp a leaf stem, trowel, stacked plant pots, seed label, bird and spade in the top half, with a sentiment. Stamp a small and medium plant pot underneath the sentiment, together with a fork, seed pegs, leaf stem and the Wellington boots.

2 Colour all the images using alcohol markers.

3 Layer the coloured panel onto green cardstock, leaving a narrow border and attach to the card front to finish.



Love

You'll need

- ▶ Garden Delights gift
- ▶ white A6 card blank
- ▶ white, green & Grape cardstock
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Cover the card front with green cardstock, leaving a narrow border.

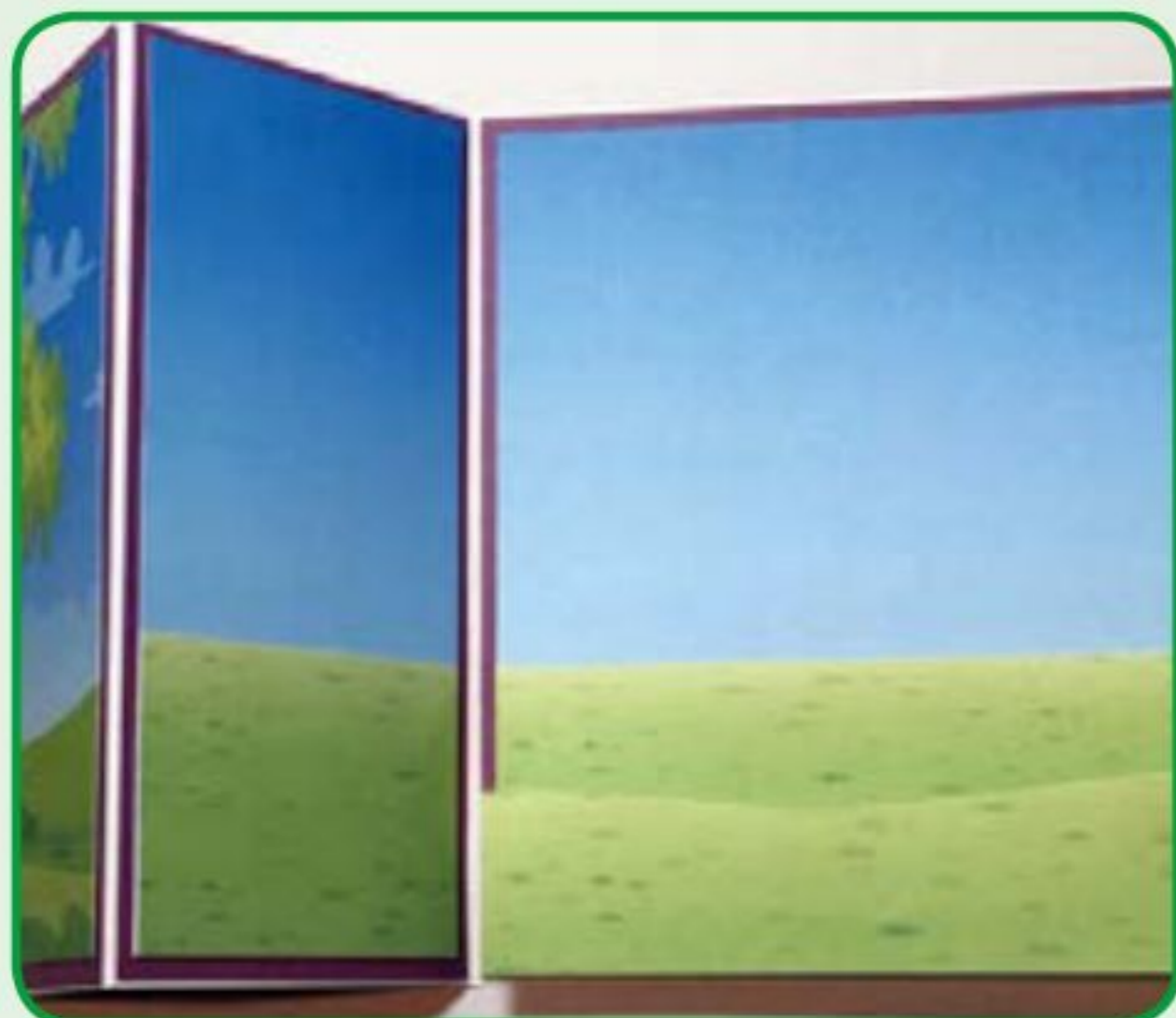
2 Stamp the garden fork and spade onto an 8x4cm piece of cardstock, Wellington boots onto a 4.5x4cm panel, a trowel and small fork onto a 6x2cm panel, a plant pot and leaf stem onto a 4x4.5cm panel and vegetables onto a 2cm square of panel. Colour and layer onto Grape cardstock.

3 Stamp 'LOVE GROWS HERE' onto an 8.5x1.5cm piece of white cardstock and layer onto Grape cardstock.

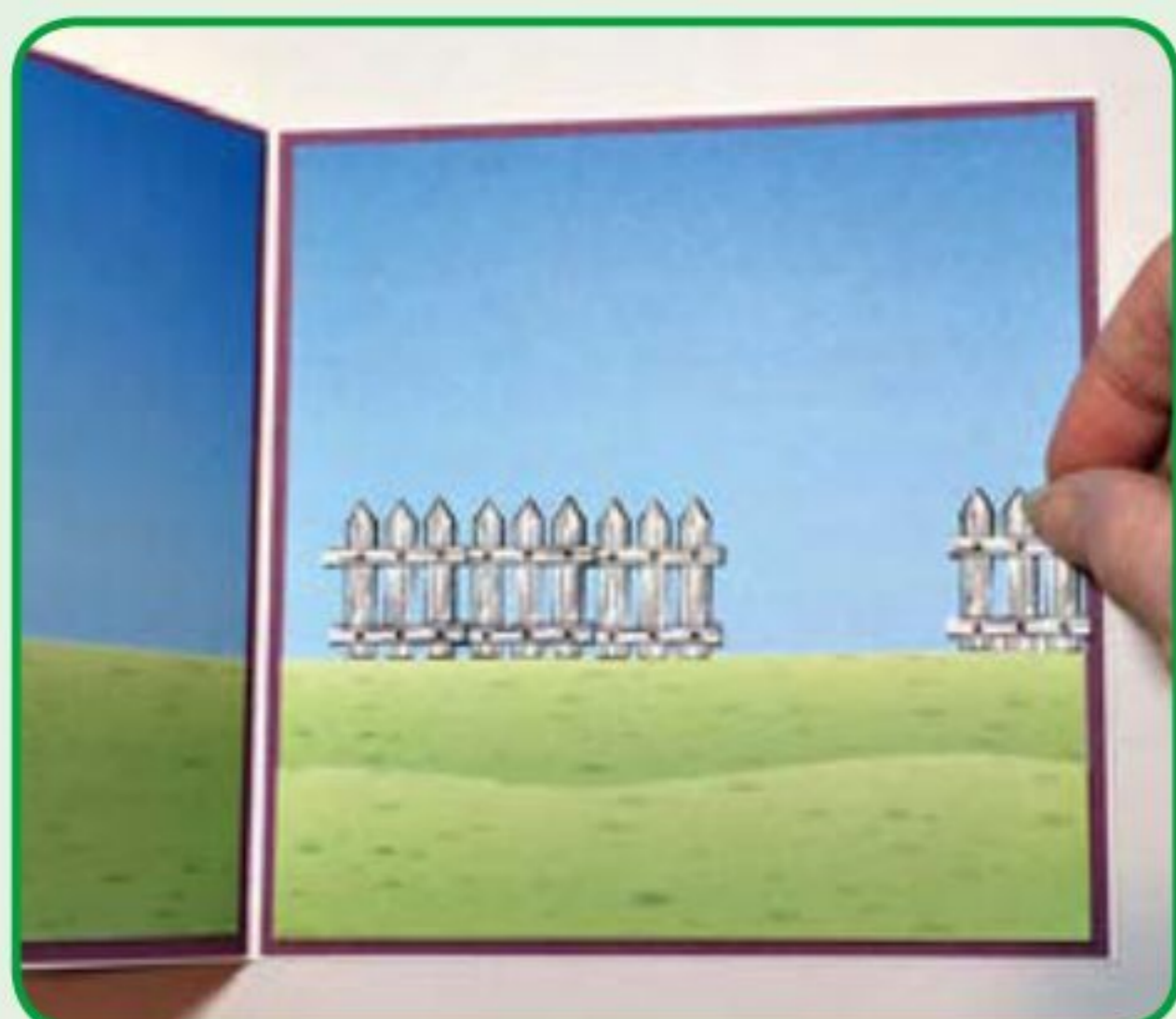
4 Use 3D foam pads to arrange all of the stamped panels onto the card front with an equal gap between each piece to finish.



