

card café

Cards that celebrate the season of love.

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This February, don't limit the giving of love notes to your significant other.

Create cards for all of those who hold a special place in your heart. As you create, enjoy thinking about the person the card is being made for and how you can best complement their unique interests and personality. Have fun with playful sentiments and you'll be sure to make someone feel extra special this Valentine's Day.

card 1

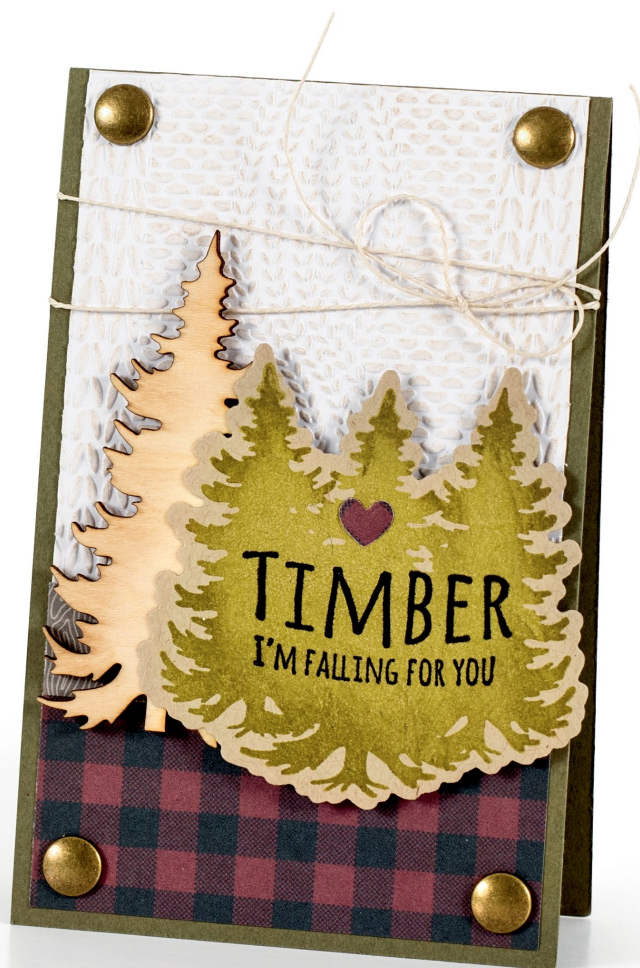
A CARD FOR HIM

- 1 Make a 3½ x 5½-inch card from cardstock. Adhere patterned paper strips to bottom of card.
- 2 Emboss white cardstock. Lightly sponge on tan ink to highlight the embossing, and adhere to card front.
- 3 Stamp and die cut trees from cardstock. Stamp sentiment across the center of trees. Die cut a small heart from patterned paper and adhere just above sentiment.
- 4 Tie twine around top portion of card.
- 5 Adhere wooden tree and stamped trees.
- 6 Add metal embellishments to the corners.

TIP: Valentines don't have to be centered around hearts. For a more masculine look, opt for motifs that support a play on words. In this case, the trees, plaid print, and wood play on a fun but loving sentiment.

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TIP: Enhance your dry embossing by sponging ink over the embossed area.

How do I love thee? Turn the page...

card 2

A CARD FOR YOUR KIDDO

- 1 Make a 3¾ x 5½-inch card from cardstock; round right corners.
- 2 Stamp large heart confetti in light pink on card followed by small heart confetti in bright pink.
- 3 Die cut a strip of bright pink patterned paper using the heart scallop border die and adhere to the bottom edge of a striped paper strip. Adhere to card.
- 4 Adhere polka dot strip. Stamp sentiment on label and adhere label to card using dimensional adhesive.
- 5 Embellish with puffy stickers and enamel dots.
- 6 Stamp bear on white cardstock using solvent or hybrid ink; emboss. Trim bear and colour. Highlight with glitter glue and adhere to card using dimensional adhesive.



i like you berry much

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card 3

A CARD FOR YOUR BESTIE

- 1 Make a 3½ x 5½-inch card from cardstock; round bottom corners. Trim patterned paper to fit card front, leaving a margin of cardstock visible. Round bottom corners and adhere paper to card.
- 2 Adhere white cardstock rectangle to card.
- 3 Attach tag, die cut heart, and paper clip near upper left corner.
- 4 Die cut layered hearts from cardstock and patterned paper, adhere layers together, and adhere to card using dimensional adhesive.
- 5 Embellish with bow, banner, flowers, and small hearts.

TIP: Use small shaped stickers in place of sequins, such as the tiny hearts used here. They add the feel of scattered confetti without making the design too busy.



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