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Welcome to issue 167 of **Papercraft Essentials**. Now the clocks have changed and the weather has turned colder it

definitely feels like the only place I want to be right now is in my craft room! Just how excited are you about our **Raymond Briggs Father Christmas™** gift? Our luxury foiled kit and stamps are perfect for **quick and easy last-minute makes**, so if you're yet to start your Christmas crafting, or find yourself needing to whip up a few extra cards, don't panic! We have a huge range of card and giftwrap ideas – turn to pages 15 and 83 to check them out.

This issue your **Cut out & keep** includes fab new collections from Penny Black, Crafter's Companion, Daisy Mae Designs and Marianne Design, so you won't be stuck for ideas for **birthday, all occasion and festive makes**. As well as this, we have more new releases from Lavinia Stamps on page 20, and Pretty Quick on page 76.

This month is your last chance to enter our **Papercraft Magazines Designer of the Year competition**. If you're looking to brush up on some stamping or die-cutting techniques to impress the judges, check out Kim Dellow's **Beginner's guide** to sentiment-stamped backgrounds on page 30 and Jo Kill's see-through die-cutting **masterclass** on page 66 – both are ideal for all-occasion cards.

With all that to get through I think I'll leave you to your crafting. Don't forget to send your makes to papercraftessentials@practicalpublishing.co.uk or post them on our Facebook page to see them in a future issue. Happy papercrafting!

Ria x

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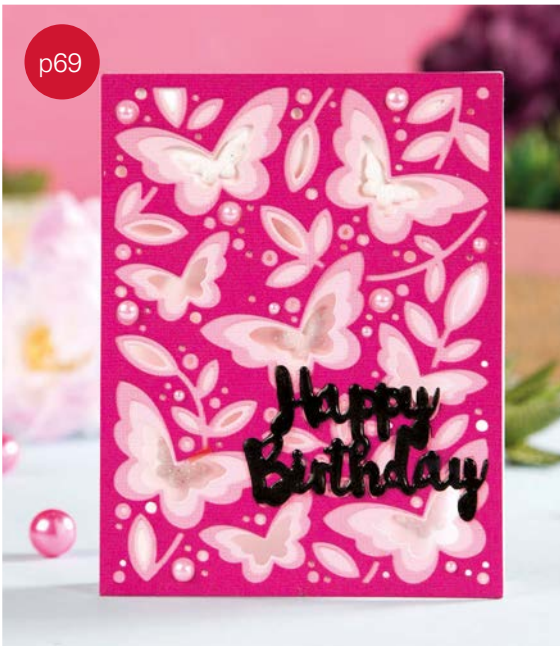
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Sit back and relax as we bring you all the latest from the world of crafts



Birthday bonanza

Celebrate birthdays in style with Hunkydory's newest stamps, Moonstone dies and mask range tailored to fit any occasion or age. Whether you're creating awesome celebratory cards or party invitations for a special occasion, this collection has it all! Expect firework masks, sentiments including 'let's celebrate' and birthday bunting, as well as party imagery of balloon animals, cakes and candles. For us it's the die range that steals the show, with outline dies for the stamps and fab sentiments in bold and flowing script typography.

View the whole collection and more at www.hunkydorycrafts.co.uk



Claritystamp on CraftStash!

Barbara Gray's world-famous brand Claritystamp has landed on CraftStash! Expect awesome Groovi plate designs that include a whole of host birds in trees from our favourite design, A Little Bird Told Me – a tree in full bloom with the aforementioned sentiment at the bottom. We also love the seasonal selection of Christmas imagery surrounded by sentiments, as well as tools to create wonderful papercraft any time of year.

See the whole Claritystamp range at www.craftstash.co.uk



Craft the dinosaur

The latest offering from Heffy Doodles has us wanting to do the dinosaur with its prehistoric stamp sets. The Jurassic pals have a male and female caveperson, rock house, wooden car, mammoth and mini dino; and the second, Dino Time, sees cute dinos with palm trees. Each stamp set has punny sentiments, such as 'you're pretty rawr-some' and 'have a mammoth day'.

Visit Heffy Doodle at www.heffydoodle.com



Crafty Mind

Mark your calendars for 1st December and get crafting for Mind. The mental health charity is calling all crafters to come together for a craft-filled morning, afternoon or day, and get creating awesome projects to raise money for Mind. Why not take over a village hall or gather some of your friends around to yours and raise money for something that affects one in four people? What are you waiting for? Get your craft on for Mind. **For more information, visit www.mind.org.uk/crafternoon**



New beginnings

Simple Stories has created a collection so you can celebrate 2019 in style! Including a 12x12" simple set of papers with pocket watches striking 12, fireworks and graphic designs and a sticker selection. The whole collective has a fab monochrome elegance to it, with an old 1950s vibe to the design making it ideal for a themed New Year's Eve party!

Visit www.papermaze.co.uk to see the whole collection



New Stamperama show!

Stamperama takes place Saturday 2nd March 2019 at the Pavilions of Harrogate in the Yorkshire Event Centre. With industry professionals and over 20 exhibitors including Honey Doo Crafts, Polkadoodles and The Art of Craft with John Lockwood, this is one of the hottest tickets in the crafting calendar!

Visit www.stampaddicts.com for more information and tickets – advance tickets cost £2.50 and £3 on the day



Dear diary

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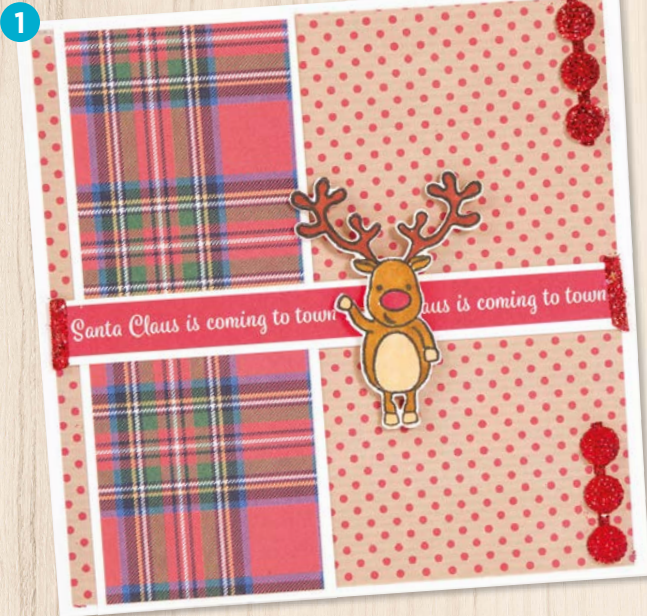
Your cards

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

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1. **Santa's coming to town** by **Susan Balawajder** from Doncaster
2. **Crackin' Christmas** by **Adrene Williams** from Ebbw Vale
3. **Night before Christmas** by **Linda Bruce** from Dundee
4. **Have fun** by **Jennifer Burns** from Consett

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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

Festive friend

WOW! - I couldn't help but say that over and over again as I poured through issue 165 and looked at all the wonderful gifts. As a very senior citizen I have bought various craft magazines over the years but *Papercraft Essentials* must reach the top of the tree if it isn't already there! I enclose my latest creation, hoping that Rudolf doesn't mind me using his antlers! My family and friends are going to love all the cards I intend to make! Thank you again.

Hazel Bullock, Wales

Ria says: This is a great Christmas card Hazel, I'm so glad you enjoyed using the gift from issue 165 - I say this every time but it's one of my favourites! Thank you for your kind words, I'm sure your friends and family will love all of your designs.

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

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Crafting all-nighter

I just want to say a huge thank you to everyone on your team for such an interesting and inspirational magazine. It is so much better than any of the other cardmaking magazines and I look forward to each issue.

I thoroughly enjoyed issue 164 and had a great time experimenting with the stamps and dies - even when it kept me up for several nights crafting into the wee small hours! I hope you enjoy the enclosed card. All the best and thank you again.

Anita Gallo, Edinburgh



Happy crafter

I was so thrilled to see my card feature in the magazine and thank you for the wonderful prize - I will enjoy using the Christmas Icons stamp set, it is fantastic. I love the magazine, it's always filled with interesting projects and tips, I even take it shopping with me so I can read it while I'm having a crafty coffee in peace and quiet. I hope you like the card that I have made as much as I enjoyed making it.

Ruth Bennett, Staffordshire



Happy stamper

I treated myself to issue 165 of *Papercraft Essentials* and immediately used the Festive Friend gift to try out my new stamping tool. It's a match made in heaven and I love the stamps. I'm so pleased with the outcome and cannot wait to make more Christmas cards with the gifts. I hope you like the card as much as I do and thank you for a great magazine and a wonderful gift.

Daniela Abram, via email



Tried and tested

Here are three of the Christmas cards I made using the versatile gift you gave us in issue 165. As well as the wide selection of good-quality Christmas papers and the die and stamp set, Christine Smith gave us some brilliant ideas for their use. I used the top tip on page 83 for cutting out Rudolph and it is one that I will use in future. Thank you *Papercraft Essentials* for the gift the tips and the inspiration. Keep up the good work.

Betty Wakeham, via email



Christmas crafting

I just wanted to show you the Christmas cards I have made using the stamp sets in issue 165. I love to try new techniques and love making cards, home décor and mixed-media projects.

The magazine is always full of ideas and inspiration and there are simply not enough hours in the day to try them all.

Sharon Davies, Huddersfield

Missed out on any of the recent issues mentioned here?

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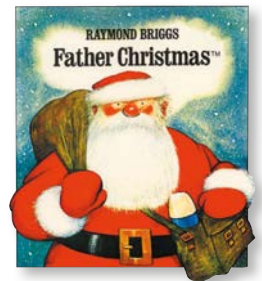
Traditional Christmas



Nicky Gilbert

Christmas

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Merry Christmas

You'll need

- ▶ Father Christmas™ luxury foiled kit
- ▶ white A6 card blank
- ▶ silver mirror card
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

- 1 Fold the front of the card blank to create the easel card base.
- 2 Cut silver panels to cover the easel and base and cover with patterned paper. Leave a narrow border.
- 3 Add two toppers on an angle, and a bow and affix using 3D foam pads.
- 4 Cut out the scarf to embellish the base and add a banner sentiment using 3D foam pads as a stopper.



Top Tip

If the elements overhang the card use the next size up of envelopes for posting

Just for you

You'll need

- ▶ Father Christmas™ luxury foiled kit & stamps
- ▶ white & red cardstock
- ▶ green ribbon
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

- 1 Trim a piece of A4 cardstock to 5" wide, making a long strip. Score at 7" from one end and fold. The short section is the card front.
- 2 From the waste, cut a 10x2½" strip. Score this at 3½" and 7½" and fold the ends into the centre. Adhere the gatefold strip to the bottom of the reverse panel.
- 3 Decorate the inside of the card with patterned paper matted onto red cardstock. Cut red cardstock to fit the side panels and add a small topper to each using 3D foam pads.
- 4 For the main panel, cut a strip of white cardstock for snow and affix over a piece of blue snowy patterned paper



Turn to **page 80** to see more inspiration using your Father Christmas™ gift

matted onto red cardstock. Trim to fit the card front. Add the Father Christmas™ topper using 3D foam pads.

5 Cut out stars from the star paper and adhere around the background as shown, then add the tag and bow to finish.

Top Tip

Dutch-fold cards are really easy to create, just measure so that the top flap sits on the side folds





Happy Christmas

You'll need

- ▶ Father Christmas™ luxury foiled kit & stamps
- ▶ white 5"-square card blank
- ▶ silver mirror card
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

- 1** Trim the front of the card blank diagonally.
- 2** Cut a 4¼" square of patterned paper in half diagonally in the same direction. Adhere a 1" strip of the red paper along the diagonal side of each, trim the ends and matt onto silver mirror card with a narrow border.
- 3** Adhere one diagonal panel to the card front and one inside as shown.
- 4** Add the Father Christmas™ topper and affix the blue sentiment across the front using 3D foam pads to finish.



Silver mirror card adds a bit of bling to the papers and co-ordinates fabulously with the toppers

Happy blooming Christmas

You'll need

- ▶ Father Christmas™ luxury foiled kit & stamps
- ▶ white 6"-square card blank
- ▶ white & red cardstock
- ▶ Tuxedo Black, Cottage Ivy, Lady Bug & London Fog Memento inkpads
- ▶ Spectrum Noir ColourBlend Primaries & Essentials pencils
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

- 1** Fold back the front of the card blank to create a gatefold card.
- 2** Stamp 'Happy Christmas' in Cottage Ivy ink across a 2¾x5½" panel of white cardstock and 'Ho Ho Ho' in red across a 5½" square of cardstock. Matt onto red cardstock and trim narrow borders to fit the card blank as shown.
- 3** Use London Fog ink to stamp Father Christmas™ onto scrap white cardstock. Colour using pencil crayons in the style of the paper toppers and cut out leaving a narrow white edge.
- 4** Cut out the presents, decorations and sack of toys from the papers. Stamp the speech bubble using Tuxedo Black ink and cut out leaving a narrow border.
- 5** Use 3D foam pads to affix all the elements to the card front then add Father Christmas™ to the folded-back front panel to finish.



Use two shades of red pencil crayon for depth and shading on the clothes

Christmas boots

You'll need

- ▶ Father Christmas™ luxury foiled kit & stamps
- ▶ white 6"-square card blank
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Spectrum Noir ColourBlend Primaries & Essentials pencils
- ▶ Lady Bug & London Fog Memento inkpads
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

- 1** Score vertically down the front of the card blank 2" from the edge. Fold the front back and burnish the fold.
- 2** Trim the papers to fit the front, left and centre panels plus a 2" wide panel to fit the reverse. Leave narrow borders as shown.
- 3** Use London Fog ink to stamp Father Christmas™ onto scrap cardstock and colour using pencil crayons. Cut out in the style of the paper embellishments. Cut

the tree and bows from the papers.

4 Use the tag waste to draw and cut out a tag, shade the edges as shown and stamp Merry Christmas using Lady Bug ink.

5 Create the scene on the panel, matt and layer onto red paper then white cardstock then adhere to the central red panel using 3D foam pads to finish.



Bonus card

Find this card on our blog at www.papercraftmagazines.com



Happy Christmas cat & dog

You'll need

- ▶ Father Christmas™ luxury foiled kit
- ▶ white & teal cardstock
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

- 1** Cut a 7" strip from the length of an A4 piece of cardstock. Find the middle point on the long side and fold both sides in to meet in the centre to create a gatefold card.
- 2** Cover the inside of the card with patterned paper and matt two panels of bow patterned paper onto teal cardstock to fit the two outer panels. Leave a narrow border.
- 3** Affix three toppers, two on the left-hand side and the other on the right-hand gatefold panel. Ensure that they cross over when the card closes.

Top Tip

Cut papers for co-ordinating panels together so they have exactly the same measurements



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Also included in this prize package is a stamp set that co-ordinates with the paper packs, as well

as a buildable wreath and sentiments.

There's also a foiled cardstock selection in iconic colours of the season, two metres of ribbon, sequins and gems so you can make your creations sparkle.

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Whimsical wonderland



Amanda Branston

Amanda Branston showcases brand-new products from Lavinia Stamps with this range of special designs

Rue

You'll need

- ▶ kraft DL card blank
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ white Lavinia Stamps Multifarious card
- ▶ Lavinia Stamps Believe, Rue, Wild Vines & Spanish Moss stamps
- ▶ Spun Sugar, Picked Raspberry & Aged Mahogany Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Oxide Ink
- ▶ Nocturne & Chianti VersaFine Clair inkpad
- ▶ VersaMark inkpad
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ copper & clear embossing powder
- ▶ Clear Star & White Sakura Gelly Roll Stardust Pens
- ▶ anti-static tool
- ▶ fan brush
- ▶ tracing paper
- ▶ heat tool

Step by step

1 Blend Spun Sugar ink into the centre of an 8.5x19cm piece of Multifarious card. Blend Picked Raspberry ink around the edge of the first colour and finish the edges using Aged Mahogany ink. Splash a small amount of water over the right-hand side using a fan brush. Leave to dry.