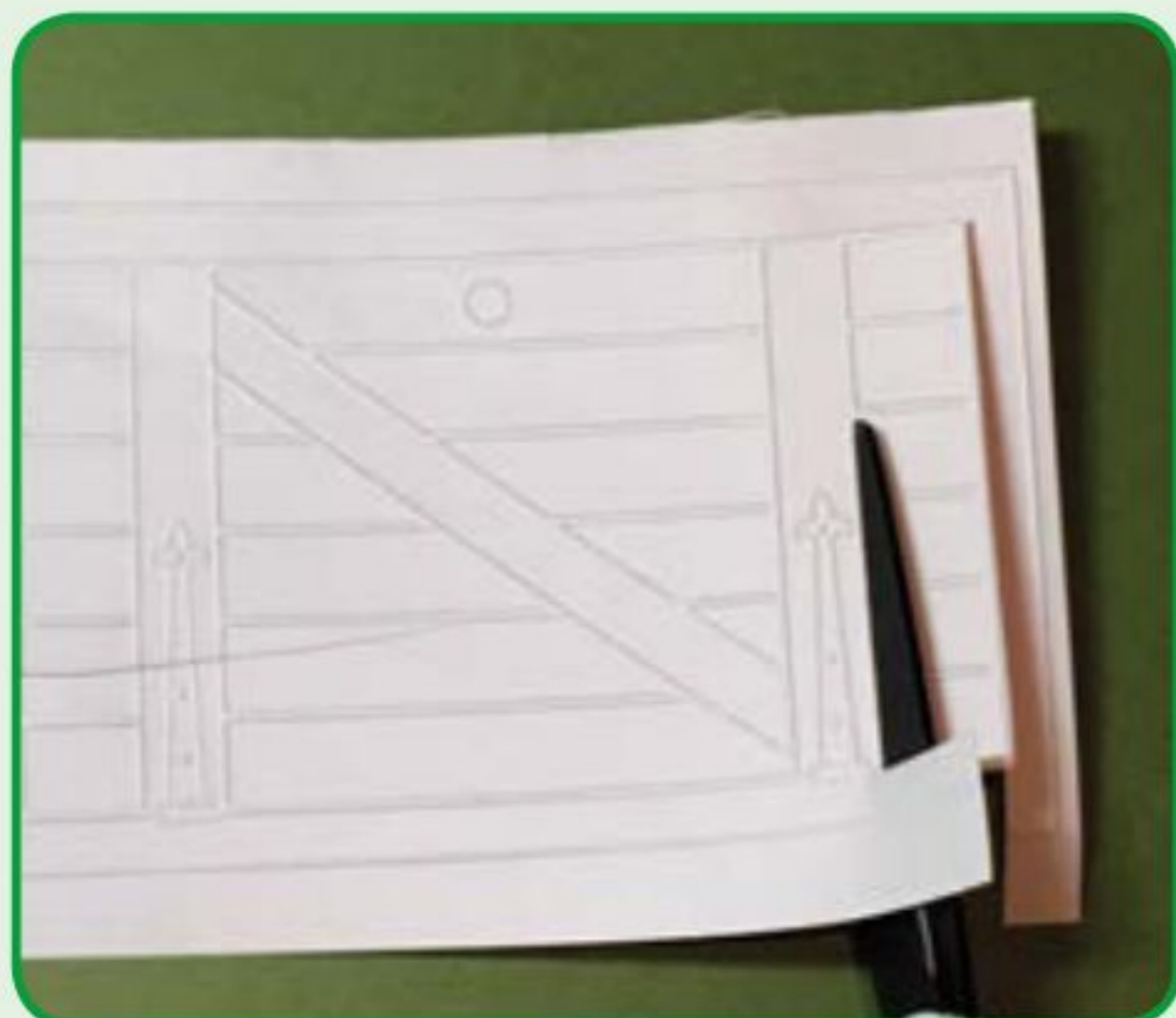
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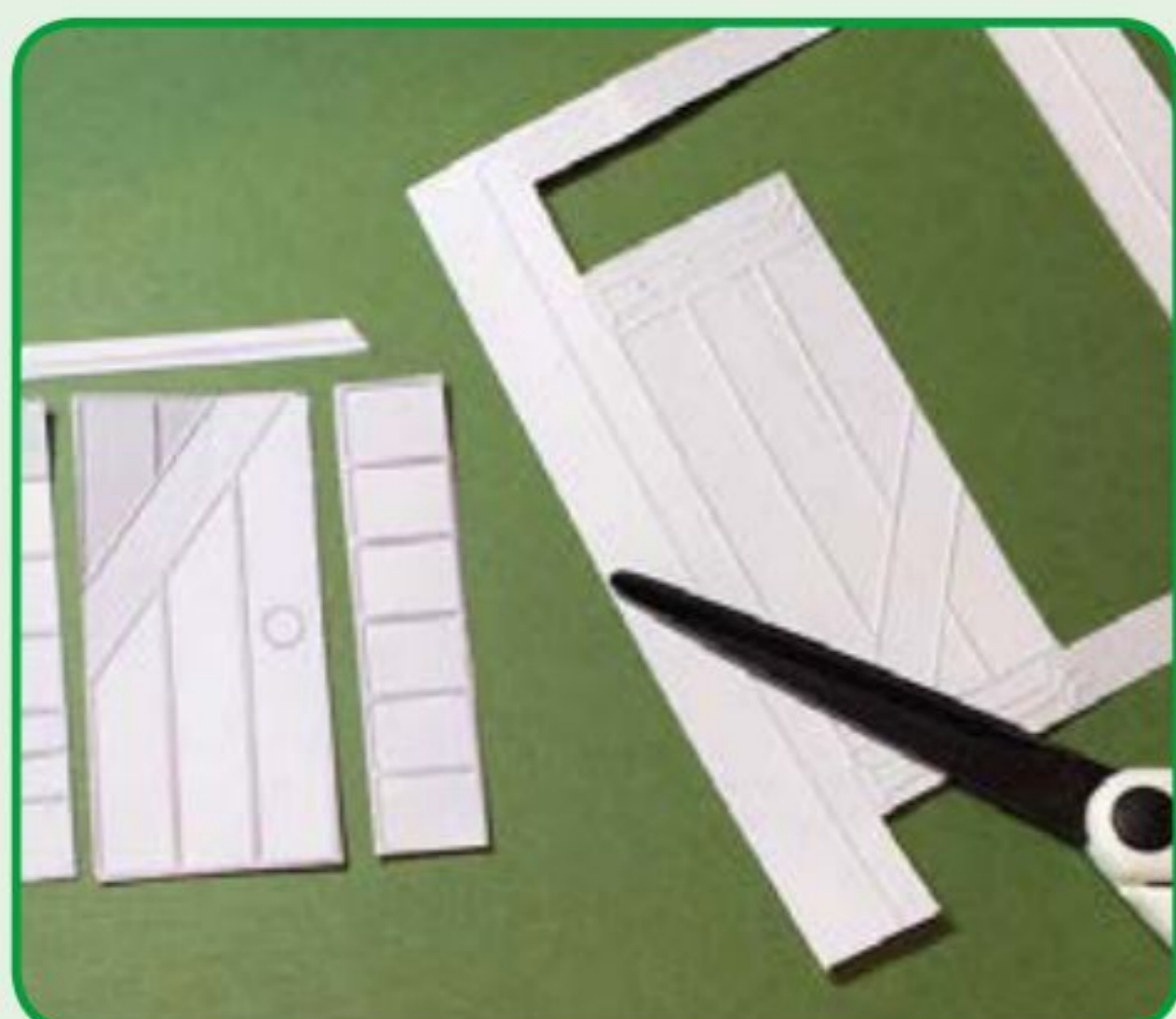
1 Matt and layer the paper downloads onto Grape cardstock and affix to the card blank. Add a layer of grass across the main panel using 3D foam pads.



