

# creative cards

Where card makers come to share what's hot in the world of stamping, die cutting, and handmade kindness!

**Chances are you've been ogling a background stamp or two**, and once you get your hands on one, you want to explore the possibilities. Join five incredibly talented designers as they give you a plethora of ways to get inky with background stamps!

**DESIGN TIP: Pop up a portion of the background design for added dimension and kapow!** Latisha used watermark ink and heat embossed her image in gray and then coloured it with watercolour pencils and blended with a water brush.

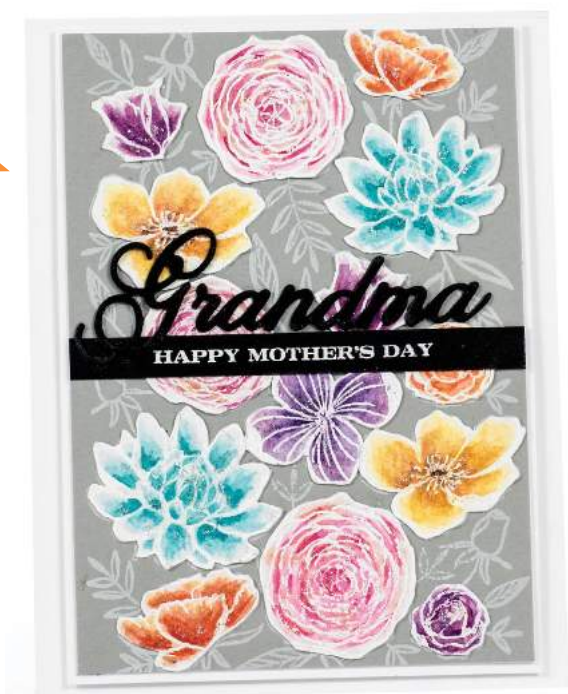


## thinking of you BY LATISHA YOAST

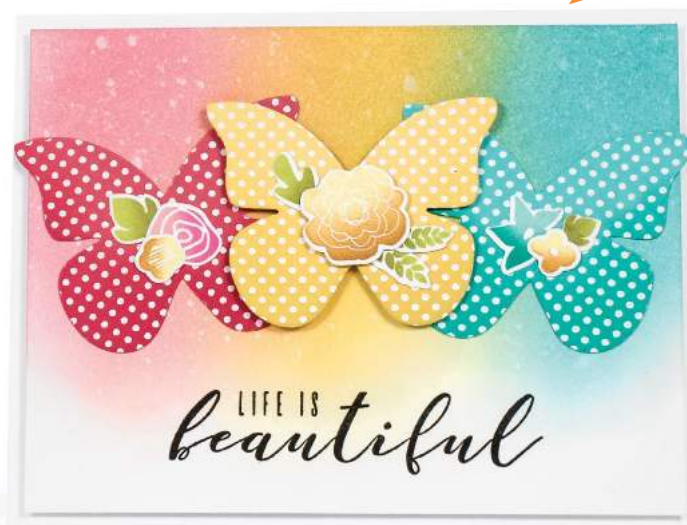
- 1 Stamp floral background on cardstock with watermark ink; heat emboss with silver embossing powder.
- 2 Colour flowers with watercolour pencils and blend with aqua brush.
- 3 Die cut rectangle from finished panel.
- 4 Repeat steps 1 and 2, trim flower, and adhere to die cut panel with foam tape.
- 5 Mat stamped panel with cardstock; adhere to card base with foam tape.
- 6 Stamp sentiment on cardstock with white ink; heat emboss with clear embossing powder.
- 7 Adhere ribbon bow and add Nuvo Drops.

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Lawn Fawn, Stampin' Up!; STAMPS: Hero Arts; INK: Tsukineko; EMBOSSING POWDER: Lawn Fawn; RIBBON: May Arts; NUVO DROPS: Tonic; WATER BRUSH, WATERCOLOUR PENCILS: Stampin' Up!; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L

**DESIGN TIP:** Stamp the background in white ink on a neutral cardstock, and then stamp colourful versions of the same stamp, fussy cut them, and adhere with dimensional adhesive.



**DESIGN TIP:** Die cut images from a stamped background. Laurie gave her butterflies detail by heat embossing a polka dot pattern onto cardstock before die cutting them.



## grandma BY LAURIE SCHMIDLIN

- 1 Stamp floral background on cardstock with white ink. Trim into rectangle.
- 2 Stamp floral background on cardstock, heat emboss, and colour with watercolours and glitter glue. Trim flowers and adhere to stamped panel.
- 3 Die cut *grandma* from cardstock and adhere to panel.
- 4 Stamp and heat emboss sentiment on cardstock; trim and adhere.
- 5 Mat panel with cardstock; adhere to card base with foam tape.