2 Use Chianti ink to stamp Wild Vines at top and bottom of panel. Leave to dry.

3 Dust the panel using an anti-static tool and use Nocturne ink to stamp Rue. Heat-emboss using clear powder.

4 Use a white Stardust pen to add highlights to Rue then use the Clear Star pen to highlight some of the water



Where to buy

Lavinia stamps products are available from www.lavinia stamps.com



If you don't have an anti-static tool you can use talcum powder

splashes as shown. Use VersaMark ink to stamp the Spanish Moss and heat-emboss in copper.

5 Rub the anti-static tool over a strip of tracing paper. Use VersaMark ink to stamp the sentiment then heat-emboss in copper. Roughly tear the top and

bottom of the sentiment to create a distressed edge.

6 Layer the panel onto white cardstock then wrap the sentiment around both layers and secure to the reverse. Adhere the panel to the card blank to finish.



Bonus card

Find this card on our blog at www.papercraftmagazines.com

Step by step



1 Use Nocturne ink to stamp the Tree Branch onto a white stitched circle die-cut from a 14cm square of watercolour cardstock.



2 Add Stormy Sky and Faded Jeans ink to the craft mat and mix with water. Use a paintbrush to splash the ink onto the stamped circle and leave to dry.



3 Use paper to mask the top of the branch. Use Nocturne ink to stamp the Spanish Moss three times so it hangs down from the branch, changing the height of the stamps as you go. Remove the mask.



4 Stamp two fairies from the Fairy Foragers set either side of the Spanish Moss, as shown.



5 Mask all sentiments on the stamp set except 'Joy'. Apply Nocturne ink to the sentiment, remove the mask and stamp. Use Picked Raspberry ink to stamp Mini Leaf 5 over the branches and hanging from the moss. Add leaves to the corners of the card. Highlight using Stardust pens.



6 Layer the panel onto black cardstock and attach to the card front. Use Picked Raspberry ink to stamp the maple leaf twice onto a 7x10cm piece of Multifarious card, then cut out four large leaves. Shape and adhere the leaves to finish.



A little joy

You'll need

- ▶ white 14cm-square card blank
- ▶ black & watercolour cardstock
- ▶ white Lavinia Stamps Multifarious card
- ▶ Lavinia Stamps Tree Branch, Spanish Moss, Mini Leaf 5, Maple Leaf, Fairy Foragers, Christmas Blessings stamps
- ▶ stitched circle nesting dies
- ▶ Picked Raspberry, Stormy Sky & Faded Jeans Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ Nocturne VersaFine Clair inkpad
- ▶ Clear Star & White Sakura Gelly Roll Stardust Pens
- ▶ paintbrush
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ low-tack tape
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Raven

You'll need

- ▶ white 17.5cm-square card blank
- ▶ blue glitter cardstock
- ▶ white Lavinia Stamps Multifarious card
- ▶ Lavinia Stamps Raven, Mini Holly, Twisted Willow, Willow Arch & Christmas Blessings stamps
- ▶ Nocturne, Acorn & Shady Lane VersaFine Clair inkpads
- ▶ Faded Jeans Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ Peacock Feathers Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Oxide Ink
- ▶ grey Winsor & Newton ProMarker
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ Ranger Glossy Accents
- ▶ clear embossing powder
- ▶ red gel pen
- ▶ Clear Star & White Sakura Gelly Roll Stardust Pens
- ▶ anti-static tool
- ▶ Post-it notes
- ▶ heat tool

Step by step

1 Press Peacock Feathers ink onto the craft mat and spritz

with water. Lightly spritz a 14cm square of Multifarious card then dip into the ink. Dry and repeat.

2 Wipe panel with anti-static tool. Use Nocturne ink to stamp Raven and heat-emboss using clear powder.

3 Stamp the Willow Arch in the top-left corner and join with the Twisted Willow stamp as shown. Stamp the Twisted Willow against the top of the arch using Acorn ink. Stamp the Mini Holly on the branch and coming from the Willow using Shady Lane ink as shown.

4 Create a Post-it mask and place over Raven then blend Faded Jeans ink over it. Use the same ink to sponge around edge of the whole panel.

5 Mask all the words from the Christmas Blessings stamp set leaving 'Blessings' uncovered. Apply Nocturne ink then

Top Tip Use a grey ProMarker to create a drop shadow to make the raven stand out



remove the mask and stamp the sentiment into the bottom-right corner of the panel.

6 Highlight Raven's hair and some of the Twisted Willow using the white Stardust Pen. Highlight the moon, Raven's wings and some of the ink

patterns inside the moon using the Clear Star pen. Colour the holly berries using a red gel pen. **7** Layer the panel onto a slightly larger piece of blue glitter cardstock then carefully add small drops of Ranger Glossy Accents over the berries to finish.

Believe in magic



You'll need

- ▶ white 17.5cm-square card blank
- ▶ white Lavinia Stamps Multifarious card
- ▶ Lavinia Stamps Believe in Magic, Skinny Mushrooms, Fairy Orbs & Shaylee stamps
- ▶ Faded Jeans & Broken China

- ▶ Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Oxide Ink
- ▶ Picked Raspberry Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ Nocturne & Chianti VersaFine Clair inkpads
- ▶ Clear Star & White Sakura Gelly Roll Stardust Pens

- ▶ Ranger Glossy Accents
- ▶ waterbrush
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ Post-it notes
- ▶ low-tack tape

Step by step

1 Apply Faded Jeans and Broken China Distress Oxide Ink onto the craft mat and spritz with water. Dip a 13.5cm square of Multifarious card into the ink, dry then dip and dry it again.

2 Use Nocturne ink to stamp Shaylee and add her wing. Use the same ink to stamp the medium-sized fairy orb floating as shown. Stamp another wing on a Post-it note and cut out to create a mask.

3 Mask the top of the panel and blend Picked Raspberry across the bottom as shown. Place a 5cm circle mask over the orb and blend ink over the edge of the mask and around the edge of the panel. Paint the wing using the same ink.

4 Add water to the craft mat. Use your finger to apply water around the orb and over

the top and right-hand side of the panel. Leave to dry thoroughly.

5 Use Distress Oxide Ink to stamp the remaining orbs across the panel as shown.

6 Mask the bottom of the panel, slightly lower than the area blended with Picked Raspberry ink, and secure using low-tack tape. Add the wing mask created earlier.

7 Use Chianti ink to stamp the mushrooms either side of Shaylee as shown. Use Nocturne ink to stamp a set of mushrooms to the left-hand side. Remove all masks.

8 Use Nocturne ink to stamp Believe in Magic as shown then blend a little Chianti around the edge of the panel.

9 Use a Clear Star pen to highlight the orb above Shaylee's hand and any circles left from the water around the orb. Use the same pen to highlight sections of the wing.

10 Matt and layer the panel then add Ranger Glossy Accents to the floating orb to finish.

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Best wishes

You'll need

- ▶ lilac pearlescent cardstock
- ▶ white, pink & peach cardstock
- ▶ pink & white baker's twine
- ▶ pink gems
- ▶ black fine-line pen
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ Brother VC500W Design 'n' Craft Full Colour Label Printer & app

Step by step

1 Create a lilac 7x5" card blank. Cut a slightly smaller pink layer with corner notches to hold a border of baker's twine around the edges as shown. Layer onto the card front.

2 Cut a 4x6" piece of white cardstock and create a background of strips of printed tape including one with a sentiment. Be sure to weave them so they overlap, as shown.

3 From 'Easter' in the Art Editor app, select the lilac and pink butterflies, resize and print three. Cut out and adhere to the white panel using 3D foam pads.

4 Add three gems to the panel then layer onto a slightly larger piece of peach cardstock. Use tape to attach the panel to the card front to finish.



If you lay the printed background tape down lightly at first you can lift each piece to create a woven effect

On your special day

You'll need

- ▶ silver, purple, lilac & white cardstock
- ▶ Couture Creations Great Almanzo embossing folder
- ▶ scalloped circle punch
- ▶ white doily
- ▶ Collall 3D glue gel
- ▶ white pen
- ▶ glitter dots
- ▶ pink gems
- ▶ Brother VC500W Design 'n' Craft Full Colour Label Printer & app

Step by step

- 1** Create a purple 5¾"-square card blank and add layers of silver and lilac cardstock.
- 2** Cut a 5" square of white cardstock and emboss using the folder. Adhere to the card front.
- 3** Use the Colour Label Editor app and tape roll to create a background panel with three

white butterflies from the Insect Shapes folder in Art. Print.

4 Locate Lace Trim in Art and the 9mm tape roll select a pink border, duplicate it and print two pieces measuring 5" long.

5 Select a plain background and overlay three butterflies from Insect Shapes in Art over the top as shown. Print and cut out leaving the backing paper on.

6 Adhere all elements to the card front using flat and 3D adhesives on the butterfly wings.

7 Create a white circle with a sentiment from the Circle Frames in the Art category. Print and adhere to a punched silver scalloped circle.

8 Trim a doily and adhere to the card front with the sentiment panel. Add gems to finish.



Top Tip

Don't attempt to cut around the antennae on the 3D butterflies – add them in with white gel pen at the end

You'll need

- ▶ purple cardstock
- ▶ border punch
- ▶ Collall 3D glue gel
- ▶ glitter dots
- ▶ Brother VC500W Design 'n' Craft Full Colour Label Printer & app

Step by step

- 1** Score a 4x7" piece of purple cardstock in half and fold. Shape the cardstock half an inch on each side from the top of the pot to the bottom.
- 2** Cut a 4x2" strip of the same cardstock and use a border punch to shape one long edge. Attach to the top of the flowerpot card blank.
- 3** With the 50mm tape roll in the machine, design three flower clusters from Detailed Flowers in the Art section on the app. Cluster no more than four flowers at a time to make them a decent size and arc them. Print the clusters and adhere in a pleasing design to a piece of scrap purple cardstock then cut out.
- 4** Attach the clusters to the top of the card front so the flowers tumble over the top of the pot as shown.
- 5** On the 50mm tape roll, resize a pink bow from the Easter section in Art on the app and print two. Cut them out and attach one over the other.
- 6** Design and print a decorative 12mm strip and a 9mm strip with a sentiment. Add one on top of the other at the bottom of the card front as shown.
- 7** Decorate the design by adding glitter dots to the flower centres to finish.



Blooming good wishes

You'll need

- ▶ white, purple, pink & peach cardstock
- ▶ Couture Creations Great Almanzo embossing folder
- ▶ white & purple baker's twine
- ▶ circle punch
- ▶ pearls brads
- ▶ gems
- ▶ 3D foam tape
- ▶ Brother VC500W Design 'n' Craft Full Colour Label Printer & app

Step by step

- 1** Create a white 7x5" card blank and adhere smaller layers of purple then pink cardstock.
- 2** Cut a 6x4" piece of white cardstock and fill it with cut out flower stickers created from Floral Images in the Art section on the app.
- 3** Emboss the panel using the folder then layer to a larger piece of peach cardstock.
- 4** Create a pink circle sentiment with smaller Floral Images layered to one side. Cut out and layer onto a purple die-cut circle.



Top Tip Adhere some of the flower stickers off the edge of the cardstock to create a more pleasing effect

Happy birthday to you

- 5** In the app, isolate the flowers from the sentiment circle and print them again so you can cut out and layer them onto the others as shown.
- 6** Adhere the circle sentiment to a printed label from Social Cards in the Art section of the app then attach a brad to each end. Lay this down over a pink scalloped circle as shown.
- 7** Wrap twine around the brads and secure to the reverse of the image panel. Adhere the panel to the card front using 3D foam tape. Decorate the flowers with gems to finish.



You'll need

- ▶ pink, peach & white cardstock
- ▶ black fine-line pen
- ▶ Collall 3D glue gel
- ▶ glitter dots
- ▶ Brother VC500W Design 'n' Craft Full Colour Label Printer & app

Step by step

- 1** Create a pink 5x7" card blank. Cut a slightly smaller piece of peach cardstock.
- 2** With the 50mm tape roll and in the Flowers 7 folder in Art on the app, create a 6"-long piece of magnolia blooms and branches. Print and trim into three equal pieces of 2". Matt all pieces in the correct order onto pink cardstock then adhere the panels centrally onto the peach cardstock as shown.
- 3** Emboss a straight line either side of the piece. Design and print two lengths of 9mm background tape and three dusky pink butterflies from Insect Shapes in Art.
- 4** Lay down the lengths of tape either side of the embossed lines, cut out the butterflies and leave on the backing paper then adhere them using Collall 3D glue gel.
- 5** Create and print a sentiment on the 9mm tape roll, trim the ends and layer onto pink cardstock. Attach to the card front using glue gel.
- 6** Draw the antennae using a black fine-line pen then decorate the design using glitter dots to finish.

Top Tip Ensure the margins are equal when adhering the three squares or you won't get the window effect

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Sentiment backgrounds



Kim Dellow

Put your stamp on your all-occasion cards with this stylish technique showcased by Kim Dellow



Sentiment stamps aren't just for adding greetings to your cards, you can use them to decorate your designs too! There are lots of different ways you can use sentiment stamps to make fun and interesting backgrounds, and I have some ideas and examples here to get you started.

You can use them to completely cover a background or to add random texture to parts of the backgrounds. You can also use them with image stamps to add interesting patterns and effects. If you have sentiments of different sizes, shapes and styles, you can always mix and match them too.

All of your sentiment background stamping can be done with an ordinary acrylic block. If you do have a stamping tool like the My Sweet Petunia MISTI tool, it makes quick work of this technique, plus you can restamp over any missed stamping. It also makes it easier to stamp multiples if you are

bulking up your sentiment stamp backgrounds.

This is a great technique to use for all your sentiment stamps but don't forget those small accessory sentiments you get in an image stamp set. Put a few of those together and you have a whole range of new designs to make!

You'll need

- ◆ pink 16.5x15.5cm tent-fold card blank
- ◆ white cardstock
- ◆ Mama Elephant Butterfly Kisses stamp set
- ◆ Concord & 9th Happy Words Concord stamp set
- ◆ Watering Can & Jet Black Ranger Archival Ink
- ◆ VersaMark inkpads
- ◆ Kuretake Gansai Tambi Japanese Watercolour Paints
- ◆ paintbrush
- ◆ 3D foam pads
- ◆ PVA glue
- ◆ My Sweet Petunia MISTI tool

Step by step

- 1** Use watercolour paints to colour a piece of white cardstock in pink, add splashes of water for texture then leave to dry.
- 2** Stamp the flower and butterflies on scrap white cardstock, colour and cut out.
- 3** Follow the step-by-step guide on page 33 and use Watering Can ink to stamp the sentiments in the bottom-right section of the watercoloured panel, as shown.
- 4** Trim the panel to fit the card front and adhere. Add the flower, butterflies and focal point sentiment stamped with Jet Black ink to finish.