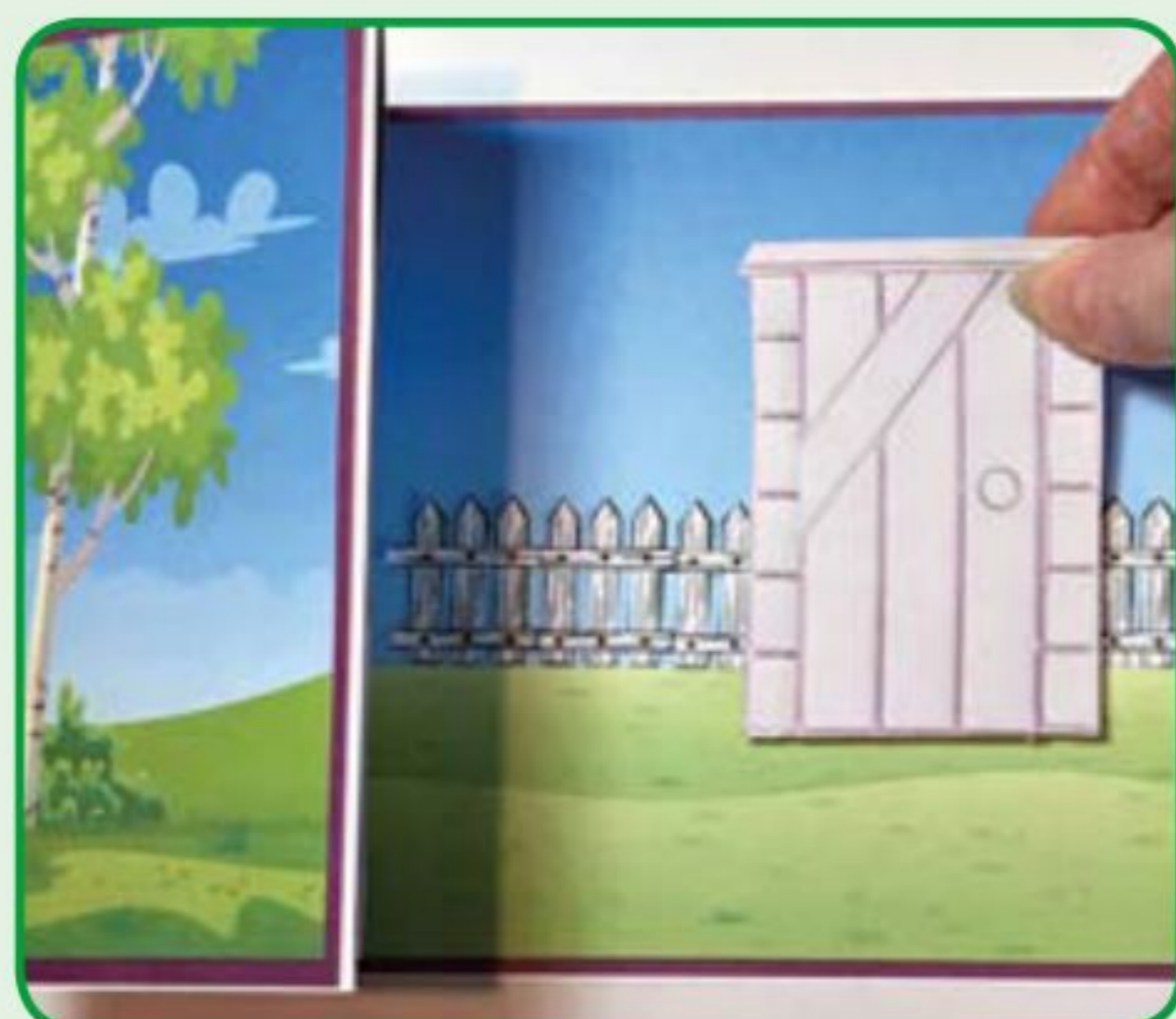
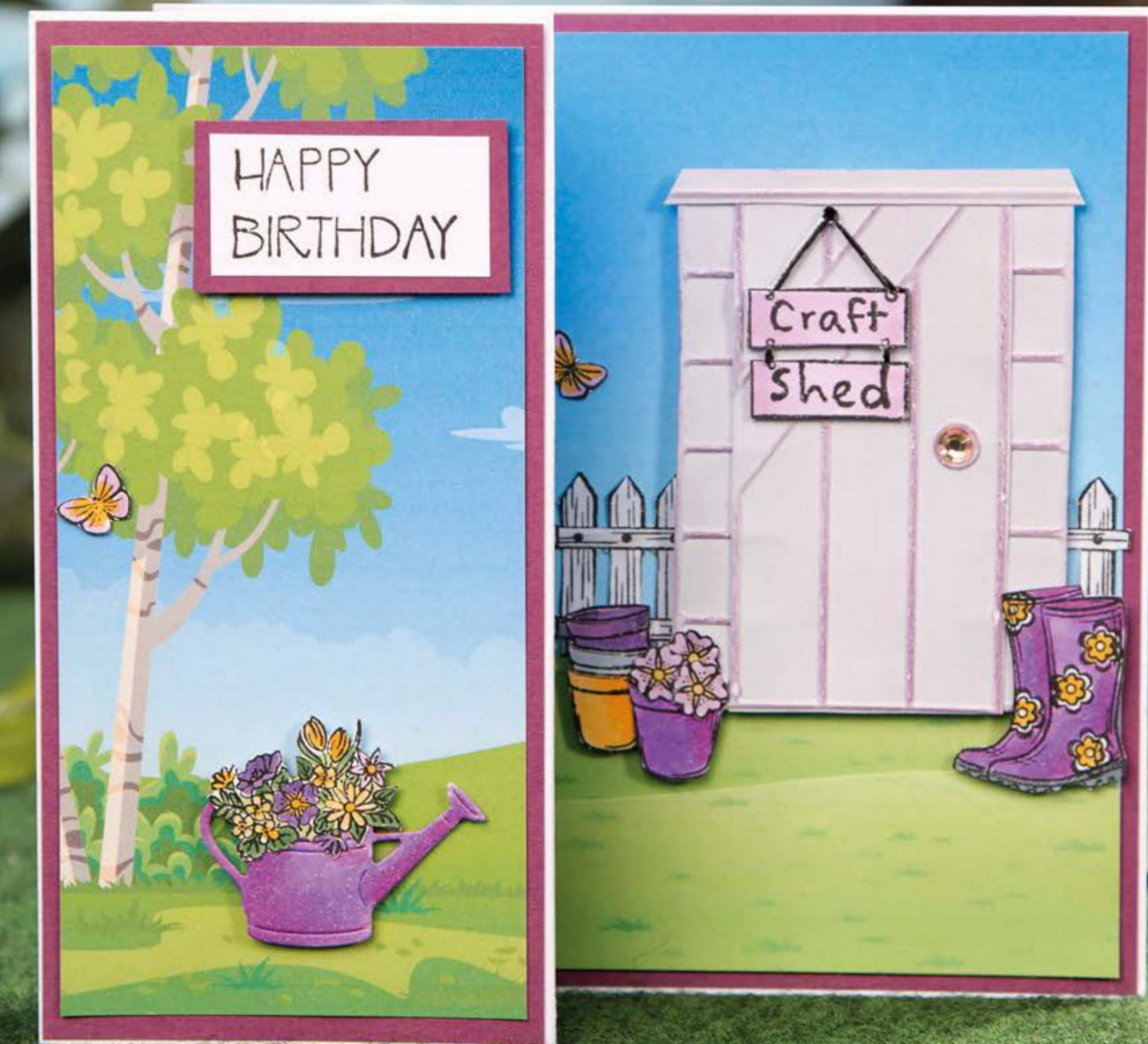
2 Stamp and fussy-cut the fence panels from white cardstock and adhere to the main panel.



3 Emboss a piece of grey cardstock and cut out the top and bottom sections.



4 Cut the inside of the door to include three vertical panels and the door handle. Cut and taper a narrow strip. Brush each piece with Lulu Lavender ink to highlight the embossing.



5 Arrange the cut-out pieces of the door to create a small shed as shown, then adhere to the panel as shown using 3D foam pads.



6 Stamp the sign, sentiment and additional elements onto white cardstock. Colour, fussy-cut and add to the card front, with a die-cut watering can in the foreground to finish.

Craft shed

You'll need

- ▶ Garden Delights gift & paper downloads
- ▶ white 14cm-square gatefold card blank
- ▶ white, grey & Grape cardstock
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ Lulu Lavender Memento inkpad
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ gems
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine
- ▶ computer & printer

Dad's shed

You'll need

- ▶ Garden Delights gift
- ▶ template
- ▶ white 14cm-square gatefold card blank
- ▶ white, green & Grape cardstock
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ Green Tea VersaColour inkpad
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ gems
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Download and trace the centre stepper template onto white cardstock. Trim, score and cut slits where indicated on the template then fold along the scored lines.

2 Stamp trowels and small forks in a random pattern onto two 10.5x2cm pieces of white cardstock. Colour then layer onto green cardstock with a narrow border. Attach to the side panels of the card front.

