

creative cards

Your spot for card inspiration and technique how-to.

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While I love creating paper projects of all kinds, it's card making that's near and dear to my heart. When you create and send a card, you're telling the recipient they're special and sending a small part of your love across the miles. These small works of art can be customized to complement their recipients. My favourite way to do so is with stamps. No matter the occasion or person, you're sure to find a stamp that's perfect for you card creation!

card 1

- 1 Make card from cardstock. Adhere patterned paper panel.
- 2 Die cut two banners from white cardstock. Stamp sentiment and adhere banner pieces to card.
- 3 Die cut a scallop circle and colour with ink using blending tool (or sponge).
- 4 Stamp and die cut sheep image. Colour sheep's face and legs using a marker.
- 5 Apply a foaming medium, such as Liquid Appliqué, inside the lines of the sheep. **NOTE:** Apply gently, as the product will spread.
- 6 Using a heat tool, heat the liquid until it puffs and turns white.
- 7 Adhere sheep to card using dimensional adhesive; stamp hearts.
- 8 Thread buttons with twine and adhere to card.



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To see this sheep take shape, turn to page 53. It's a technique ewe'll love!

TIP: Create a horizon line by slightly overlapping the green and blue background ink. Use a sponge or blending tool to create this soft effect.



card 2

- 1 Make card from cardstock.
- 2 Stamp small dot background using embossing ink, apply white embossing powder, and heat set.
- 3 Die cut scalloped rectangle and adhere to card using dimensional adhesive.
- 4 Stamp and die cut flowers and leaves; adhere to card.
- 5 Stamp and die cut banner and "happy" and adhere to card.
- 6 Stamp sentiment on cardstock strip, notch end, and adhere to card using dimensional adhesive.
- 7 Stamp hearts around flowers with pale blue ink.

happy mother's day

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card 3

- 1 Make card from cardstock. Adhere patterned paper panel.
- 2 Die cut oval from light blue patterned paper and adhere to card using dimensional adhesive.
- 3 Stamp and die cut fish.
- 4 Apply dimensional glaze to fish and set aside to dry.
- 5 Stamp and die cut remaining images; adhere to card. Adhere fish using dimensional adhesive.
- 6 Stamp wave lines using blue ink.
- 7 Die cut banner, stamp sentiment, and adhere to card. Add sequins.

NOTE: See how gloss is used to make a stamped image pop on the next page.

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step-by-step process

TECHNIQUE 1: HEAT SETTING FOAM



1 Apply Liquid Applique to the center area of the stamped image.



2 Set using a heat tool. The foaming medium will rise and puff to create a textured finish.

TECHNIQUE 2: USING A STAMPING BOARD



1 Once stamp and paper are positioned on tool, ink stamp and close the tool's lid to stamp.



2 Ink outer edges of stamp in darker shade and stamp again. The tool will keep your stamping perfectly aligned.

TECHNIQUE 3: ADDING A GLOSSY FINISH



1 Stamp fish in three unique impressions and colours—grey image, orange image, and black image.



2 Apply dimensional glaze, such as Glossy Accents, to stamped image. It will dry clear, raised, and smooth.