Happy birthday



Don't worry about getting the perfect line up – it isn't always easy to judge so make the spaces between the sentiment part of the design

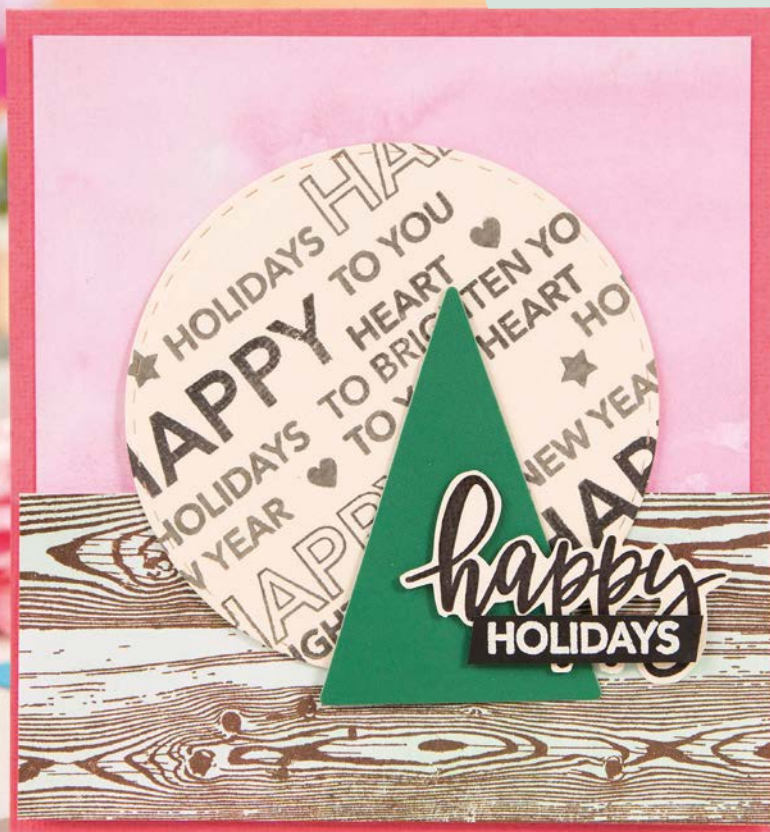
Happy holidays

You'll need

- ◆ pink 14x15cm card blank
- ◆ white, black, green & cream cardstock
- ◆ Creative Stamps Woodgrain Planks background stamp
- ◆ Concord & 9th Happy Words stamp set
- ◆ Creative Dies Stitched & Pierced nesting circles die set
- ◆ Creative Dies Bunting nesting die set
- ◆ Jet Black, Coffee & Watering Can Ranger Archival Ink
- ◆ VersaMark inkpads
- ◆ Kuretake Gansai Tambi Japanese Watercolour Paints
- ◆ white embossing powder
- ◆ heat tool
- ◆ paintbrush
- ◆ 3D foam pads
- ◆ PVA glue
- ◆ My Sweet Petunia MISTI tool
- ◆ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1** Use the watercolour paints to colour one piece of cardstock pink and another green. Leave to dry then trim the pink panel to fit the card front and adhere.
- 2** Use Coffee ink to stamp the Woodgrain backing onto the green panel, trim to a strip and adhere to the bottom part of the card front as shown.
- 3** Follow the step-by-step guide on page 33 to stamp the words in lines onto cream cardstock – don't feel you have to cover the whole area.
- 4** Die-cut a circle from the sentiment-stamped panel and adhere to the card front using 3D foam pads so the lines of words are running diagonally as shown.
- 5** Use Jet Black ink to stamp the 'Happy' sentiment onto cream cardstock and heat-emboss the 'Holidays' sentiment onto black cardstock using white embossing powder.
- 6** Add a green die-cut triangle to the card front then attach the sentiments to finish.



Hello geometric

You'll need

◆ green 15x12cm tent-fold card blank ◆ white & green cardstock ◆ Mama Elephant Butterfly Kisses stamp set ◆ My Favorite Things Die-namics Hello There die set ◆ Creative Dies Bunting nesting die set ◆ Jet Black Ranger Archival Ink ◆ Kuretake Gansai Tambi Japanese Watercolour Paints ◆ paintbrush ◆ 3D foam pads ◆ PVA glue ◆ My Sweet Petunia MISTI tool ◆ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Use watercolour paints to colour a piece of white cardstock in green and leave to dry. Trim into a panel slightly smaller than the card blank and adhere to the card front.

2 Follow the step-by-step guide on page 33 to stamp

lines of sentiments over a panel of white cardstock, as shown.

3 Use the smallest bunting die to cut one triangle from the sentiment stamped panel and one from green cardstock. Die-

cut the sentiment from green cardstock.

4 Arrange the die-cut elements onto the card front and adhere using 3D foam pads to finish.



Bonus card

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To you

You'll need

◆ plum 17x15cm tent-fold card blank ◆ white cardstock ◆ Mama Elephant Butterfly Kisses stamp set ◆ Creative Dies Stitched & Pierced nesting circles die set ◆ Jet Black & Watering Can Ranger Archival Ink ◆ Kuretake Gansai Tambi Japanese Watercolour Paints ◆ paintbrush ◆ 3D foam pads ◆ PVA glue ◆ My Sweet Petunia MISTI tool ◆ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Trim a panel of white cardstock to fit the card front and use the watercolour paint to colour in pink, but don't go to the edges. Leave to dry.

2 Follow the step-by-step guide and use Watering Can ink to stamp random sentiments in the bottom right-hand section of the panel as shown.

3 Die-cut a circle towards the top-left corner of the panel. Stamp out and colour the flower image on scrap white cardstock and adhere under the aperture as shown.

4 Adhere the panel to the card front and use Jet Black ink to stamp the sentiment to finish.



Take care when mix and matching different stamp sets, some sets are thicker than others and you may have to stamp the sets separately to get a good image

You'll need

- ◆ plum 13.5x15cm tent-fold card blank
- ◆ white & black cardstock
- ◆ Mama Elephant Butterfly Kisses stamp set
- ◆ Concord & 9th Happy Words Concord stamp set
- ◆ Watering Can Ranger Archival Ink
- ◆ VersaMark inkpad
- ◆ Kuretake Gansai Tambi Japanese Watercolour Paints
- ◆ white embossing powder
- ◆ heat tool
- ◆ paintbrush
- ◆ 3D foam pads
- ◆ PVA glue
- ◆ My Sweet Petunia MISTI tool

Step by step

- 1** Use watercolour paint to colour a piece of white cardstock in pink and leave to dry completely.
- 2** Follow the step-by-step guide below to stamp the sentiments in lines to cover the panel, as shown.
- 3** Trim the panel into a wide strip and adhere to the left-hand side of the card front. Heat-emboss the sentiment in white onto black cardstock, trim and adhere to the card front using 3D foam pads to finish.



Where to buy
 The Mama Elephant Butterfly Kisses stamp set is available from www.sevenhillscrafts.co.uk



Birthday words

Top Tip Think about using a lighter or different coloured ink to the sentiment when stamping the background

How to... create a sentiment-stamped background



1 Arrange the clean sentiment stamps on the cardstock to be stamped, then either pick them all up on an acrylic block or shut the My Sweet Petunia MISTI tool lid to pick them up.



2 Apply your chosen ink to the stamps. If using an acrylic block, carefully press the stamps onto the cardstock. If using the positioning tool, close the lid.



3 Remove all stamps and line up new ones on the cardstock with the first stamping then repeat steps 1 to 3 until you have the desired background.

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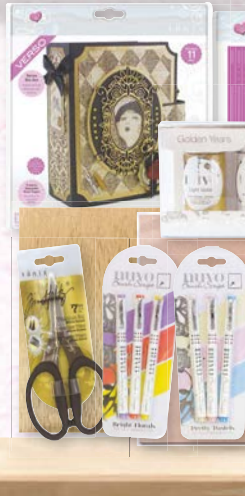
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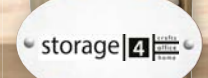
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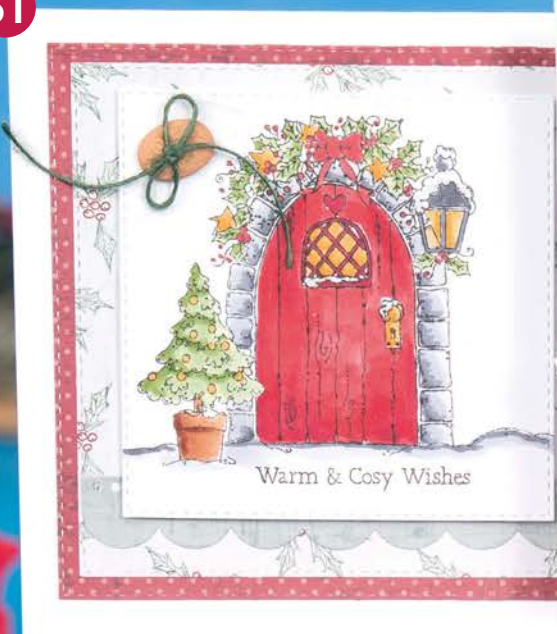
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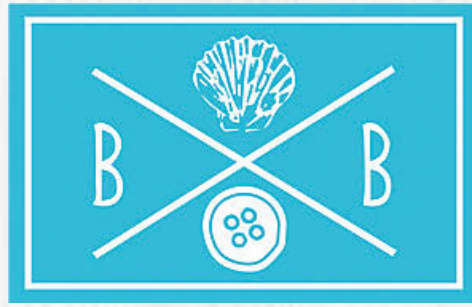


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All lit up



Penny Ward

Classic Christmas

Penny Ward designs traditional Christmas cards using beautiful new dies and stamps from Penny Black

Peace, joy, love



Your gift at Christmas



All lit up

You'll need

- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ white Crafter's Companion Shimmering cardstock
- ▶ YUPO paper
- ▶ Penny Black Christmas Poinsettia & All Lit Up stamp sets
- ▶ Penny Black Tagged die set
- ▶ VersaMark inks
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ white embossing powder
- ▶ BG05, B28 & B02 Copic markers
- ▶ white organza ribbon
- ▶ corner punch
- ▶ alcohol
- ▶ heat tool
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine



3 Wet an ink-blending tool with alcohol and lightly dab at the top of the paper, lifting away the colour to create a moon as shown.

4 Use VersaMark ink to stamp the tree then heat-emboss in white. Wrap white organza ribbon around the bottom of the panel and tie a knot.

5 Die-cut the tag and sentiment from Shimmering cardstock and secure to the panel. Adhere the panel to the card front to finish.

Step by step

1 Create a white 5¼x7¼" card blank and punch each corner.

2 Cut a piece of white Shimmering cardstock the same size as the card front. Cut a slightly smaller piece of YUPO paper and blend with Copic markers until the desired effect is achieved. Adhere the layers together.

Adore him

You'll need

- ▶ white & black cardstock
- ▶ Penny Black Lighting the Way stamp set
- ▶ Antique Linen Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Oxide Ink
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inks
- ▶ VersaMark inks
- ▶ Golden Glitz & Ruby Red Delicata inks
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ white embossing powder
- ▶ heat tool
- ▶ burgundy ribbon
- ▶ green twine
- ▶ scoreboard
- ▶ paper flowers
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ Silhouette CAMEO electronic die-cutting machine & file 78657

Step by step

1 Cut a 6x10" piece of black cardstock and score at 2¾" and 5".

2 Cut a 6x5" piece of black cardstock. Distress the edges using scissors then blend Ruby Red on the distressed edges.

Adhere to the short-scored panel from the previous step.

3 Die-cut the largest of the nested open book three times. Use Onyx Black ink to stamp the manger scene then blend Antique Linen around the edges. Blend Golden Glitz ink down the sides as shown.

4 Adhere three pages together, sliding the sides of the pages in for each layer. Wrap the centre of the book with burgundy ribbon, then adhere to the card front.

5 Stamp and heat-emboss the sentiment in white onto black cardstock. Trim and adhere to the card base using 3D foam pads.

6 Adhere paper flowers to the card base and card front as shown. Add small loops of green twine to act as leaves to finish.

Top Tip Mask each side of the page before stamping the manger scene, that way you don't lose much of the scene in the centre of the book

Your gift at Christmas

You'll need

- ▶ white, light pink & burgundy cardstock
- ▶ Penny Black Christmas and Love & Nativity stamps
- ▶ Penny Black Berry Flourish die set
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inks
- ▶ Rhubarb Stalk Memento Luxe inks
- ▶ DG1 & DG3 Spectrum Noir alcohol markers
- ▶ Spectrum Noir Sparkle Pen
- ▶ Autumn Red Nuvo Crystal Drops
- ▶ sequins
- ▶ scoreboard
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine



3 Cut a 4½" square of light pink cardstock and use Rhubarb Stalk ink to stamp the nativity scene. Apply the same ink around the edge of the panel. Use 3D foam pads to adhere to the card front as shown.

4 Die-cut the flourish twice and colour using Spectrum Noir markers. Adhere to the card front then add Crystal Drops. Decorate by adding sequins to finish.

Top Tip Adding scored lines in white space gives the card dimension without added bulk

Step by step

1 Create a white 7"-square card blank and cover the card front with burgundy cardstock.

2 Cut a slightly smaller piece of light pink cardstock and stamp the sentiment in the bottom-right corner. Use a scoreboard to add embossed lines around the edge of the panel then adhere to the card front.

Peace, joy, love

You'll need

- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Ice Blue Crafter's Companion Metallic Matte cardstock
- ▶ Penny Black Sparkling Bright, A Cheerful Christmas & Peaceful Season stamp sets
- ▶ Onyx Black & Crimson Red VersaFine inks
- ▶ Sapphire Blue Delicata inks
- ▶ VersaMark inks
- ▶ DR1 & DR3 Spectrum Noir alcohol markers
- ▶ gold & clear embossing powder
- ▶ gold & silver twine
- ▶ white gel pen
- ▶ sequins
- ▶ 3D foam pads



3 Use Sapphire Blue ink to stamp the sentiment at the bottom of the panel and heat-emboss using clear powder. Colour the berries using Spectrum Noir markers.

4 Stamp and heat-emboss the ornaments in the desired colours onto a piece of scrap white cardstock. Fussy-cut and adhere twine to the reverse of each bauble then attach to the card front using 3D foam pads.

5 Wrap gold twine just above the sentiment and decorate using sequins. Adhere the panel to the card front to finish.

Top Tip Slit the cardstock around the holly leaves, slide a length of twine beneath and secure to the reverse using tape

Step by step

1 Create a white 3¾x8¾" card blank and cover the card front in Metallic Blue cardstock.

2 Cut a slightly smaller piece of white cardstock. Use Onyx Black ink to stamp the holly at the top and heat-emboss using clear powder.

Mountain



Joy



The most wonderful time



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Joy

You'll need

- ▶ white & dark green cardstock
- ▶ Penny Black Painted Blooms 6x6" paper pad
- ▶ Penny Black Peaceful Season & Poinsettia Spiral stamps
- ▶ Penny Black Berry Flourish & Antique Frame die set
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ Bundled Sage Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Oxide Ink
- ▶ DR1, DR3, YG1, YG3 Spectrum Noir alcohol markers
- ▶ white gel pen
- ▶ Autumn Red Nuvo Crystal Drops
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ scoreboard

Step by step

- 1** Cut a 5½x11" piece of white cardstock. Score at 5½" and score the left side on the diagonal from top to bottom.
- 2** Adhere patterned paper to the card base and card front as shown.

- 3** Die-cut the antique frame from a contrasting piece of patterned paper then the next smallest antique frame from white cardstock.
- 4** Use Onyx Black ink to stamp the tree sentiment onto the white frame. Blend Bundled Sage ink around the edges then adhere the two panels together using 3D foam pads.
- 5** Die-cut the berry flourish twice from dark green cardstock and use a white gel pen to draw small lines on the leaves. Add Autumn Red Nuvo Crystal Drops to the berries and leave to dry. Add the flourish to the stacked sentiment panel then adhere to the card front.
- 6** Stamp the poinsettia spiral onto white cardstock and colour using alcohol markers. Fussy-cut then adhere the flourish and poinsettia to the card base, ensuring the card front catches some of the poinsettia leaves so it stands upright.