3 Use Green Tea ink to stamp a row of grass pieces and vegetables onto a 14x2cm piece

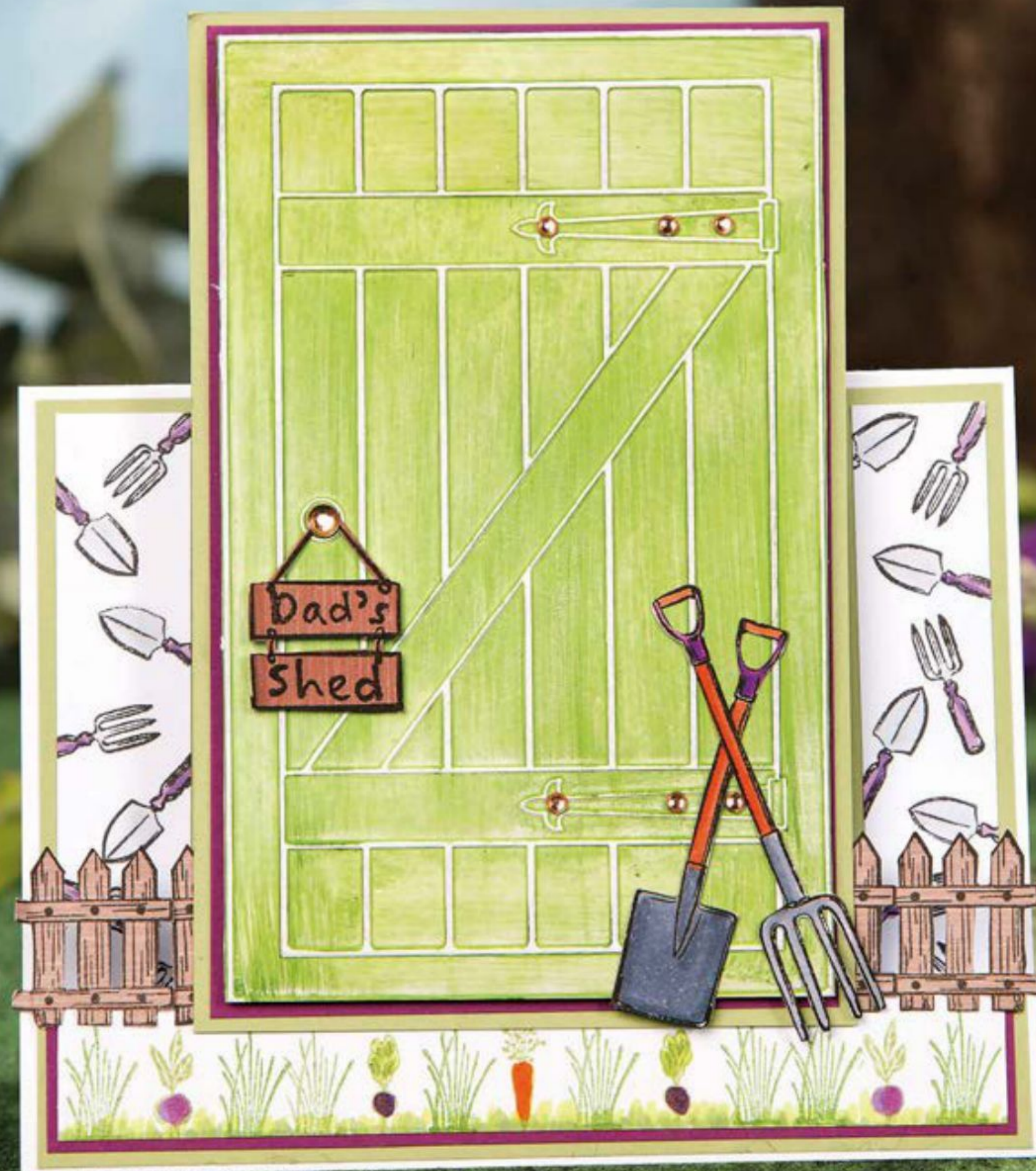
of white cardstock. Colour and layer onto Grape cardstock, then green cardstock. Attach to the bottom of the card front.

4 Stamp four fence panels onto the downloaded wood-effect paper and cut out. Attach two panels either side of the card blank.

5 Apply Green Tea ink across the smooth side of the open folder, place white cardstock inside and emboss. Trim and layer onto Grape and green cardstock using 3D foam pads leaving narrow borders.

6 Stamp the door sign onto patterned paper. Cut out and attach to the door handle. Add a gem to the handle and smaller gems to the door hinges.

7 Stamp, colour and cut out a spade and a fork and attach to the card front to finish.



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Love grows here

You'll need

- ▶ Garden Delights gift
- ▶ white 12x16.5cm card blank
- ▶ white, grape, mauve & green cardstock
- ▶ heart nesting die
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Stamp 'LOVE GROWS HERE' at the bottom of a 15x10.5cm piece of white cardstock. Stamp flowers all over the panel and colour.

2 Layer onto green cardstock then die-cut a heart aperture through both layers. Stamp the water from the watering can and add two off set watering can die-cuts using 3D foam pads.

3 Use 3D foam pads to attach a square of white cardstock behind the heart then layer the panel onto mauve cardstock.

4 Stamp plant pots and butterflies onto scrap cardstock, colour and cut out, then adhere within the aperture to finish.

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You'll need

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- ▶ patterned paper
- ▶ Lili of the Valley Lili the Fairy art sheet
- ▶ Lili of the Valley Lili Fairy stamp set
- ▶ Sue Wilson Finishing Touches Collection Camellia Complete Petals dies
- ▶ Frantic Stamper Scallop Borders Precision die
- ▶ black inkpad
- ▶ gems
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine
- ▶ computer & printer

Step by step

- 1 Adhere a strip of patterned paper down each side of the card front. Add a white scalloped border then another strip of contrasting paper.
- 2 Print the image and trim to 7x14cm, then add to the centre of the card front.
- 3 Stamp the sentiment, trim to the width of the card front and layer onto coloured paper. Adhere across the card front as shown.
- 4 Add die-cut flowers and gems to finish.



Where to buy

Lili of the Valley products are available from www.liliofthevalley.co.uk

Follow your dreams



Top Tip

This is a good size base if you are using A4 cardstock because you can make two from a sheet. Cut down the centre lengthways then fold at the top or the side



Make a wish

You'll need

- ▶ white 12cm-square tent-fold card blank
- ▶ patterned paper
- ▶ Lili of the Valley Lili the Fairy art sheet
- ▶ Lili of the Valley Lili Fairy stamp set
- ▶ Sue Wilson Finishing Touches Collection Camellia Complete Petals dies
- ▶ Frantic Stamper Scallop Borders Precision die
- ▶ My Favorite Things STAX Die-namics Elegant Rectangle die set
- ▶ black inkpad
- ▶ gems
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine
- ▶ computer & printer

2 Add a white scalloped border to the edge of a 12x6cm strip of patterned paper, then adhere across the centre of the card front as shown.

3 Print the image and die-cut using the elegant rectangle die. Cut another from coloured paper then cut in half. Attach the pieces to the reverse of the topper to give a narrow border at the top and bottom, then add to the card front.

4 Stamp the sentiment, trim and layer onto coloured paper then add to the card front. Add die-cut flowers and gems to finish.

Step by step

1 Cover the front of the card blank with a 10.5cm square of patterned paper layered onto contrasting paper.

Top Tip Use patterned papers that match your image for a co-ordinated look

I believe in fairies

You'll need

- ▶ white 12cm-square card blank
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Step by step

1 Trim 4cm from the card front and die-cut a scalloped border on the edge.

2 Cover the front and inside with patterned paper then add a scalloped die-cut edge to the inside piece.

3 Print the image then cut out using a 9cm circle die. Cut another from coloured paper and cut in half. Adhere the pieces to the reverse of the topper to give a narrow border left and right.

4 Attach to the card front as shown, ensuring you don't apply glue on the edge that overhangs.

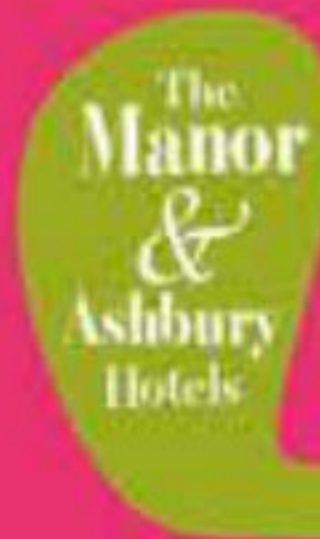
5 Stamp the sentiment, trim into two pieces and layer onto coloured paper. Add to the card front as shown.

6 Add die-cut flowers and gems to finish.



Top Tip

If you don't have nesting dies that are close in size, cut a duplicate in contrasting paper then cut in half and add the pieces to the reverse of the topper to give a narrow border either at the top and bottom or at the sides



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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! I'm thrilled to share another project and a sneak peek at our new ranges! Spring is finally here and I think we're all happy to see the back of the winter weather. Our new products are celebrating spring with so many gorgeous florals, from our Layering Flower stamps to my brand-new Sew Homemade collection! I'm loving my foray into stitching and the lovely Bernie, who you may have seen creating projects online and in our magazines, has offered to be my unofficial sewing teacher. She came to my craft room recently for an intensive surging (overlocking) class and said I was her star pupil!

Of course, I haven't forgotten my love of papercraft, and loved getting my fingers inky prepping for my TV demonstrations. Leann, Emma and I took a girls' road trip to the Create & Craft studios for our big launch event, then it was all systems go as the team has been busy launching more crafty goodies since.