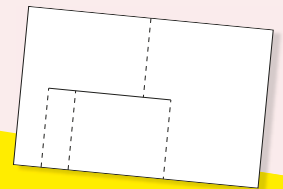
Mountain

You'll need

- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Penny Black Lighting the Way, He is Born & Seasons Marvel stamp sets
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ Midnight & Baby Blue Crafter's Companion Spectrum Noir Harmony Water Reactive inkpad
- ▶ Pebble Grey & Rustic Brown Crafter's Companion Spectrum Noir Finesse Alcohol Proof inkpad
- ▶ Spectrum Noir Sparkle Pen
- ▶ white glitter
- ▶ white gel pen
- ▶ twine

Step by step

- 1** Create the side-step card blank. Mask the right-hand side of the card blank and use Rustic Brown ink to stamp Lighting the Way onto the left-hand side as shown.
- 2** Mask the left-hand side of the card blank and use the same ink to stamp Seasons Marvel onto the right-hand side as shown.



Download the template to create this card from www.papercraftmagazines.com

- 3** Stamp the same image onto scrap paper and fussy-cut. Adhere to the card front for dimension.
- 4** Use Pebble ink to stamp Seasons Marvel onto the bottom-right corner of the card front. Stamp the sentiment using Pebble and Onyx Black ink as shown.
- 5** Blend Baby Blue and Midnight ink onto the top half of the card front as shown.
- 6** Add liquid glue to the mountain areas where the snow collects. Sprinkle white glitter over and leave to dry.
- 7** Use a white gel pen to highlight the stars and colour the snowy areas using a Clear Sparkle pen. Wrap the twine around the panel and tie a bow to finish.



The Penny Black Christmas 2018 collection includes a selection of traditional festive and winter-themed stamps and dies, allowing you to design stylish seasonal cards for men and women. For everything

from stunning winter landscapes, cute penguins and pretty poinsettias, to sweet sentiments and more, you can spread the joy this holiday season with a handmade card from the brand-new collection.

The most wonderful time

You'll need

- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Luxury Gold Crafter's Companion Matte cardstock
- ▶ Penny Black Peaceful Season & Christmas Poinsettia stamps
- ▶ Penny Black Christmas Poinsettia, Rows of Stitches & Berry Flourish die set
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ CT2, DR1, YG1 & YG2 Spectrum Noir Alcohol Markers
- ▶ Spectrum Noir Sparkle Pen
- ▶ Gloss White & Dandelion Yellow Nuvo Crystal Drops
- ▶ black fine-line pen
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1** Create a 5¾"-square card blank and cover the front with gold Matte Cardstock.
- 2** Cut a slightly smaller piece of white cardstock and die-cut the rows of stitches twice along the left-hand side. Use Onyx Black ink to stamp the sentiment in the bottom-right corner and adhere the panel to the card front.



- 3** Cut two strips of gold Matte cardstock and adhere to either side of the stitches as shown.
- 4** Stamp and die-cut the poinsettia, colour and trim the sections between the leaves for added dimension. Adhere to the card front and add the flourishes beneath so they run along the stitches as shown.
- 5** Decorate using Nuvo Crystal Drops to finish.



Top Tip Use a black fine-line pen on the poinsettias to give them a lifelike look

Lean on me



You're cute



Pamela Stewart

Furry friends

Use the new Sheena Douglass stamps to treat a dog or cat lover to a handmade card featuring their favourite four-legged friend

Total puppy love



Great cat



You're cute

You'll need

- ▶ white 15x16cm card blank
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ watercolour & silver glitter card
- ▶ Sheena Douglass A Little Bit Sketchy I Love You stamp set
- ▶ Fuchsia, Pink Tulip, Chinese Red & Grasshopper Crafter's Companion Spectrum Noir Harmony Water Reactive inepad
- ▶ Watering Can Ranger Archival Ink
- ▶ clear Spectrum Noir Sparkle pen
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ Collall Tacky glue
- ▶ paintbrush

Step by step

1 Cut a 12.5x14cm piece of watercolour card and stamp the dog. Use Pink Tulip ink, a little water and a paintbrush to colour around the image. Use the sparkle pen to colour the dog and Chinese Red and Grasshopper ink to colour the rose.



2 Use fuchsia ink to randomly stamp the hearts around the panel and Watering Can ink to stamp the sentiment as shown. Layer the coloured panel onto a slightly larger piece of silver glitter card.

3 Cut a 14.5x15.5cm piece of white cardstock and blend Pink Tulip ink around the edges. Leave to dry and adhere the main image panel.

4 Adhere the completed panel to the card front to finish.

Lean on me

You'll need

- ▶ white 15.5cm-square card blank
- ▶ white & black cardstock
- ▶ watercolour card
- ▶ Sheena Douglass A Little Bit Sketchy Willow Wishes & Lean On Me stamp sets
- ▶ Sandstorm, Baby Blue, Ocean Blue, Friary Brown & Smoke Emerald Crafter's Companion Spectrum Noir Harmony Water Reactive inepad
- ▶ Jet Black StāzOn inepad
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ Collall Tacky glue
- ▶ drawing gum
- ▶ paintbrush

Step by step

1 Cut a 12.25x12.5cm piece of watercolour card and use Jet Black ink to stamp the puppy. Use the paintbrush to cover with drawing gum. Use Jet Black ink to stamp the spaniel so it looks like it's leaning on the other and cover with drawing gum.

2 Apply Baby Blue and Ocean Blue ink onto the glass mat



and use a brush to pick up the colour along with a little water. Colour around the dogs as shown.

3 Remove the drawing gum and use the same method to colour the dogs in different colours of ink.

4 Use Jet Black ink to stamp the sentiment up the left-hand side of the panel and apply a hint of Smoked Emerald ink onto the grass as shown. Layer the panel onto a slightly larger piece of black cardstock.

5 Trim a 14.5cm square of white cardstock and use an ink-blending tool to apply Baby Blue ink. Use Ocean Blue ink to add the stars randomly around the panel as shown.

6 Layer the panel onto a slightly larger piece of black cardstock and adhere to the card front. Attach the image panel over the top as shown to finish.

Great cat

You'll need

- ▶ white 17cm-square card blank
- ▶ white & black cardstock
- ▶ watercolour card
- ▶ Sheena Douglass A Little Bit Sketchy Shabby Cat set
- ▶ Straw Bale, Lemon Tonic, Honey Pot, orange, Friar Brown & Green Topaz Grasshopper Crafter's Companion Spectrum Noir Harmony Water Reactive inepad
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inepad
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ Collall Tacky glue
- ▶ paintbrush

Step by step

1 Cut a 15cm square of watercolour card and stamp the cat in the centre.

2 Blend Straw Bale ink from the edges of the panel into the centre, then use Lemon Tonic ink but don't go right into the centre. Use Honey Pot ink just around the edges to create the gradient effect as shown.



3 Use orange and Friar Brown ink with water and a paintbrush to colour the cat. Colour the eyes using Green Topaz ink then stamp the sentiment using Onyx Black ink. Layer the panel onto a slightly larger piece of black cardstock.

4 Cut a slightly larger piece of white cardstock and blend Lemon Tonic ink around the edges. Layer all the panels together using Collall Tacky glue and adhere to the card front to finish.

Total puppy love

You'll need

- ▶ white 12x17cm card blank
- ▶ white & black cardstock
- ▶ watercolour card
- ▶ Sheena Douglass A Little Bit Sketchy Willow Wishes stamp set
- ▶ Friar Brown, Grasshopper & Baby Blue Crafter's Companion Spectrum Noir Harmony Water Reactive inepad
- ▶ Jet Black StāzOn inepad
- ▶ ink-blending tool
- ▶ Collall Tacky glue
- ▶ paintbrush

Step by step

1 Cut a 10x15cm piece of watercolour card and stamp the dog. Apply Friar Brown ink onto the glass mat and colour the dog using a little water and a paintbrush. Use the same method to colour the necktie in Baby Blue ink then colour the grass with Grasshopper ink.

2 Use the paintbrush to colour around the dog using Baby Blue ink and a little water. Leave to dry then stamp the sentiment



onto the necktie and the other sentiment on the left-hand side as shown.

3 Mount the panel onto a slightly larger piece of black cardstock. Cut a slightly larger piece of white cardstock and colour the edges using Baby Blue ink. Layer all panels together and adhere to the card front to finish.

Relax



That's torn it



You called, human?



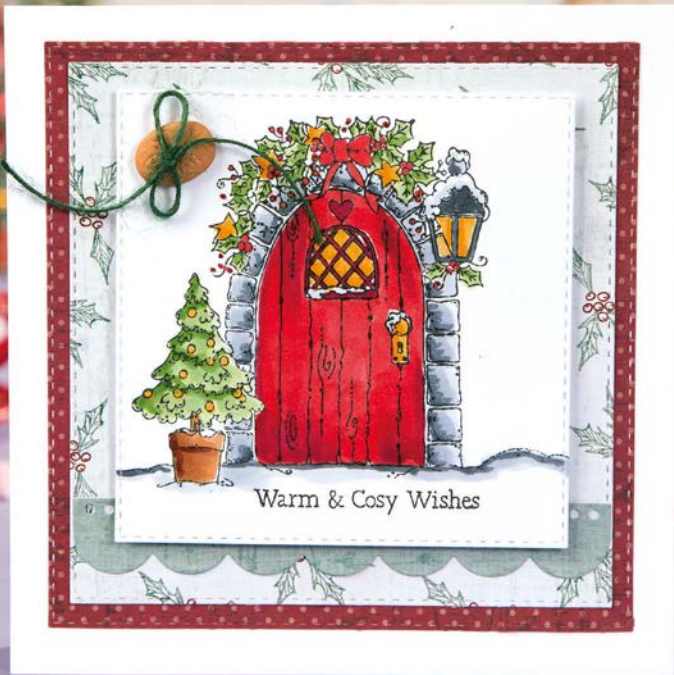
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Warm & cosy wishes



Oh Christmas tree



Liz McGuire

Cosy Christmas

Get comfortable in your craft room and create cute Christmas cards with new products from Daisy Mae Design

The nice list



Warm winter wishes



Oh Christmas tree

You'll need

- ▶ white 13x18cm card blank
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Daisy Mae Design Winter Woodland 6x6" paper pad
- ▶ Daisy Mae Design Oh Christmas Tree stamp set
- ▶ My Favorite Things Blueprints 20 die set
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inepad
- ▶ button
- ▶ green twine
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine



Step by step

1 Trim an 11x14cm piece of patterned paper and adhere to the centre of the card front.

2 Die-cut a scalloped strip of white cardstock and attach across the bottom of the card front. Stamp the images onto white cardstock, colour using alcohol markers and fussy-cut. Attach as shown using 3D foam pads.

3 Die-cut a banner from white cardstock. Stamp the

sentiment and attach to the top of the card front using 3D foam pads. Thread a length of green twine through the button and tie a bow then attach to the card front to finish.

Top Tip Decide where the light source is coming from to help with shading

Warm & cosy wishes

You'll need

- ▶ white 15cm-square card blank
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Daisy Mae Design Winter Woodland 6x6" paper pad
- ▶ Daisy Mae Design Warm & Cozy stamp set
- ▶ My Favorite Things Blueprints 14 die set
- ▶ stitched square nesting dies
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inepad
- ▶ button
- ▶ green twine
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine



Step by step

1 Die-cut a 12cm square of patterned paper and layer onto a 13cm square of contrasting patterned paper. Adhere to the card blank.

2 Die-cut a scalloped strip of patterned paper and adhere across the card front as shown.

3 Die-cut a 10cm square of white cardstock, stamp the image and colour using alcohol markers. Stamp the sentiment as

shown then attach the panel to the card front using 3D foam pads.

4 Thread twine through the button tying a bow and secure to the card front to finish.

Top Tip Using a smooth coated cardstock will help with colouring and blending

Warm winter wishes

You'll need

- ▶ white 17cm-square card blank
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Daisy Mae Design Winter Woodland 6x6" paper pad
- ▶ Daisy Mae Design All Dressed Up stamp set
- ▶ My Favorite Things Blueprints 20 die set
- ▶ circle die set
- ▶ Daisy Mae Design Circular Stitched Frame embossing folder
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inepad
- ▶ button
- ▶ green twine
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine



Step by step

1 Adhere a square of patterned paper to the card front. Emboss a smaller piece of white cardstock using the stitched frame then trim the panel and attach to the card front using 3D foam pads.

2 Die-cut a contrasting piece of patterned paper to 11cm wide and adhere to the card front.

3 Stamp the images, colour using alcohol markers and fussy-cut. Attach to the card front using 3D foam pads.

4 Die-cut a banner from white cardstock. Stamp the sentiment and attach to the bottom-left corner of the card front using 3D foam pads.

5 Thread twine through the button, tie a bow and attach to the sentiment panel to finish.

Top Tip Cut out images and raise them using 3D foam pads to create depth



The nice list

You'll need

- ▶ white 18x13cm card blank
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Daisy Mae Design Winter Woodland 6x6" paper pad
- ▶ Daisy Mae Design Elfin Mouse stamp set
- ▶ My Favorite Things Blueprints 20 die set
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inepad
- ▶ button
- ▶ red twine
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine



Step by step

1 Die-cut the two background panels from contrasting pieces of patterned paper as

shown and adhere to the card front.

2 Stamp the images onto white cardstock, colour using alcohol markers and fussy-cut. Attach to the card front using 3D foam pads.

3 Die-cut a banner from white cardstock, stamp the sentiment and attach to the card front using 3D foam pads. Thread twine through the button and attach to the card front as shown to finish.

Top Tip Try out colour combinations on a piece of scrap cardstock first

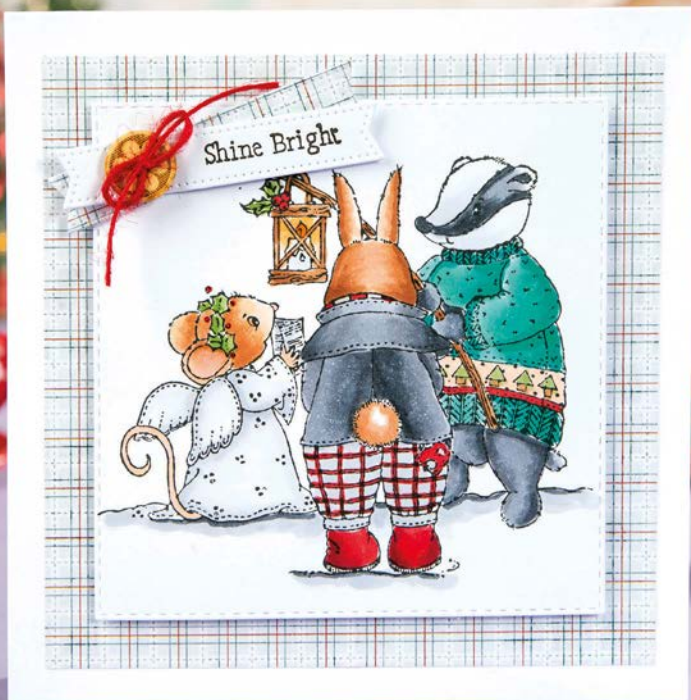
Christmas tree



Figgy pudding



Shine bright



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Figgy pudding

You'll need

- ▶ white 15cm-square card blank
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Daisy Mae Design Winter Woodland 6x6" paper pad
- ▶ Daisy Mae Design Figgy Pudding Friends stamp set
- ▶ circle nesting dies
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inepad
- ▶ button
- ▶ red twine
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine



Step by step

1 Die-cut a 14cm circle and 13cm circle of contrasting patterned papers. Layer together and adhere to the card blank.

2 Die-cut a 12cm circle of white cardstock, stamp the image and colour using alcohol markers. Use Tuxedo Black ink to stamp the sentiment onto white cardstock, trim and attach to stamped panel using 3D foam pads. Adhere the panel to the card front using 3D foam pads.

3 Thread twine through the button and tie into a bow then attach to the card front as shown to finish.

Top Tip Mix and match images from different stamp sets to create new designs

Christmas tree

You'll need

- ▶ white 13x18cm card blank
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Daisy Mae Design Winter Woodland 6x6" paper pad
- ▶ Daisy Mae Design Oh Christmas Tree stamp set
- ▶ My Favorite Things Blueprints 20 die set
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inepad
- ▶ button
- ▶ green twine
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine



Step by step

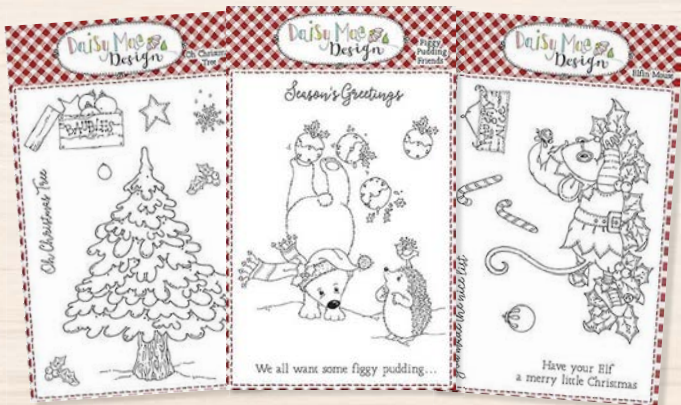
1 Adhere an 11x14cm piece of patterned paper to the card front.

2 Die-cut a pierced rectangle of white cardstock. Stamp the images and colour using alcohol markers then fussy-cut and attach to the card front using 3D foam pads.

3 Die-cut a banner from white cardstock. Stamp the sentiment and attach to the card front using 3D foam pads. Thread

twine through the button, tie in a bow and secure to the top of the Christmas tree to finish.

Top Tip Use a full colour range from light to dark to help with shading



Create cute, cosy Christmas cards using the brand-new products from **Daisy Mae Design**. With everything from hedgehogs and polar bears to gingerbread stamps, along

with stitched embossing folders and stunning winter-inspired paper pads, you have everything you need to start Christmas crafting for the whole family.

Shine bright

You'll need

- ▶ white 15cm-square card blank
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Daisy Mae Design Winter Woodland 6x6" paper pad
- ▶ Daisy Mae Design Carol Singers stamp set
- ▶ My Favorite Things Blueprints 20 die set
- ▶ stitched square nesting dies
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inepad
- ▶ button
- ▶ red twine
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine



Step by step

1 Die-cut a 13cm square of patterned paper and adhere to the card front. Die-cut an 11cm square of white cardstock, stamp image and colour. Attach to the card front using 3D foam pads.

2 Die-cut two banners, one from white cardstock and one from patterned paper. Stamp the sentiment on the white banner then attach the banners to the card front using 3D foam pads.

3 Thread a length of twine through the button and tie a bow then secure to the sentiment tag to finish.

Top Tip Use a water-based inepad if colouring using alcohol markers

Christmas wishes



Holiday hugs



Winter wishes

Winter crafting doesn't have to be all about Christmas – have a go at these wonderful winter makes from Marianne Design

Hugs



The season to be freezin'



Holiday hugs

You'll need

- ▶ red, green & white cardstock
- ▶ Marianne Design Forest Dream paper pad & découpage sheet 2
- ▶ Marianne Design Happy Holidays stamp set
- ▶ Marianne Design Anja's Leaf & Sunflower Creatables dies
- ▶ Marianne Design Pine embossing folder
- ▶ black inks pad
- ▶ white enamel dots
- ▶ white twine
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine



3 Cut an 8.5cm square of red cardstock and adhere an image on top. Die-cut the leaves from green and white cardstock and the flowers from red, green and white cardstock. Assemble and attach to the card.

4 Tie a bow from twine and adhere beneath one of the flowers on the card front as shown.

5 Stamp the sentiment onto a white banner and layer onto a slightly larger green banner. Tie a length of twine and adhere to the card front.

6 Decorate using enamel dots to finish.

Step by step

1 Create a red 14cm-square tent-fold card blank and cover the front with a smaller piece of green then white cardstock.

2 Cut a 12.5cm square of patterned paper and adhere to the card front. Emboss an 11.5cm square of white cardstock using the Pine folder and attach an 8.5x11cm piece of patterned paper on top then add to the card front.

Christmas wishes

You'll need

- ▶ white, red, green & kraft cardstock
- ▶ Marianne Design Forest Dream paper pad & découpage sheet 2
- ▶ Marianne Design Happy Holidays stamp set
- ▶ Marianne Design Sunflower, Anja's Leaf & Nature Star Creatables dies
- ▶ black inks pad
- ▶ white enamel dots
- ▶ green wax cord
- ▶ white gel pen
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine



Step by step

1 Create a red 15x10.5cm tent-fold card blank and cover with slightly smaller pieces of white cardstock and patterned paper.

2 Cut a 10.5x8cm piece of red cardstock and adhere the découpage image on top. Die-cut the Nature Star twice from kraft cardstock and once from white cardstock. Tuck behind the image.

3 Cut a strip 14.5x5cm strip of patterned paper and layer

onto white cardstock. Die-cut the leaves from patterned paper and green cardstock. Die-cut the flower from white cardstock.

4 Stamp the sentiment onto a piece of scrap white cardstock and layer onto red cardstock. Tie a bow from wax cord and attach to the sentiment as shown.

5 Adhere all elements to the card front then decorate with enamel dots and a white gel pen to finish.

The season to be freezin'

You'll need

- ▶ red, green white & kraft cardstock
- ▶ Marianne Design Forest Dream paper pad & découpage sheet 1
- ▶ Marianne Design Happy Holidays stamp set
- ▶ Marianne Design Tiny's Holly, Tiny's Larix & Sunflower Creatables dies
- ▶ Marianne Design Basic Rounds Craftables die
- ▶ black & white inks pads
- ▶ white enamel dots
- ▶ white wax cord
- ▶ white gel pen
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine



onto it slightly offset. Die-cut and emboss twigs from kraft cardstock and use white ink to highlight the embossing by leaving the die-cut in the die.

4 Die-cut more twigs from white cardstock and affix them slightly staggered behind the kraft ones. Die-cut holly leaves from green cardstock and patterned paper, and berries from red cardstock. Die-cut a flower from red, green and white cardstock and the heart of the flower from patterned paper.

5 Stamp the sentiment onto a banner of white cardstock and tie a length of wax cord to it. Assemble all the elements and adhere to the card front then add accents on the red berries using the white gel pen to finish.

Step by step

1 Cut a green 15.5x10.5cm tent-fold card blank and cover with a smaller piece of white cardstock.

2 Cut a 14.5x9.5cm piece and a 6x9.5cm piece of different patterned paper. Adhere onto the card front with a border of red paper on the join as shown.

3 Die-cut a circle of green cardstock and adhere a scene

Hugs

You'll need

- ▶ red & white cardstock
- ▶ gold mirror card
- ▶ Marianne Design Forest Dream paper pad
- ▶ Marianne Design Happy Holidays stamp set
- ▶ Marianne Design Nature Star Creatables die
- ▶ Marianne Design Geometric Deer Craftables die
- ▶ black inks pad
- ▶ red wax cord
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine



Step by step

1 Cut a red 10x14cm tent-fold card blank and cover the front with smaller pieces of white cardstock then patterned paper.

2 Cut a 7.5x11cm piece of white cardstock and a 7x10.5cm piece of patterned paper. Cut a 5.5x11cm piece of red cardstock and a 5x10.5cm piece of patterned paper and layer all the panels together as shown.

3 Die-cut a deer from gold mirror card and mistletoe from the Nature Star die from white

cardstock and patterned paper. Adhere to the card front.

4 Stamp the sentiment onto a white banner and tie a length of wax cord into a bow. Attach to the card front as shown to finish.



Merry moments



Cheers to the new year



Happy winter



Get the look



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Cheers to the new year

You'll need

- ▶ red, white & kraft cardstock
- ▶ Marianne Design Forest Dream paper pad & découpage sheet 2
- ▶ Marianne Design Happy Holidays stamp set
- ▶ Marianne Design Tiny's Holly, Tiny's Larix, Nature Star & Anja's Leaf Creatables dies
- ▶ Marianne Design Basic Ovals Craftables die
- ▶ black & white inkpads
- ▶ corner-rounder punch
- ▶ white enamel dots
- ▶ green wax cord
- ▶ white gel pen
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Create a red 14.5x10.5cm tent-fold card blank and round the corners. Cut smaller layers of white cardstock then patterned paper, round the corners and adhere to the card front.

2 Cut a 14.5x5cm strip of patterned paper and adhere onto a slightly larger piece of red cardstock. Attach across the



bottom of the card front as shown.

3 Die-cut an oval from patterned paper, cut out an image and attach as shown. Die-cut and emboss the twigs from kraft cardstock then highlight using white ink.

4 Die-cut leaves and mistletoe from patterned paper and white cardstock and adhere to the card front behind the oval.

5 Die-cut the berries from red cardstock. Stamp the sentiment onto a strip of white cardstock and tie a length of wax cord around it.

6 Decorate the design by adding white enamel dots and highlight with a white gel pen to finish.

Merry moments

You'll need

- ▶ red, green, kraft, orange, cream, beige & white cardstock
- ▶ Marianne Design Forest Dream paper pad & découpage sheet 1
- ▶ Marianne Design Happy Holidays stamp set
- ▶ Marianne Design Tiny's Robin, Tiny's Holly & Nature Star Creatables dies
- ▶ Marianne Design Basic Rounds Craftables die
- ▶ Marianne Design Polka Dot embossing folder
- ▶ black inkpad
- ▶ white gel pen
- ▶ white wax cord
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Create a white 13.5cm-square tent-fold card blank and cover with smaller pieces of red then patterned paper.

2 Cut an 11.5cm square of green cardstock and layer a smaller piece of patterned paper on top. Die-cut a circle from white



cardstock and emboss using the Polka Dots folder. Die-cut a Nature Star twice from kraft cardstock.

3 Cut an 8.5cm square of red cardstock and adhere an image on top. Die-cut and emboss the holly leaves from green and white cardstock and the berries from red cardstock.

4 Stamp the sentiment onto a white banner and tie a length of wax cord around it. Die-cut a bird from kraft, orange, beige and cream cardstock and assemble as shown.

5 Decorate the design by adding accents on the red berries with the white gel pen to finish.



It's easy to create winter-inspired makes with the latest collection from Marianne Design. With a star, deer and holly dies plus the pretty Forest Dream paper pad, you can design beautiful all-

occasion cards for men and women. Combined with the Happy Holidays stamp set and découpage sheets, Marianne Design can help you celebrate a happy new year, a merry Christmas and a prosperous winter season.

Happy winter

You'll need

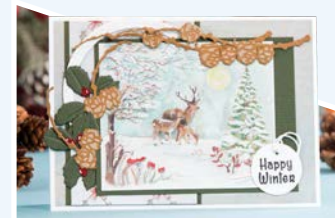
- ▶ white, red, green & kraft cardstock
- ▶ Marianne Design Forest Dream paper pad & découpage sheet 1
- ▶ Marianne Design Happy Holidays stamp set
- ▶ Marianne Design Tiny's Holly, Tiny's Larix & Nature Star Creatables dies
- ▶ Marianne Design Basic Round & Basic Circles Stitched Craftables dies
- ▶ black & white inkpads
- ▶ white wax cord
- ▶ white gel pen
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cut a white 10.5x15cm tent-fold card blank and cover the card front with plain patterned paper.

2 Cut a 7x10cm piece of patterned paper and adhere onto a larger piece of green cardstock. Adhere to the card front.

3 Die-cut an open frame circle from white cardstock. Cut an



11x8.5cm piece of green cardstock and adhere the winter image on top.

4 Die-cut and emboss the twigs from kraft cardstock and highlight using white ink. Die-cut and emboss the holly from green cardstock and berries from red cardstock.

5 Stamp the sentiment onto white cardstock and die-cut into a circle. Tie a length of wax cord to the circle.

6 Adhere all elements to the card front as shown. Decorate using a white gel pen to finish.

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You'll need

- ▶ white cardstock
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- ▶ La-La Land Crafts Small Scallops Border & Stitched Nested Circles die sets
- ▶ Cheery Lynn Designs French Pastry Doily die
- ▶ Magnolia Stamps Business Card Letter tags
- ▶ Vintage Photo, Worn Lipstick, Antique Linen, Walnut Stain Victorian Velvet, Seedless Preserves, Black Soot, Peeled Paint & Weathered Wood Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ cheesecloth
- ▶ paper flowers
- ▶ white crackle paint
- ▶ twine
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

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

2 Cut another smaller square of white cardstock and layer pink patterned paper on top. Adhere to the card front.

3 Die-cut a scalloped border from white cardstock, attach a strip of patterned paper and adhere across the bottom of the card front as shown.



Add white crackle paint to the edges of the flowers and corners of the cardstock layers to make the colours softer

4 Die-cut the small tags, two Bukketblad, three poppy capsules and two large tags from white cardstock and patterned paper. Tie twine around both large tags then adhere elements to the card front as shown.

5 Stamp the image onto white cardstock and colour using Distress Ink. Die-cut the panel into a stitched circle and layer onto a white die-cut doily. Attach to the centre of the card front with cheesecloth behind.

6 Stamp the sentiment onto white cardstock, die-cut into a small stitched circle and adhere to the card front to finish.

Winter Woodland



Wendy Carr

Continue your Christmas crafting with these stylish makes using the Winter Woodland cardmaking collection kit



The corner toppers from the cardmaking collection are a great way to add extra panels and details to your makes

You'll need

- ▶ Winter Woodland cardmaking collection kit
- ▶ white 17.2cm-square card blank
- ▶ silver mirror card
- ▶ white & green cardstock
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ silver wire

Step by step

- 1** Layer a 16.7cm square of green paper from the collection onto silver mirror card before securing onto the card front.
- 2** Ink the edges of a 15cm square of snowflake paper and layer onto the green panel.

- 3** Mount the corner topper onto the card front using 3D foam pads along the straight edges.

- 4** Cut a 10.5cm square of white cardstock, cover with paper and add a topper using 3D foam pads. Embellish with

a floral cut-out and pop into the corner pocket.

- 5** Twist a wire stem around a pen, cut it in half and attach each piece to the centre of the corner pocket. Add a bow embellishment without the tails to finish.



Joy to the world

You'll need

- ▶ Winter Woodland cardmaking collection kit
- ▶ white 17.2cm-square card blank
- ▶ silver mirror card
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ red ribbon
- ▶ Gathered Twigs Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

- 1** Cover the card front with a panel of the wood-patterned paper and layer panels of red paper from the kit and silver mirror card, leaving narrow borders each time.
- 2** Glue the fox and hare square topper onto white cardstock, trim to measure 12cm square and ink the edges.
- 3** Pierce a hole through the panel on the right-hand side approximately 2.5cm down from the top edge.
- 4** Pierce a hole through the foiled sentiment tag from the collection, thread ribbon through

the holes in both the topper and the tag, then secure on the reverse.
5 Tie the piece of ribbon on the front of the tag in a bow. Mount the topper onto the card front using 3D foam pads to finish.