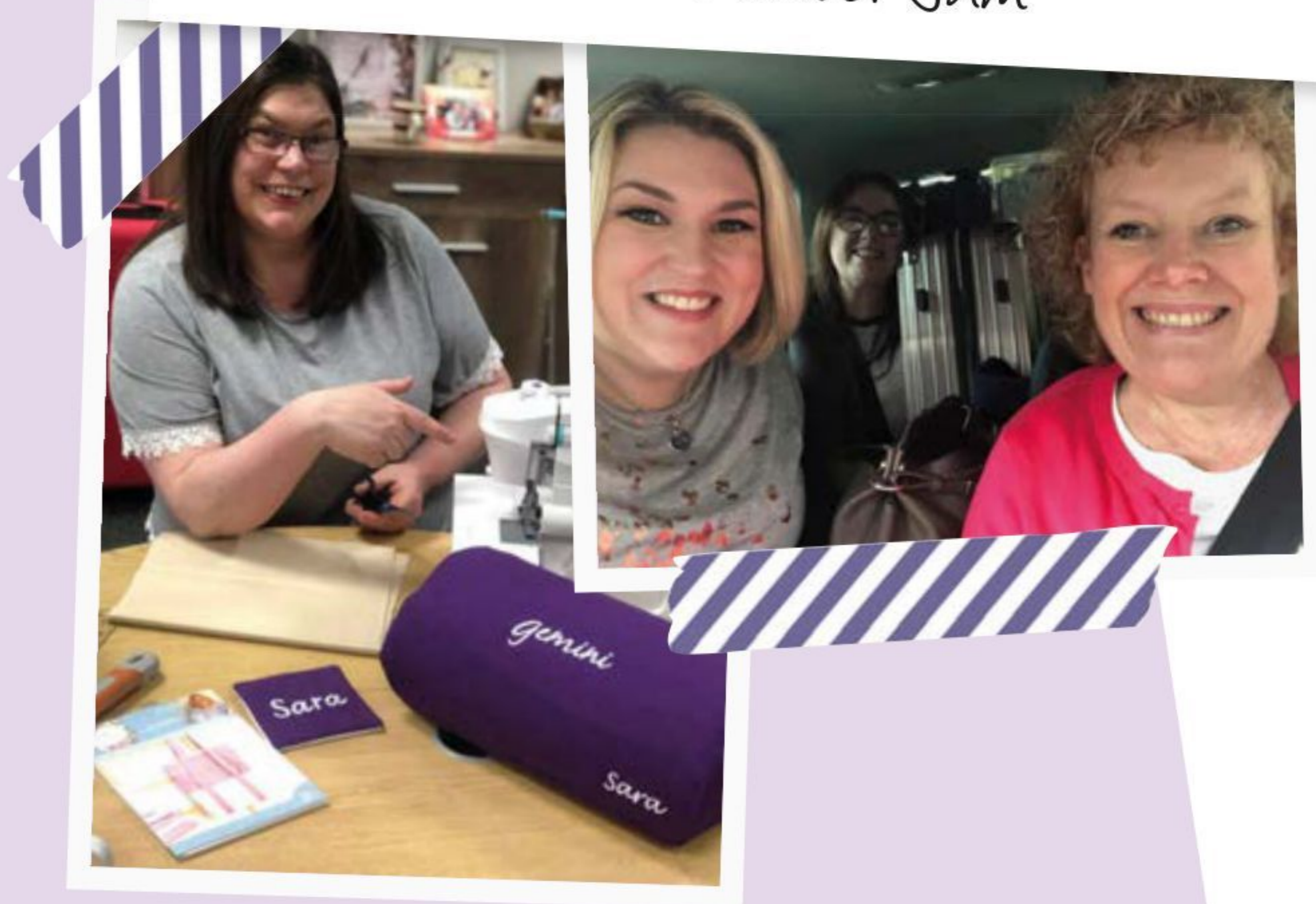
Finally, I spent a lovely afternoon with the team last month when Sam, who joined us years ago as an apprentice, went off on maternity leave. We threw her a lovely baby shower – she will be missed by everyone!

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

Sara



We threw a baby shower for valued team member Sam



Sara's top picks!

Cascading Alphabet dies

These new alphabet dies are a great concept and perfect for creating personalised cards and mini books! We have designed sets that cascade both across and down a project, giving you maximum choice to play and experiment with different looks and styles! Each set includes a full alphabet of letters so you can create your own custom makes. There are also three cardstock sets in tonal colours to choose from including brights, neutrals and pastels. Whether it's for a birthday, anniversary or wedding day, they'll make your design extra special!



Silhouette animal dies

This new collection is just stunning and will satisfy pet owners and nature lovers alike! Combining beautiful florals with a range of different nature-inspired silhouettes, these dies will cater to many different tastes and occasions. Pretty them up with pastels and glitter, or create a striking steampunk effect with mixed-media materials and ephemera – the possibilities are endless! There are 12 different animals to choose from, including rabbits, cats and dogs, as well as owls, hedgehogs and seahorses. I can't wait to create a dog-themed card for my sister's birthday!

Crafter's Companion background layering stamps

Following on from the success of our Layering Flower stamps, these backgrounds are sure to be a big hit with anyone who loves to experiment and get messy with inking and stamping! These stamps have been designed to be layered over each other to create unique decorative backgrounds. They can be tessellated to create any size background required making them perfect for art journals and scrapbook pages! With six different designs to choose from, each set includes three stamps which all create a different layer of the final design, so you can create stunning multicoloured background effects!



Happy birthday

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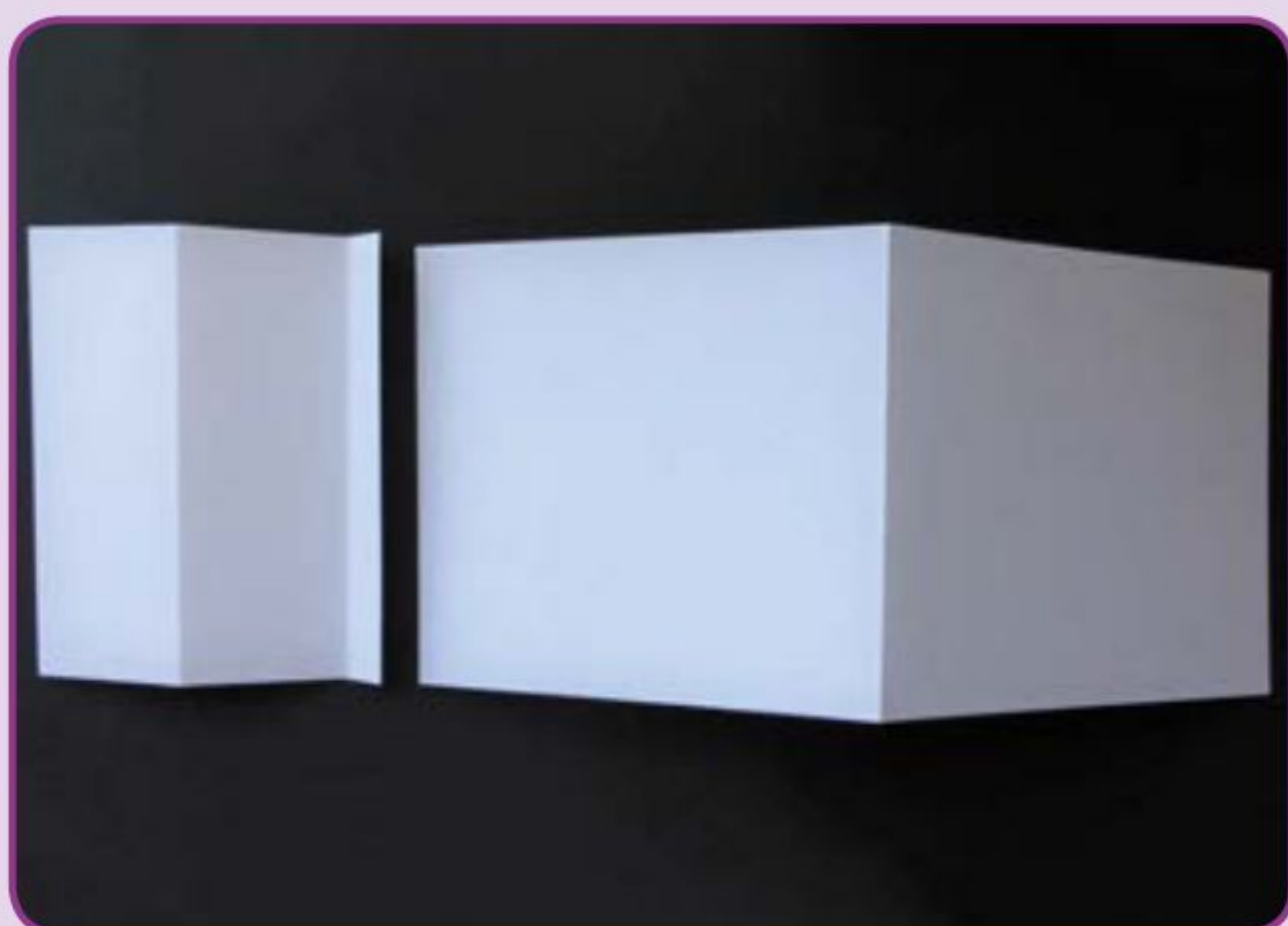
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- ▶ Pink Tulip & Lemon Tonic Harmony inkpads
- ▶ Daffodil, Pink Portrait, Cream Fruit Pink & Cocktail Pink Spectrum Noir Illustrator pens
- ▶ pink ribbon
- ▶ gems
- ▶ Collall 3D glue gel
- ▶ finger lift tape
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine



Top Tip

Use ink to create a unique colour scheme for the circle sentiment, you can also die-cut the sentiment from glitter card for a different look

Step by step



1 Create a card blank by cutting a 5½x11½" piece of stamping cardstock and score in half at 5¾". Cut a 5½x4½" piece of stamping card and score the 4½" side at 2" and 4" – this will leave a ½" tab for you to adhere to the bottom of the folded card.