Where to buy

Head to www.moremags.com to buy a copy of *Cards & Crafts for Christmas* and receive the **Winter Woodland** cardmaking collection kit

Happy holidays

You'll need

- ▶ Winter Woodland cardmaking collection kit
- ▶ white 15.2cm-square card blank
- ▶ silver mirror card
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ silver gem

Step by step

- 1** Matt and layer a 13.2cm-square panel of red paper from the kit onto a slightly larger panel of silver mirror card before affixing onto the card front.
- 2** Cut a floral panel to measure 12.5cm square and ink the edges to add extra definition and depth.
- 3** Using the pieces from the collection, create the bow and secure in the top-left corner of the panel with a gem.
- 4** Add the sentiment to the right-hand side, securing on the reverse, and mount the panel onto the card front using 3D foam pads.



Happy Christmas

You'll need

- ▶ Winter Woodland cardmaking collection kit
- ▶ white A5 card blank
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ 30 stamens
- ▶ Sizzix Tattered Poinsettia die
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cover the front of a tent-fold card blank with patterned paper, inking the edges of the paper before securing in place.

2 Cut a panel of wood-patterned paper to measure 20x7.5cm and fix to white cardstock. Ink the edges and adhere the ribbon strip along the top of the panel as shown.

3 Mount the wooden panel onto the card front using 3D foam pads along the bottom edge and sides, leaving the top edge free from adhesive.

4 Adhere 3D foam pads on the reverse of the toppers towards the top and place into the pocket, popping out from the top.

5 Die-cut and layer up the flowers as shown using contrasting papers. Pierce a hole in the centre of each and thread with stamens before adhering onto the card front to finish.



Top Tip

Don't remove the backing sheet from the 3D foam pads on the toppers - this will help them stand out from the card front without affixing them in place

From our house to yours



You'll need

- ▶ Winter Woodland cardmaking collection kit
- ▶ white 12.2x17.8cm card blank
- ▶ red & white cardstock
- ▶ silver string
- ▶ baubles
- ▶ gem
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Matt and layer patterned paper and red paper onto the card front, leaving narrow borders, and ink the edges of the patterned paper.

2 Adhere the ribbon strip onto white cardstock to strengthen it, trim and layer onto a slightly wider strip of red paper.

3 Pierce a hole through the tag and thread with silver string, adding the silver baubles to embellish.

4 Pierce a hole in the ribbon strip and thread the tag and baubles in place, securing on the reverse.

5 Attach 'Season's Greetings' to the card front using 3D foam pads. Mount the ribbon strip in place using 3D foam pads.

6 Add a die-cut floral topper to the ribbon strip, then embellish with a gem to finish.

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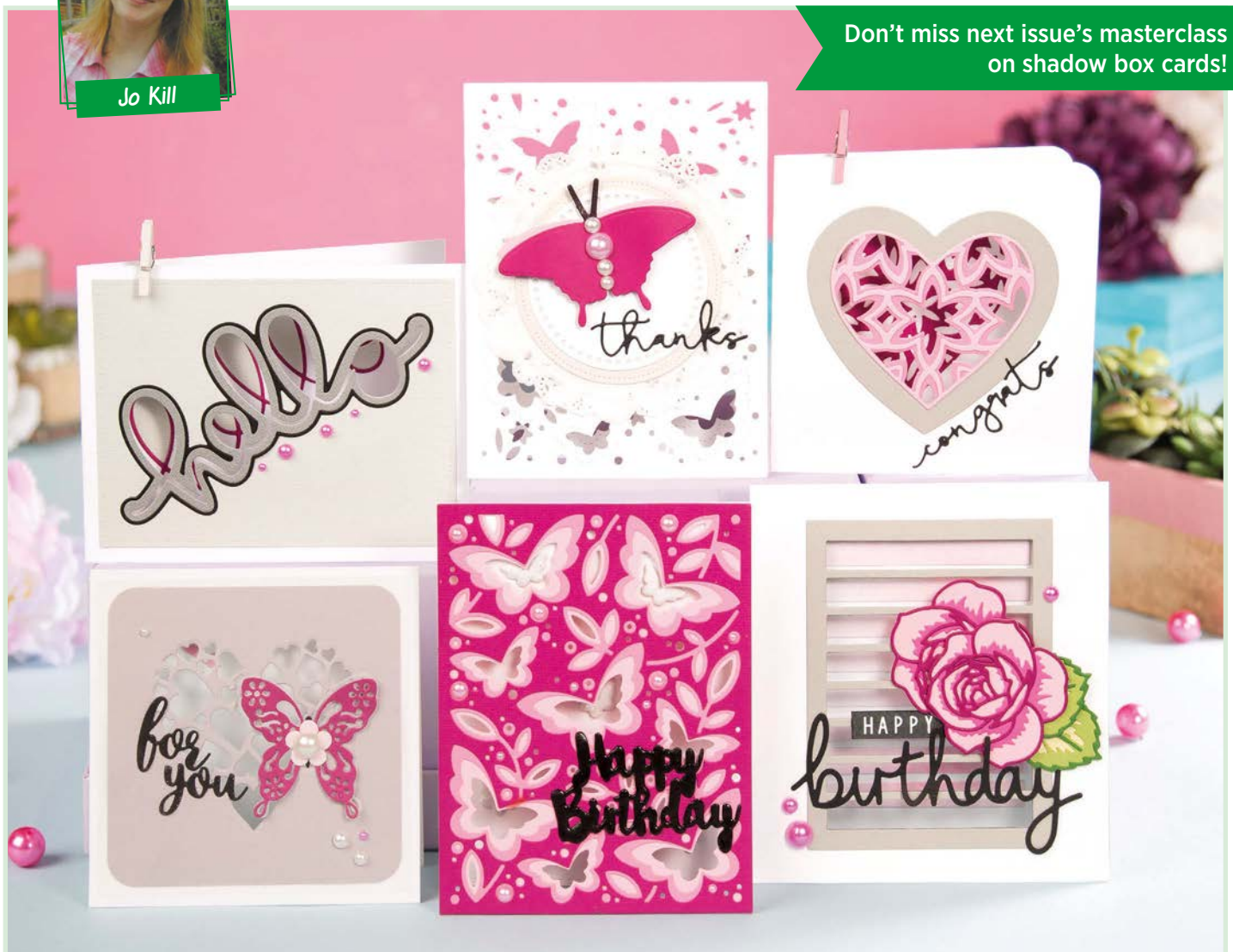
See-through die-cut cards



Jo Kill

Show off your die-cutting skills with these exciting card blank designs from Jo Kill

Don't miss next issue's masterclass on shadow box cards!



See-through cards are a fun way to use dies and stretch your stash whilst making cards that are a little bit different. You can use background dies that almost create the card for you, but there are also ways in which you can incorporate other dies, even sentiment dies to create the effect.

I created two different types of cards, the first type where a panel die is used to make both the front and the back of the card completely see through – if you make these you need to add a panel to the inside of the card to allow a greeting to be written, and the second type where the front of the card is see through

and the rest of the design is on the inside of the card, showing though the gaps in the front of the card to complete the design.

Use quite a heavyweight card for both designs to allow the card to remain rigid, and you may need to use a shim to allow all the die to completely cut through the cardstock.

With most of the cards you don't need to add too many embellishments as the dies create the detail for you, I chose to use some simple adhesive pearls and a Wink of Stella pen to add shimmer and shine to the cards without distracting from the detail of the dies used to create them.



Congrats

You'll need

- ◆ white, black, grey, pink, light pink & dark pink cardstock
- ◆ Birch Press Designs Butterfly Garden plate layer set
- ◆ Altenew Signature Word die set
- ◆ Xcut Heart nesting dies
- ◆ ZIG Wink of Stella Glitter Brush markers
- ◆ pink mini peg
- ◆ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1** Create a square card blank from white cardstock and round the top-right corner.
- 2** Die-cut caprice hearts from pink cardstock and a plain heart shape from grey cardstock. Die-cut a caprice heart into the grey heart to create a frame as shown.
- 3** Trace around the negative from a caprice heart onto the card front and cut out manually, just inside the line.
- 4** Add the middle die-cut behind the cut out panel and the front and grey frame to the card front.

- 5** Add the final heart to the reverse of the inside of the card blank using the hearts on the front as a guide.
- 6** Die-cut the sentiment from black cardstock and fix to the card front. Add detail using ZIG markers to finish.



Where to buy

The Birch Press Designs Butterfly Garden plate layer set is available from www.bumbleberrys.co.uk

Happy birthday

You'll need

- ◆ white, grey, pink, green & black cardstock
- ◆ watercolour paper
- ◆ My Favorite Things Die-namics Bold Stripes cover up
- ◆ Tonic Studios Wills Hand Miniature Moment Birthday die
- ◆ Altenew Layered Roses dies
- ◆ watercolour paints
- ◆ pink pearls
- ◆ paintbrush
- ◆ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1** Create a white 4¼x5½" tent-fold card blank.
- 2** Cut the strip die from grey cardstock in duplicate and use this as a guide to cut a rectangle into the card front. Fix a die to the front and inside front of the card blank.
- 3** Add paint to the watercolour paper, leave to dry and cut out using the strip die.
- 4** Use the front panel as a guide to add the negative pieces to the reverse of the card blank.
- 5** Die-cut the flowers, leaves and sentiment and attach to the card front. Decorate with pink pearls to finish.

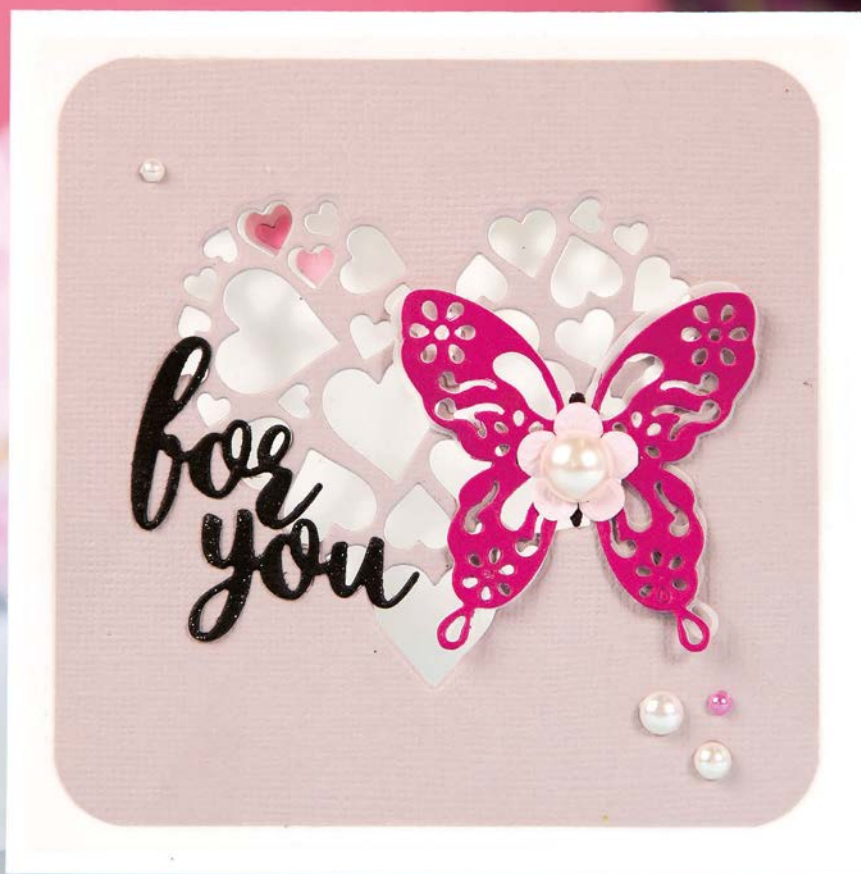


You'll need

◆ white, grey, light pink & dark pink cardstock ◆ Impression Obsession Heart of Hearts die ◆ Lawn Fawn Sentiment dies ◆ Xcut Butterfly die ◆ corner punch ◆ vellum ◆ paper flowers ◆ silver pearls ◆ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1 Create a square white card blank and die-cut the heart into the card front.
- 2 Cut a square panel of grey cardstock and round the corners. Layer onto vellum leaving a border and die-cut hearts into the front as shown. Affix to the card front.
- 3 Add pink hearts to the reverse so you can see them through the heart as shown.
- 4 Die-cut the butterfly from dark pink cardstock and vellum, layer together and attach to the card front with a light pink flower and pearl as shown.
- 5 Die-cut a sentiment and add to the card to finish.



For you



Thanks

You'll need

◆ white, pink, dark pink, grey & black cardstock ◆ Birch Press Butterfly Garden plate layer set ◆ Lil' Inker dotted circle die ◆ Lawn Fawn pierced circle die ◆ Xcut Butterfly die ◆ Altenew Signature Words die set ◆ vellum ◆ white doily ◆ pink & silver pearls ◆ black fine-line pen ◆ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1 Die-cut two panels from white cardstock. Crease and fold the top of one panel $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the top and adhere together to create a card blank. Use strong double-sided adhesive to create a good bond at the top of the card rather than a liquid or stick adhesive.
- 2 Die-cut pierced and dotted circles from white and grey cardstock and vellum, layer together as shown and add to the card front with a doily behind as shown.
- 3 Add circle panels to the remaining three sides of the card blank.
- 4 Die-cut the butterfly from pink cardstock, colour the antennae using a black fine-line pen and adhere to the card front. Decorate with pearls.
- 5 Die-cut the sentiment from black cardstock and add to the card front below the butterfly to finish.

Birthday butterflies

You'll need

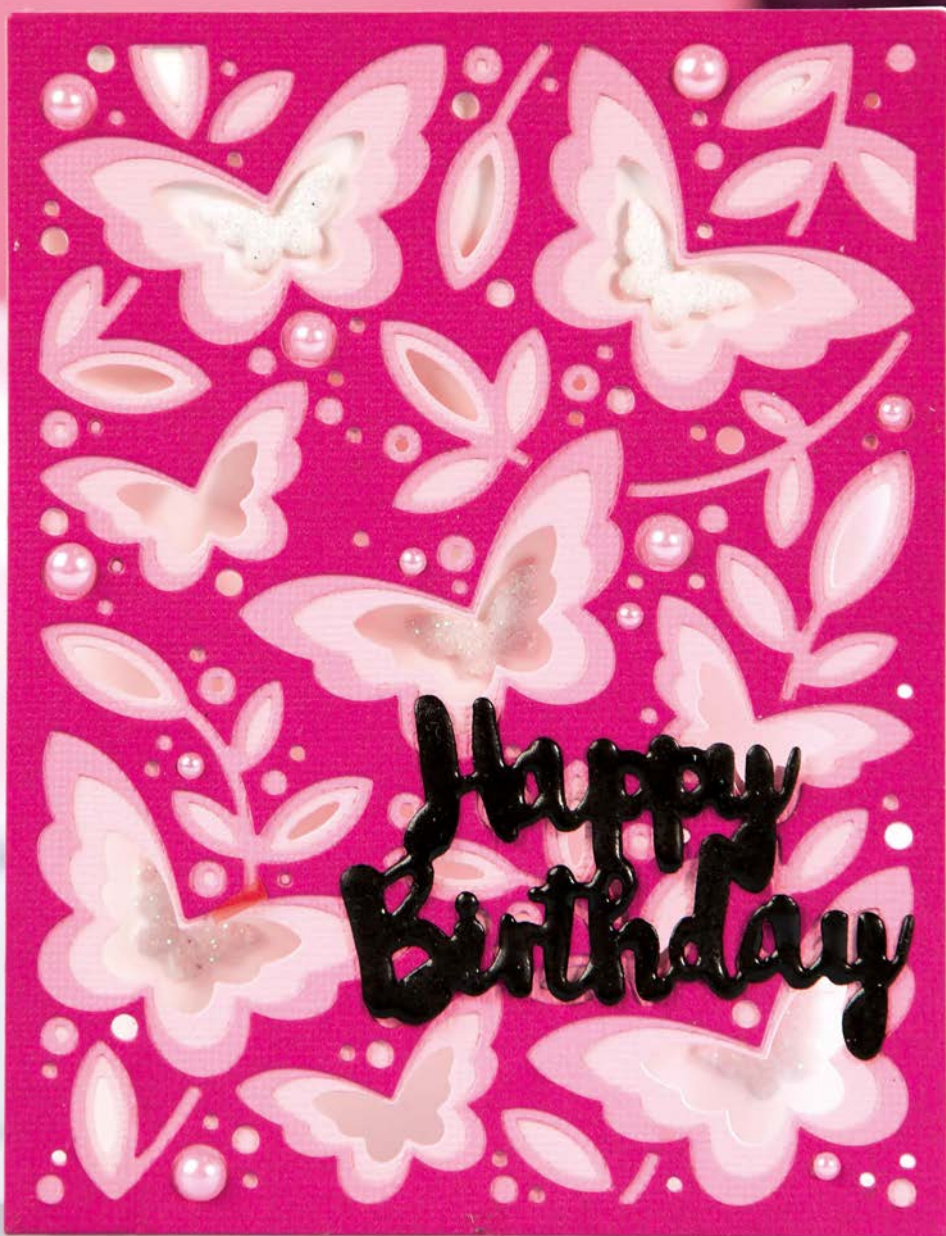
- ◆ white, pink, light pink & dark pink cardstock
- ◆ silver glitter card
- ◆ Birch Press Designs Butterfly Garden plate layer set
- ◆ Trimcraft Happy Birthday die
- ◆ VersaMark inkpad
- ◆ black embossing powder
- ◆ heat tool
- ◆ white glitter foam
- ◆ pink pearls
- ◆ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Follow the step-by-step guide below to create the see-through die-cut panel.

2 Die-cut a selection of small butterflies from silver glitter card and adhere to the background panel using the front panel as a guide.

3 Die-cut the sentiment from white cardstock and heat-emboss in black. Attach to the card front as shown. Decorate using pearls to finish.



Bonus card

Find this card on our blog at www.papercraftmagazines.com

How to... create a see-through die-cut panel



1 Die-cut the butterfly panels from different shades of pink cardstock measuring 4¼x5½", and a back panel from white cardstock.



2 Layer the panels together and secure using tape or glue.



3 Crease and fold the white panel ⅛" from the top and adhere the layered panels onto the back one as shown.

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

I'm back again to share some more sneak peeks of my new collections and to let you know all the gossip here at CCHQ! We had a few celebrations in the Davies household last month, with Simon and I celebrating our 11-year wedding anniversary. I shared the occasion on social media with some of our wedding photos and was so touched to read everyone's well wishes and messages. The following day we all came together for my mum's birthday, which was such a lovely day. I made a Sunday lunch and Oliver spent ages meticulously decorating his homemade chocolate cake – and he had just as much fun blowing out the candles for his nana!

Our Chesterfield store celebrated its second birthday so I popped along to help host a make-and-take workshop with the lovely Debby from the store. It was inky fingers all round and we had a fantastic time being crafty – thanks to everyone who came down to help us celebrate! We had lots of demos lined up for that weekend so I stayed an extra day to see Sue Baker from Imagination Crafts and watch her work her magic for our customers. Afterwards we decided it was a great opportunity for us to catch up over a glass of wine or two!

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

Sara



Celebrating our Chesterfield store's second birthday



Sara's top picks!

Cut & Emboss shaped folders

If you're familiar with our Cut & Emboss range of folders you'll be thrilled to hear we're launching the new shaped versions this month! Cut & Emboss folders are a fabulous concept as they allow you to cut and emboss a design with just one pass through your die-cutting machine, saving both time and effort! This is the first time we've released shaped Cut & Emboss folders, and these stunning framed designs add a versatile twist to the original concept. You can use the cut-out shapes to create a matt and layered effect, or even add your own touch to the cut-out areas for a beautiful framed piece. Make your cards really pop by gilding, inking or colouring the embossed detail and you'll have a stunning design come together in a flash!



Gemini FoilPress

I'm so excited about this new launch! Foiling is still such a popular technique and now our innovative new FoilPress tool will make this look even easier to achieve. Taking paper and mixed-media crafting to an exciting new level, this fab tool will allow you to achieve professional-looking results on your cards and papercraft projects using a hot-press technique that ensures crisp, clean images. The luxurious hot-foil letterpress finish will look fabulous on all kinds of card designs, invitations and home décor projects – I can't wait to see some of the beautiful creations our customers make with this tool, it's a must-have item on your Christmas list!



Cut on Edge dies

This new crop of Cut on Edge releases is simply stunning and I'm already in love with a few of the designs. They offer real versatility in terms of how they can be used – from a 'cut in' concept, using the detailed die to cut beautiful designs straight into your card design, to the 'cut out' concept, where you can use the outline die to create a standalone embellishment. Of course, the best part is that you can use the detailed die and only half of the outline die to achieve that delicate cut-out edge for your card blank. Whichever way you use them, these ornate dies will create a beautiful and intricate lace design to really add the 'wow' factor to your cards. I can't wait to get creating with them!



Do you believe

You'll need

- ▶ white Sheena Douglass stamping card
- ▶ black cardstock
- ▶ Sara Signature Collection Enchanted Forest 6x6" paper pad, Glitter Card, Stardust die, Fairy Wishes dies & Foils and Transfers
- ▶ silver gilding wax
- ▶ pink ribbon
- ▶ silver mesh gems
- ▶ finger-lift tape
- ▶ Collall 3D glue gel
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

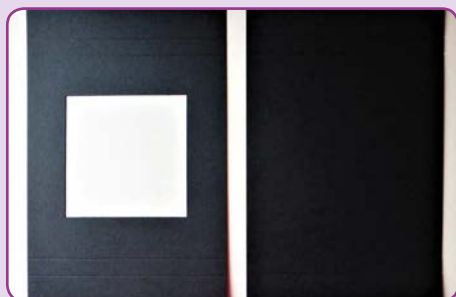
Top Tip

The embellishments used here are quite simple – for a more traditional look you could add holly or a poinsettia



Try this special design by Sara!

Step by step



1 Cut two 6x9" pieces of black cardstock. Score at 1" on the long side, then 1½" from both sides on both pieces. On one of the pieces cut a 3½"-square aperture as shown.



2 On the back panel of the card blank adhere a 5¾" square piece of glitter card.



3 On the front panel of the card blank adhere a 5¾" piece of patterned paper with an aperture in the centre as shown.



4 Die-cut the fairy and 'dreams' sentiment and remove the 's'. Add silver gilding wax.



5 Cut two 5¾x¾" panels of glitter card and adhere to the outer panels of the card blank as shown.



6 Use the foils and transfers to create a sentiment and layer onto mirror card. Adhere the front and back edges of the card blank together to create the diorama. Add the die-cut sentiment inside and the other sentiment on the front with the fairy. Decorate with ribbon and gems to finish.

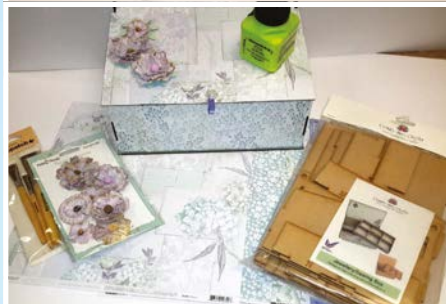
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Birthday wishes



Jenny Shaw

Jenny Shaw shares this quick and easy birthday design using new products from Cheshire Crafts

Where to buy

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Very happy birthday



You'll need

- ▶ white 8"-square card blank
- ▶ white, light blue, dark blue & pink cardstock
- ▶ dotted patterned paper
- ▶ Creative Expressions Noble Collection by Sue Wilson Double Stitched Octagon dies
- ▶ Stampendous Great Big Happy Birthday stamp
- ▶ Dove Grey StäzOn inepad
- ▶ blue ribbon
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Cover the card front with patterned paper.

2 Die-cut an octagon from dark blue cardstock, then die-cut smaller octagons from light blue, pink and light blue cardstock again. Layer together as shown and attach to the centre of the card front.

3 Die-cut a smaller white octagon and use Dove Grey

ink to stamp the sentiment. Stamp the sentiment again onto dotted patterned paper, fussy-cut 'very happy' and layer onto the white stamped panel. Adhere the panel to the card front as shown.

4 Tie a bow from blue ribbon and add to the top-left corner of the card front to finish.

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Be inspired



Christine Smith

We love these inspiring designs using the brand-new stamps and embossing folders from Pretty Quick

Friends forever

You'll need

- ▶ white 10.5x13.5cm card blank
- ▶ white & black cardstock
- ▶ Pretty Quick Inspiring Quotes Friends Are Like Stars stamp
- ▶ Rubber Duck, Carrot Stick, Poppy Red, Spanish Sangria & Panama Rose Nuvo inkpads
- ▶ Neat & Tangled Modern Triangles cover plate die
- ▶ Lawn Fawn Scripty Friends die
- ▶ black fine-line pen
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ stamping platform
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Place a rectangle of white cardstock into the stamping platform and stamp the main image in an ombré of colours – you won't contaminate your inkpad when using a stamping platform as you can use one colour at a time. Use the Modern Triangles die set to cut the panel.

2 Flip over the die, ensuring to keep all pieces in place inside the die, then add 3D foam pads to certain sections of the panel and wet glue to the others. Add white cardstock over this and press to ensure the adhesive sticks.

3 Flip over the entire panel and poke through the release holes in the die to ensure all pieces are in contact with the other piece of white cardstock.

4 Add a black die-cut sentiment and another using a black fine-line pen as shown to finish.



You can create this card with any background die from your stash, just be careful to make sure the pieces stay in the die once you've cut it or you'll be there for hours!

Be a rainbow

You'll need

- ▶ white 15cm-square card blank
- ▶ white glossy cardstock
- ▶ Pretty Quick Inspiring Quotes Try to be a Rainbow stamp
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpads
- ▶ Colourless Blender, fuchsia, Cadmium Orange, Cadmium Red & Acid Yellow Copic refills
- ▶ stamping platform
- ▶ plastic straw

Step by step

1 Drop Copic refill ink onto a large square of white glossy cardstock – start with Acid Yellow, then Cadmium Orange, Cadmium Red and finally fuchsia. For a stylish effect, drop on a little colourless blender to help things move, then blow around the inks using a plastic straw to add interest to the background.

2 Once all the solvent has evaporated and the background feels dry, place it

in the stamping platform and stamp the sentiment in the centre using Onyx Black ink.

3 Leave everything to dry and blot some of the excess ink using scrap paper. Trim to size and attach to the card front to finish.



Where to buy

The Pretty Quick Inspiring Quotes collection is available from www.craftstash.co.uk



If you have an alcohol-lift inkpads you can stamp the sentiment in white for a really stylish effect

Difficult roads

You'll need

- ▶ white 13.5x14cm card blank
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Pretty Quick Inspiring Quotes Difficult Roads stamp set
- ▶ Lawn Fawn Puffy Cloud border dies
- ▶ Mustard Seed, Spiced Marmalade, Festive Berries, Aged Mahogany & Picked Raspberry Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpads
- ▶ stamping platform
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Take a large square of white cardstock and use Distress Ink to swipe bands of colour onto the panel to give a bold background as shown.

2 Place the panel into the stamping platform and stamp the sentiment on top, ensuring to apply the same colours of ink onto the stamp as is used on the background.

3 Shift the panel over a couple of millimetres to one side then stamp again using Onyx Black ink to produce the shadow stamped look. Leave to dry.

4 Use a cloud die to add an interesting edge to the bottom of the panel then attach to the card front to finish.



If you wanted a subtle tone-on-tone stamped background, you could leave it without the black stamped image and add other elements on top

Born to stand out

You'll need

- ▶ white 12.5x17cm card blank
- ▶ white & black cardstock
- ▶ Pretty Quick Inspiring Quotes Born to Stand Out stamp & embossing folder
- ▶ Mustard Seed, Spiced Marmalade, Festive Berries, Aged Mahogany & Picked Raspberry Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ clear Nuvo inepad
- ▶ Glacier White Nuvo embossing powder
- ▶ heat tool
- ▶ stamping platform
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Use clear embossing ink to stamp the sentiment onto white cardstock then heat-emboss in white.

2 Use Distress Ink to blend an ombré of colour – the white heat-embossing will resist the ink.

3 For extra dimension, use the co-ordinating embossing folder to emboss the inked panel.

4 Add the panel to the card blank and use strips of black cardstock to create a modern border as shown to finish.



Top Tip

Practise with the embossing folders to make sure you get them lined up properly on your project

Beautiful destinations

You'll need

- ▶ white 11x16cm card blank
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ Pretty Quick Inspiring Quotes Difficult Roads stamp & embossing folder
- ▶ Lawn Fawn Puffy Cloud border dies
- ▶ Mustard Seed, Spiced Marmalade, Festive Berries, Aged Mahogany & Picked Raspberry Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Ink
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inepad
- ▶ water spritzer
- ▶ stamping platform
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

onto a piece of white cardstock and trim so the embossing folder will fit over the image.

2 Feel the embossing folder and add Distress Ink to the side with the indented words on it. Swipe the ink lightly across the surface then spray lightly with water to help lessen the amount that the ink beads up.

3 Add the cardstock inside the folder, being careful not to transfer any ink before you want to. Close the folder and run through the die-cutting machine.

4 The colour will transfer and the embossing process will produce a white drop shadow to the black stamped words as shown. Leave to dry.

5 Use a puffy cloud border die to cut the bottom edge then adhere the panel to the card front to finish.

Step by step

1 Use Jet Black ink to stamp the sentiment

Top Tip

Think about the size of the panel when doing this technique – there can only be a small gap between the stamping and the top of the cardstock so it can fit inside the embossing folder, because the hinge is at the top



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The gift of Christmas



Laura Bradley

Laura Bradley showcases the versatility of your Father Christmas™ luxury foiled kit and stamps with these gift wrap ideas

Gift bag

You'll need

- ▶ Father Christmas™ luxury foiled kit & stamps
- ▶ white gift bag
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ silver mirror card
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inkpad
- ▶ white ribbon
- ▶ silver gems
- ▶ craft knife
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

- 1 Measure the front panel of the gift bag and cut a slightly smaller section of silver mirror card. Adhere to the front of the bag.
- 2 Cut a piece of snowfall paper slightly smaller than the mirror card and adhere into the centre as shown.
- 3 Take a piece of white cardstock the same width as the patterned paper and cut into a landscape shape using a craft knife. Adhere to the bottom of the snowfall panel.
- 4 Stamp the sentiment onto white cardstock and cut out.
- 5 Use 3D foam pads to add Father Christmas™ from the foiled kit to the scene along with the speech bubble as shown.
- 6 Add silver gems into the bottom-right corner to decorate.
- 7 Thread a length of narrow white ribbon through the red tag from the kit and tie around one of the handles with a bow to finish.





Gift card holder

You'll need

- ▶ Father Christmas™ luxury foiled kit & stamps
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ silver mirror cardstock
- ▶ small circle die
- ▶ Onyx Black VersaFine inepad
- ▶ silver gems
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1 Create a card blank measuring $4\frac{1}{4} \times 5\frac{3}{4}$ " once folded.
- 2 Die-cut two semicircles in opposite directions from the inside to create the gift card holder section, by leaving the other half of the circle off the edge of the cutting plate.
- 3 Stamp the greeting onto the left-hand inside panel using Onyx Black ink.
- 4 Cover the card front with silver mirror card and matt a slightly smaller piece of snowfall paper inside it.