2 Cut a 5¼x5½" piece, a 5¼x1¾" piece of pink paper and a 5x5¼" piece and a 5x1½" piece of patterned paper. Adhere the patterned panels to the plain panels using finger lift tape, then use Pink Tulip ink to edge the patterned paper panels.



3 Cut a 5¼x2" panel of pink paper and layer patterned paper on top. This will form a band across the centre of the design. Select the 3½" and 3" dies to cut two circle mats – one from pink paper and the second from stamping card.



4 Die-cut the circle sentiment from white stamping card. Use Lemon Tonic and Pink Tulip ink to randomly stamp the sentiment in alternate colours as shown.



5 Stamp the cake and colour using Illustrator Pens, then die-cut using the co-ordinating die. Use the largest circle sentiment die to cut two pink paper circles and, with the smaller circle, cut two co-ordinating patterned papers.



6 Layer the panels and add the circle sentiment as a focal point around the cake embellishments as shown. Add a second cake embellishment to the stepper of the card and decorate with ribbon and gems to finish.

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Jo Boland goes all out with these bright and beautiful cards using the new Pink Paislee Whimsical collection

Happy birthday

You'll need

- ▶ Pink Paislee Paige Evans Whimsical collection
- ▶ kraft A6 card blank
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Trim a 4x1" piece of paper #4 and adhere to the bottom of the card blank.

2 Trim a 4x5" piece of paper #11 and distress the top and bottom edges, then adhere to the card blank overlapping the word paper as shown.

3 Use 3D foam pads to attach the sentiment to the centre of the card front.

4 Place a zigzag gold sticker along the bottom of the heart paper then use 3D foam pads to attach a 'HAPPY' word sticker above the zigzag sticker as shown.

5 Spell out 'BIRTHDAY' in colourful foam letter stickers on the bottom paper then add a gold chipboard heart in the top-right corner to finish.



Where to buy

The Pink Paislee Paige Evans Whimsical collection is available from www.heylittlemagpie.com



Top Tip

Repeating accent colours like the gold is a great way to create a visual triangle and draw in the eye



Celebrate today

You'll need

- ▶ Pink Paislee Paige Evans Whimsical collection
- ▶ 5¾"-square card blank
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

- 1** Cover the card front with paper #3.
- 2** Trim a frame from paper #7 and slide a tassel paperclip at the bottom.
- 3** Mount the frame onto 3D foam pads and secure the paperclip in the centre of the card front.
- 4** Use 3D foam pads to attach a floral arrangement sticker on top of the fussy-cut frame. Use glue to add leaf stickers under the floral sticker.

5 Add a couple of chipboard leaves under the left-hand side and a chipboard cloud to the top-right corner of the frame.

6 Place a Washi tape sticker under the bottom-left corner of the frame.

7 Fold a die-cut butterfly in half and adhere the centre to the frame using glue, then raise the wings onto 3D foam pads.

8 Use 3D foam pads to adhere a sentiment sticker on top of the paperclip to finish.

Top Tip Raising the sentiments using 3D foam pads gives dimension to fabulous layers

Beautiful things

You'll need

- ▶ Pink Paislee Paige Evans Whimsical collection
- ▶ white 5x7" card blank
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Cut two strips of paper #16 and adhere to the top and bottom of the card blank.

2 Cut a piece of paper #15 1" shorter than the card blank. Distress the top and bottom edges and adhere to the centre of the card front.

3 Cut a smaller piece of rainbow paper, matching the strips to those in the centre and adhere the chipboard sentiment on top. Use 3D foam pads to attach the whole thing to the centre of the card front. Add a gold heart on top as shown.

4 Cut out the 'always remember' banner from paper #8 and attach to the top of the card front using 3D foam pads. Add a pink heart and gold star to the cluster.

5 Adhere the 'dreams do come true' sentiment sticker in the bottom-right corner using 3D foam pads. Add a gold cloud and a blue chipboard circle to the cluster to mirror the colours in the top cluster.

6 Use 3D foam pads to adhere a couple of cloud stickers and a chipboard cloud around the centre sentiment to finish.



Top Tip Creating clusters on cards is a lovely way to create visual impact

With love

You'll need

- ▶ Pink Paislee Paige Evans Whimsical collection
- ▶ A6 white card blank
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Cut a $\frac{3}{4}$ " strip of paper #4 and adhere to the bottom of the card blank.

2 Cut a piece of paper #16 the same width as the card blank but $\frac{1}{2}$ " shorter. Distress the bottom edge and adhere to the card blank.

3 Use 3D foam pads to attach the blue frame sticker in the centre of the card front.

4 Use 3D foam pads to attach the floral arrangement sticker onto the centre of the frame, with the leaves spreading over it.

5 Attach the 'with love' tag sticker using 3D foam pads as shown to finish.



Chase your dreams

You'll need

- ▶ Pink Paislee Paige Evans Whimsical collection
- ▶ white 4"-square card blank
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Cover the card blank with paper #2, making sure the pattern is central.

2 Cut a 3" square of the same paper, ensuring the pattern co-ordinates with the base layer. Adhere to the card front using 3D foam pads. Cut a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square of paper #4 and layer on top.

3 Position the chipboard circle sentiment in the centre as shown, then add a coral cloud sticker under the top-left of the topper, and a coral tab under the topper.

4 Use 3D foam pads to add a die-cut coral butterfly in the top-right corner of the topper to finish.



Top Tip Using matching patterns and raising one directly above the other is a great way to create a 3D effect

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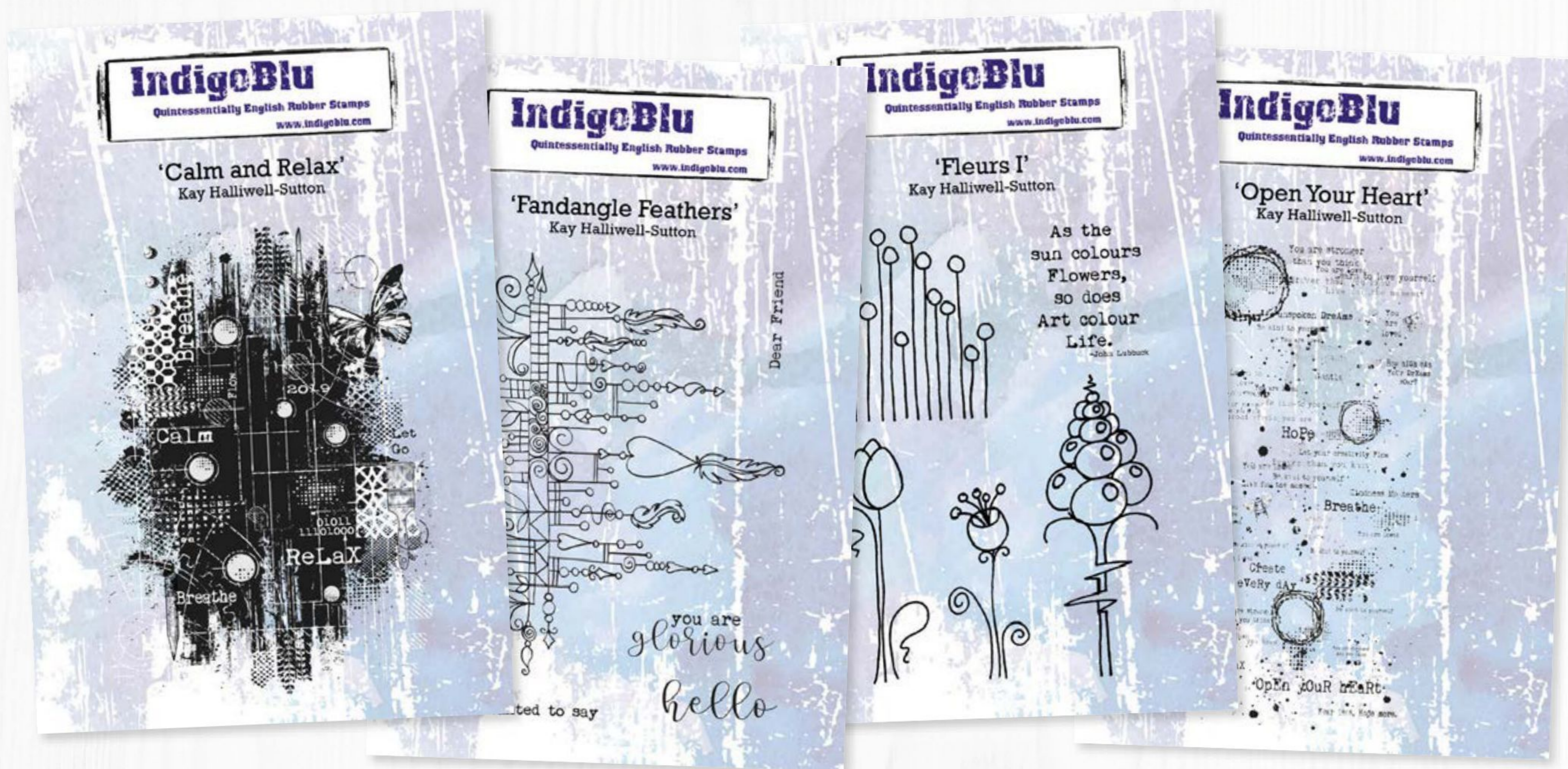
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Wish me luck