5 Create a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " border matted onto silver mirror card and add to the left-hand side of the card front as shown.

6 Add the two toppers onto the card front using 3D foam pads.

7 Take the sentiment and trim off both ends then adhere between the toppers. Add silver gems in the top-right corner to finish.



You'll need

- ▶ Father Christmas™ luxury foiled kit & stamps
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ silver mirror card
- ▶ scoreboard
- ▶ white ribbon
- ▶ Red Liner Tape
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

1 Cut an 8×10 " piece of white cardstock. Place onto the scoreboard landscape and score at $2\frac{1}{2}$ ", $4\frac{3}{4}$ ", $7\frac{1}{4}$ " and $9\frac{1}{2}$ ".

2 Turn the cardstock anticlockwise and score at $\frac{1}{2}$ ", $2\frac{3}{4}$ ", $5\frac{1}{4}$ " and $7\frac{1}{2}$ ". Cut out the shape as shown in the net image.

3 Add Red Liner Tape to all the tabs apart from the top one and assemble the box. Adhere a loop of ribbon to the inside of one of the corners before sealing.

4 Add double-sided tape to the top tab to enable the box to be opened to enclose a gift.

5 Cut six $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of silver mirror cardstock and adhere to each of the outer panels as shown.

6 Cut six slightly smaller squares of star paper and adhere into the centre of the silver panels.

7 Decorate the panels using elements from the kit to finish.



Bauble box



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

Top Tip There is likely to be movement when stamping on glossy paper like the ones from the kit – try to keep as steady a hand as possible!

Gift wrap

You'll need

- ▶ Father Christmas™ luxury foiled kit & stamps
- ▶ VersaMark inkpad
- ▶ white embossing powder
- ▶ heat tool
- ▶ anti-static tool
- ▶ white ribbon

Top Tip Wrap your present and embellish using ribbon and one of the tags from the kit

Step by step



1 Treat the paper using an anti-static tool.



2 Stamp the sentiment repeatedly across the paper using VersaMark ink.



3 Pour over white embossing powder, shake off the excess and heat-set using the heat tool.

Gift tag

You'll need

- ▶ Father Christmas™ luxury foiled kit & stamps
- ▶ silver mirror cardstock
- ▶ scalloped circle die
- ▶ white ribbon
- ▶ twine
- ▶ hole punch
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1** Cut a 3x5" piece of star patterned paper from the kit.
- 2** Cut off one of the corners, lay it back to front on the other side and cut the same shape from the other side to create a tag as shown.
- 3** Matt the above piece onto silver mirror card and leave a narrow silver border around the edges.

4 Punch a hole in the top of the tag using the hole punch.

5 Cut the elements from the kit and adhere flat to the tag using double-sided tape.

6 Cut a scalloped circle slightly larger than the tag from silver mirror cardstock. Adhere the tag into the centre using 3D foam pads.

7 Add the sentiment panel to the tag and decorate using silver gems. Add three silver gems to the top of the tag with the centre one covering the die-cut hole. Loop white ribbon and twine through the top hole to finish.



When using alcohol markers use a white gel pen to clean up any areas that have bled or need tidying up

Gift box

You'll need

- ▶ Father Christmas™ luxury foiled kit & stamps
- ▶ white cardstock
- ▶ silver mirror cardstock
- ▶ Tuxedo Black Memento inkpad
- ▶ Adorable Scoreboard
- ▶ alcohol markers
- ▶ white gel pen
- ▶ Red Liner Tape
- ▶ 3D foam pads

Step by step

- 1** Stamp the main image onto white cardstock and colour using alcohol markers. Add accents using a white gel pen, leave to dry and cut out.
- 2** Take two 8" squares of white cardstock and score at 1" on each side, one piece using the 'box lid' side of the scoreboard and the other using the 'box base' side.
- 3** Fold along all the score lines and assemble the lid and base using Red Liner Tape.
- 4** Cover the top of the lid and all side pieces using silver mirror cardstock. Matt a slightly smaller piece of red paper into the centre of all the sections.
- 5** Cut a 5" square of silver mirror card and matt a slightly smaller piece of snowfall paper into the centre.
- 6** Adhere the above panel into the centre of the box lid using 3D foam pads. Add the main image flat, along with the sentiment from the kit using 3D foam pads.
- 7** Decorate using silver gems in the inner and outer corners to finish.

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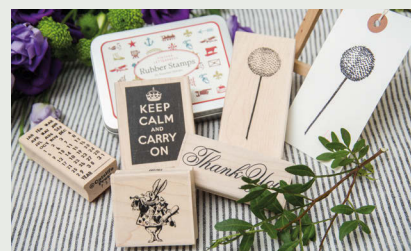
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Cute Christmas



Claire Newcombe

Complete your Christmas crafting with the adorable designs from the Creative Expressions Craft Dies by Lisa Horton range

You'll need

- ▶ kraft 15cm-square card blank
- ▶ white, green, red, yellow, brown, black, cream, gold & kraft cardstock
- ▶ Craft Sensations 12x12" Christmas design pad
- ▶ Pretty Quick Merry Christmas die set
- ▶ Creative Expressions Craft Dies by Lisa Horton Stitched Collection Jolly Santa
- ▶ Creative Stencils Brick Wall stencil
- ▶ Gathered Twigs Ranger Tim Holtz Distress Oxide Ink
- ▶ Scarlet Red & Ice White Nuvo Pure Sheen glitter
- ▶ red baker's twine
- ▶ sequins
- ▶ Stix2 double-sided clear adhesive sheets
- ▶ glue pen
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

1 Use a glue pen to draw around all edges of a 14cm square of red patterned paper. Sprinkle Scarlet Red glitter onto the glued edges. Adhere the paper to the card blank.

2 Cut two 14x5cm pieces of red cardstock. Die-cut one using the garden trellis then layer both pieces together.

3 Wrap a length of baker's twine three times around the length of the red layer. Secure with a bow then adhere horizontally to the card front as shown.

4 Create a 12x6.5cm tag from kraft cardstock. Use Gathered Twigs ink to stencil a brick work pattern onto the tag then attach to the card front using 3D foam pads.

Father Christmas



Apply double-sided adhesive sheets to cardstock before die-cutting as this will really help when constructing smaller elements

5 Apply double-sided adhesive sheets to white and red cardstock. Die-cut the red and white elements of the Jolly Santa from these adhesive sheets. Remove the protective backing and cover each component with glitter.

6 Die-cut the remaining components then construct and adhere Jolly Santa by

following the guide given on the packaging. Adhere to the tag on the card front.

7 Create a faux ribbon from yellow cardstock, attach to top of the tag and decorate with a sequin.

8 Die-cut the sentiment from gold and red cardstock and adhere together creating a drop shadow layer. Attach to the card front to finish.



Where to buy

The Creative Expressions Craft Dies by Lisa Horton used here are available from www.craftstash.co.uk

Merry Christmas



Top Tip

Use a double-sided cardstock and use both sides of the die-cut for greater versatility

You'll need

- ▶ kraft 14.5cm-square card blank
- ▶ white, green, red, brown, black, yellow & gold cardstock
- ▶ Craft Sensations 12x12" Christmas design pad
- ▶ Pretty Quick Merry Christmas die set
- ▶ Creative Expressions Craft Dies by Lisa Horton Stitched Collection Festive Birds & Christmas Characters
- ▶ baker's twine
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1** Cut a 14cm square of green polka dot paper and adhere to the card blank.
- 2** Die-cut the largest frame and the decorative layer from red and green cardstock respectively. Position, layer and adhere the die-cuts then attach to the card front as shown.
- 3** Select two tones of green cardstock and die-cut a selection of foliage in both sizes. Arrange the foliage into two

bunches using both sizes then adhere as shown.

4 Die-cut the owl from the Festive Birds set and follow the instructions on the packaging. Use 3D foam pads to adhere the owl as if it were sitting on the foliage branch on the card front.

5 Cut the sentiment from gold cardstock and layer onto a 10.5x3cm piece of red cardstock matted onto gold. Add a baker's twine bow to finish.



Bonus card

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Christmas elf

You'll need

- ▶ kraft 15cm-square card blank
- ▶ white, green, red, brown, black, cream & gold cardstock
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- ▶ Creative Expressions Craft Dies by Lisa Horton Stitched Collection Cheeky Elf
- ▶ Imagine Design Create Nesting Holly Leaves stamp set
- ▶ clear Nuvo inks
- ▶ gold embossing powder
- ▶ red baker's twine
- ▶ bell embellishment
- ▶ heat tool
- ▶ 3D foam pads
- ▶ manual die-cutting machine

Step by step

- 1** Cover the card front with striped patterned paper.
- 2** Matt a 14x13cm piece of green cardstock onto red patterned paper. Die-cut the middle aperture from the Stitched Christmas Characters set and adhere to the card front.
- 3** Layer and cut two inner aperture dies from gold cardstock. Paper-piece the

decorative outline die-cut and the solid inner layer within the aperture on the card front.

4 Die-cut and construct all appropriate layers of the Cheeky Elf and sign post, as per the guidance given on the die packaging. Use 3D foam pads to adhere the Cheeky Elf onto the gold aperture.

5 Die-cut two snow patches from white cardstock, join and adhere for the Cheeky Elf and signpost to stand upon, grounding the characters as shown.

6 Wrap and tie a length of red baker's twine near the card blank fold. Thread two small decorative bows onto the twine and tie into a bow.

7 Use clear ink to stamp the sentiment onto green cardstock and heat-emboss in gold. Trim the panel then matt and layer onto red cardstock and adhere to the card front using 3D foam pads.



Top Tip

This project is ideal to use up small offcuts of cardstock and paper

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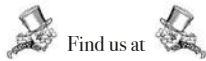
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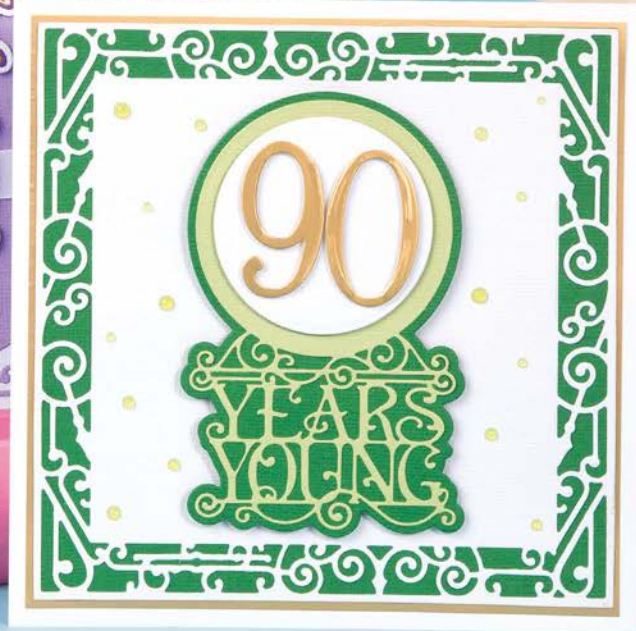
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Dawn's diary

Craft expert Dawn Bibby keeps you updated on her latest products and shares a fab festive design



Dawn Bibby

I'm so excited to be featured in *Papercraft Essentials*, it's such a lovely, inspiring

magazine and a great opportunity to share some of my ideas and creations with you. I started crafting as a little girl with my mum and hold many fond memories of those special times. I know many of you share your crafts with family and friends – it's such a wonderful hobby to have!

This year it's 25 years since I first brought papercrafting to TV screens here in the UK and I'm proud to say I'm still designing and creating and now appearing on Hochanda shopping channel. My latest collection of dies is to create scenes and for this issue I thought I would share one of them with you.

I created two different window dies and scenes to go behind them. The arch window includes a lovely tree scene and the rectangle a fireplace. I've also introduced a cute dog and cat set plus a build-a-snowman which has interchangeable hats to change the look.

For this card I've used some lovely handmade paper matted onto red and gold glitter card to enhance the gold tones. I think the red and gold with the flash of black works so well, I can't wait to hear what you think!

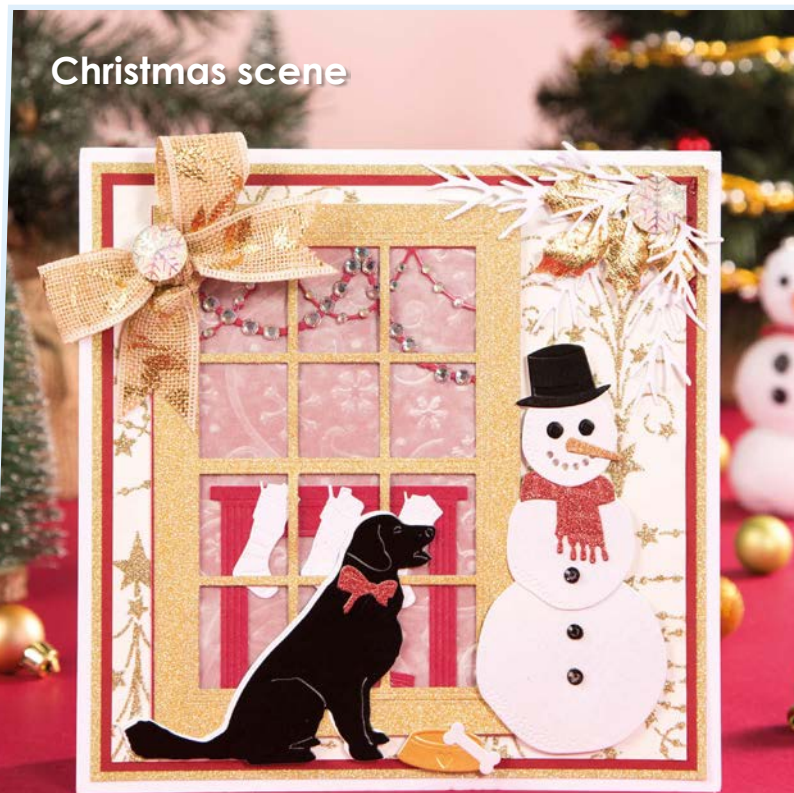
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2 Die-cut the following elements: the window frame from gold glitter card, the fireplace scene from burgundy cardstock, stockings, a snowman, a dog, a bone and pine tree pieces from white cardstock, a dog, the snowman hat and eyes from black cardstock, the scarf and dog bow from red glitter card, a snowman nose from orange cardstock, a dog bowl from gold cardstock and an outer frame from red cardstock.



Christmas scene

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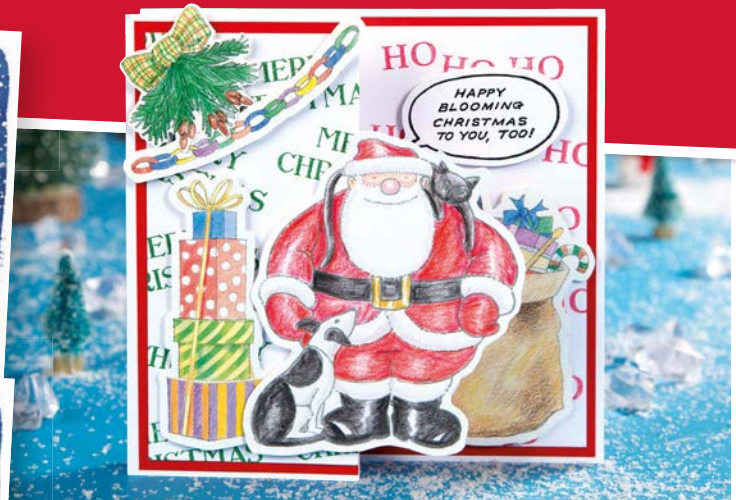
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