Penny Gill-Cripps's floral make is the ideal design to let someone know you care

Good luck

You'll need

- ▶ white 4½x6½" card blank
- ▶ white, blue & pink cardstock
- ▶ patterned paper
- ▶ oval die
- ▶ Gemini Expressions Good Luck die
- ▶ Couture Creations Tied Together embossing folder
- ▶ Dies by Chloe Mini Flowers die
- ▶ small leaf die
- ▶ sentiment stamp & co-ordinating die
- ▶ Summer Sky Memento inkpad
- ▶ purple inkpad
- ▶ cream pearls
- ▶ Collall Tacky Glue
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ small flower punch
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cover the card blank in pink cardstock. Cut a smaller piece of patterned paper and die-cut an oval aperture from the centre.

2 Cut a 4" square of white cardstock and emboss using the folder, then blend Summer Sky ink over the panel. Adhere to the reverse of the patterned paper panel then secure the panel to the card front.

3 Die-cut a selection of flowers from pink and blue cardstock and attach using 3D foam pads. Add the smaller flowers with a dot of Collall Tacky Glue.

4 Die-cut a selection of white leaves and arrange onto the card front as shown.

5 Use purple ink to stamp the sentiment onto white cardstock then die-cut using the co-ordinating die. Attach to the card front and decorate using pearls to finish.

Where to buy

The Couture Creations Tied Together embossing folder is available from www.craftydevilspapercraft.co.uk



Use a fine-tip applicator to apply a small dot of glue to the pearls before attaching



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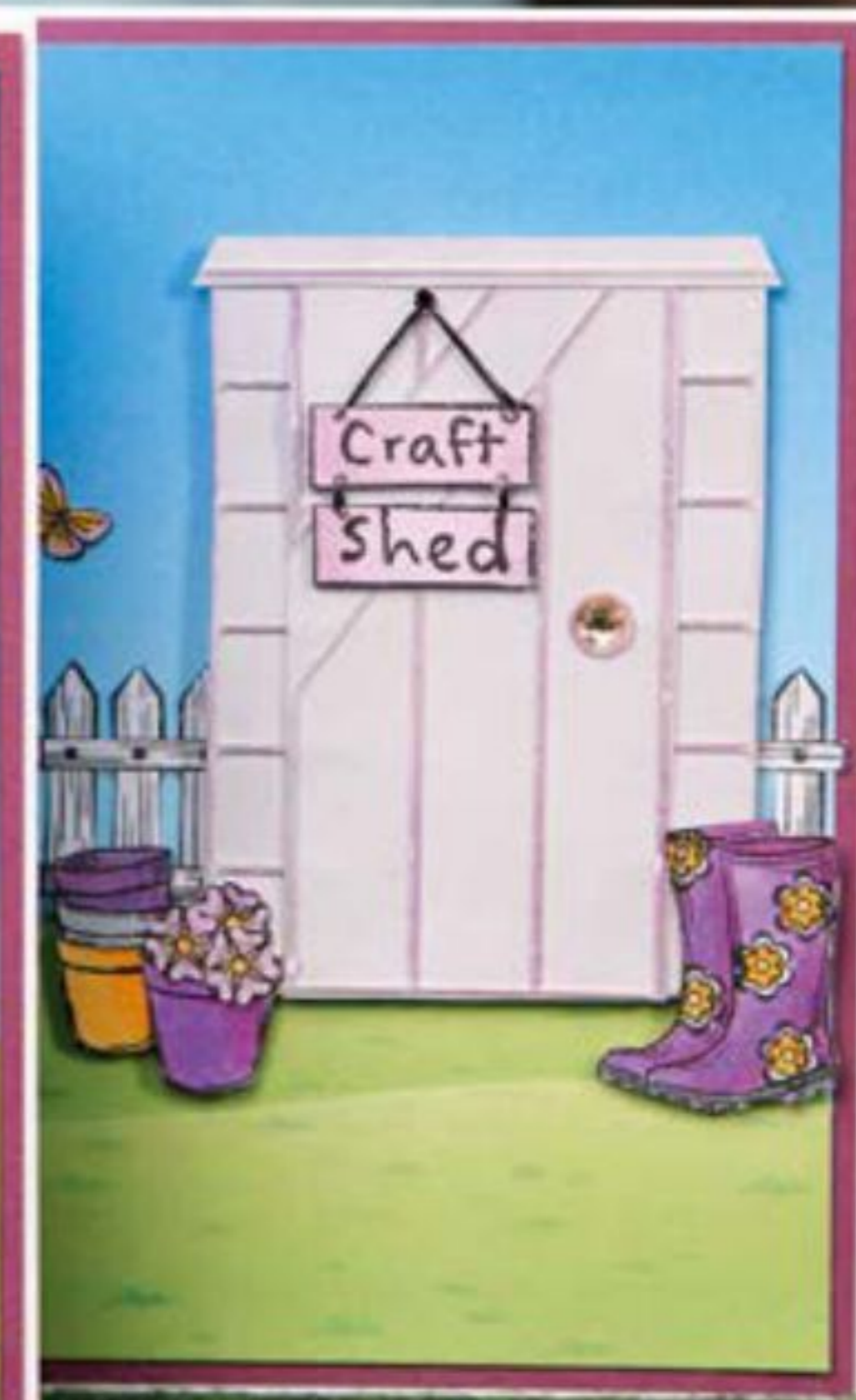
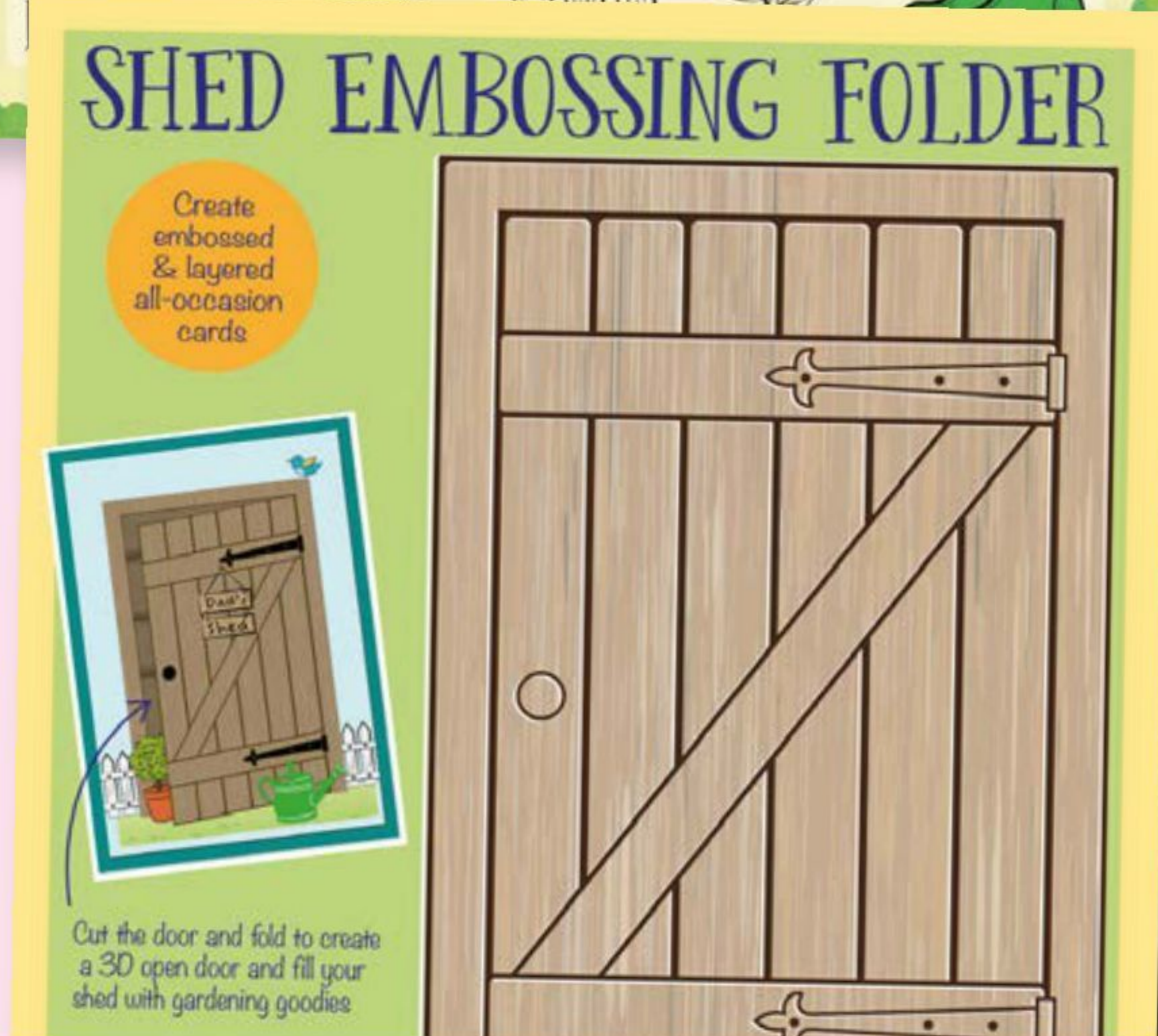
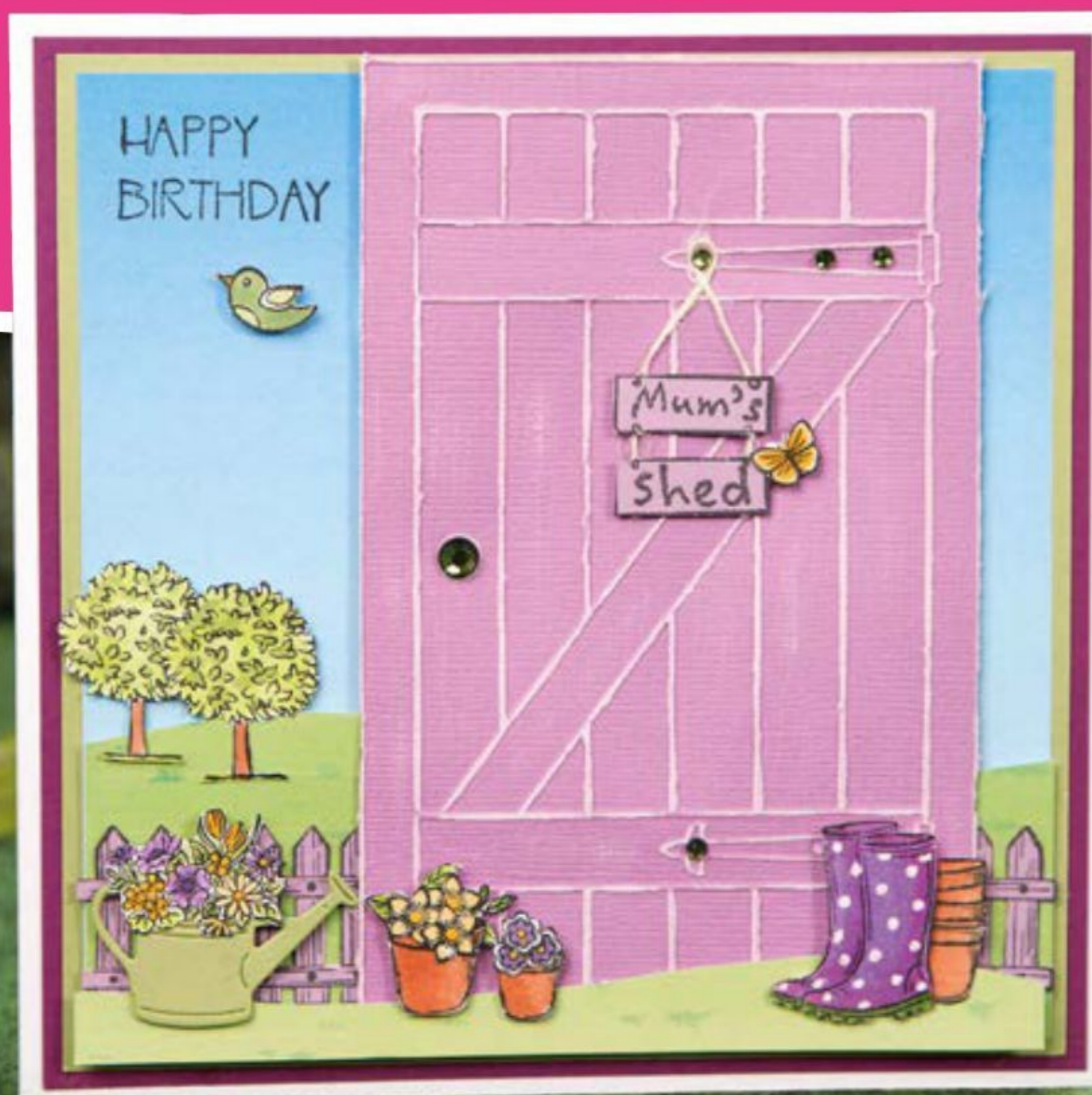
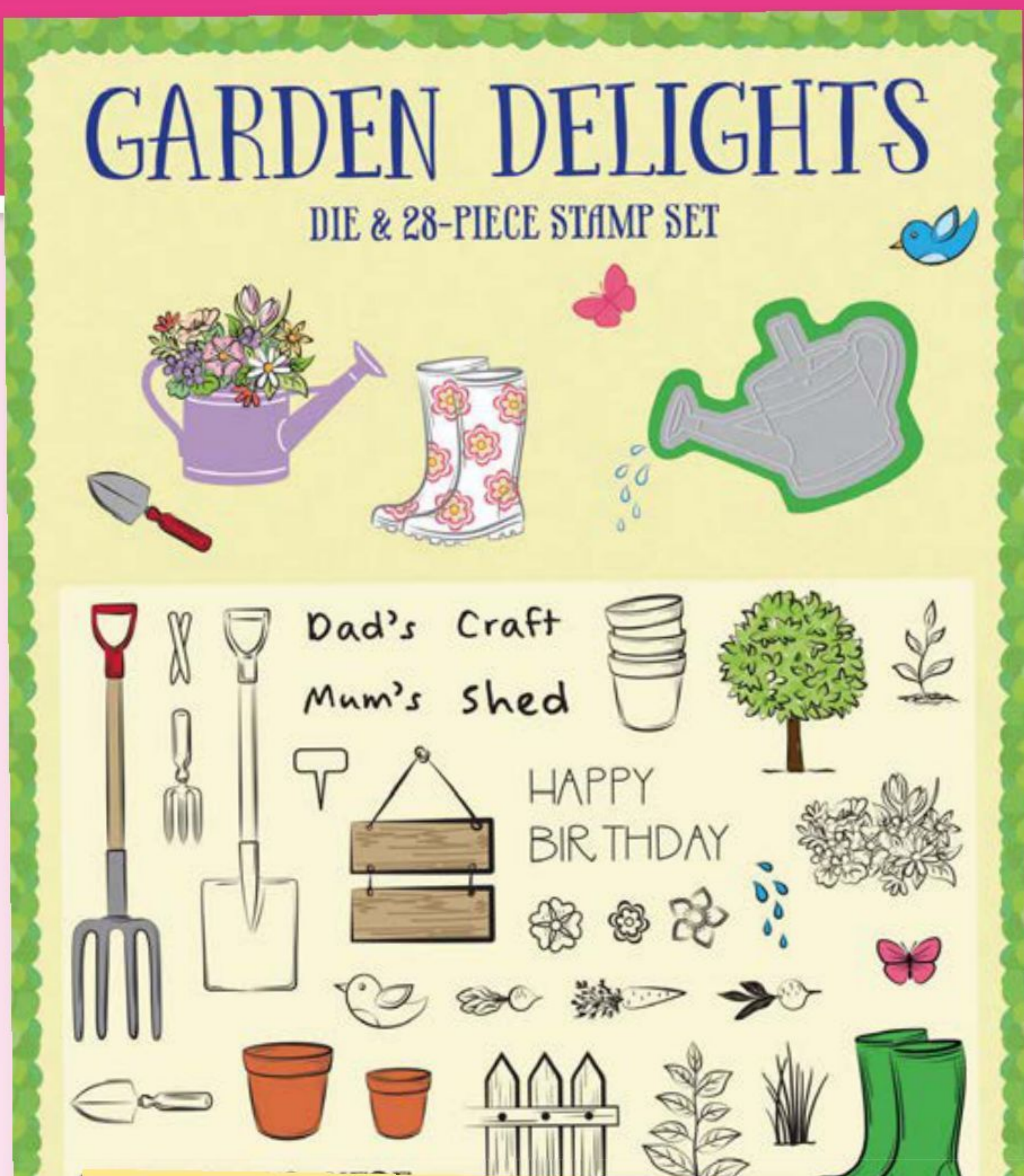


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