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Papertrey Ink, Simon Says Stamp, Stamper's Select; WATERCOLOUR PAPER: Master's Touch; STAMPS: Papertrey Ink, Pinkfresh Studio; INK: Gina K. Designs, Tsukineko; EMBOSSING POWDER: Superior; GLITTER GLUE: Ranger Industries; WATERCOLOURS: Kuretake; DIES: Papertrey Ink; ADHESIVE: 3M, Kaisercraft, Kuretake

## life is beautiful BY LAURIE SCHMIDLIN

- 1 Blend ink on cardstock panel and spritz with water. Let dry.
- 2 Stamp dotted background on cardstock three times, heat emboss, and blend with red, yellow, and blue inks. Die cut one butterfly from each colour.
- 3 Stamp flowers and leaves on cardstock and die cut. Adhere flowers to butterflies, then adhere butterflies to panel using foam tape for the middle butterfly.
- 4 Stamp sentiment on panel, mat panel with cardstock, and adhere to card base with foam tape.

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Papertrey Ink, Reverse Confetti, Stamper's Select, Strathmore; STAMPS: Altenew, Carta Bella, Papertrey Ink; INK: Papertrey Ink, Ranger Industries, Tsukineko; EMBOSSING POWDER: Superior; DIES: Echo Park, Papertrey Ink; ADHESIVE: 3M, Kaisercraft, Kuretake; OTHER: Spray bottle



**DESIGN TIP:** Use clear ink with your background stamps to create an elegant and subtle watermark effect. This tone-on-tone technique looks pretty in every colour!

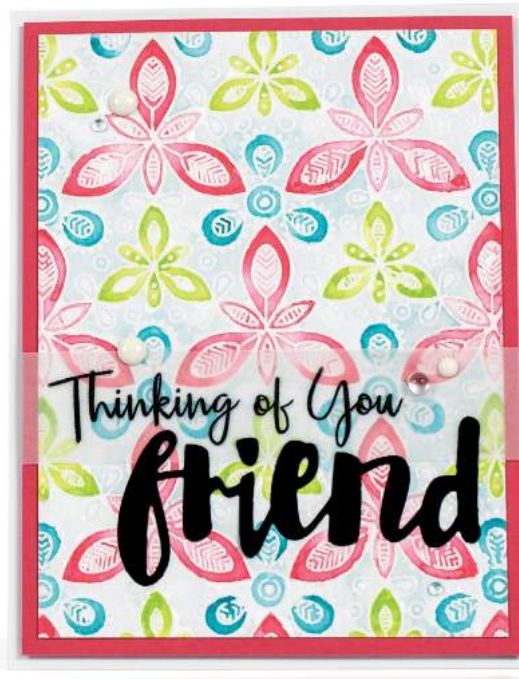


### a special friend BY WANDA GUESS

- 1 Stamp design on coloured cardstock using watermark ink.
- 2 Round corners, and adhere panel to card base with foam tape.
- 3 Die cut leaves from vellum.
- 4 Die cut circle from cardstock. Stamp sentiment and designs.
- 5 Press distress ink on a craft mat, blend with watercolour brush, and paint on die cut.
- 6 Splatter die cuts with gold watercolour paint and let dry.
- 7 Adhere dies to card.

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Bazzill Basics, Neenah; STAMPS, DIES, VELLUM: Simon Says Stamp; INK: Ranger Industries; Simon Says Stamp; WATERCOLOURS: Finetec; ADHESIVE: 3M, Tombow

**DESIGN TIP:** Stamp and heat emboss your background with clear embossing powder on watercolour paper. The raised edges of the embossed portions help you to stay in the lines when you watercolour each section.



### thinking of you friend BY WANDA GUESS

- 1 Stamp designs on watercolour paper with watermark ink; heat emboss with white embossing powder.
- 2 Press Distress Ink on a craft mat, blend with watercolour brush, and paint on paper.  
**NOTE:** Clean brush after each colour. Let dry.
- 3 Trim watercoloured panel, mat with cardstock, and adhere to card base.
- 4 Stamp sentiment on vellum; adhere to card.
- 5 Die cut *friend* from cardstock and adhere.
- 6 Affix epoxy dots.

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Bazzill Basics, Neenah, Simon Says Stamp; WATERCOLOUR PAPER: Ranger Industries; STAMPS, DIES, EMBOSsing POWDER, VELLUM: Simon Says Stamp; INK: Ranger Industries, Simon Says Stamp, Tsukineko; ENAMEL DOTS: Doodlebug Designs, Pretty Pink Posh; ADHESIVE: 3M, Tombow

**DESIGN TIP:** Combine your background stamps with inlaid die cutting for instant continuity. Jill used a stamp positioner to ensure that the inlaid pineapples lined up with the stamped background!



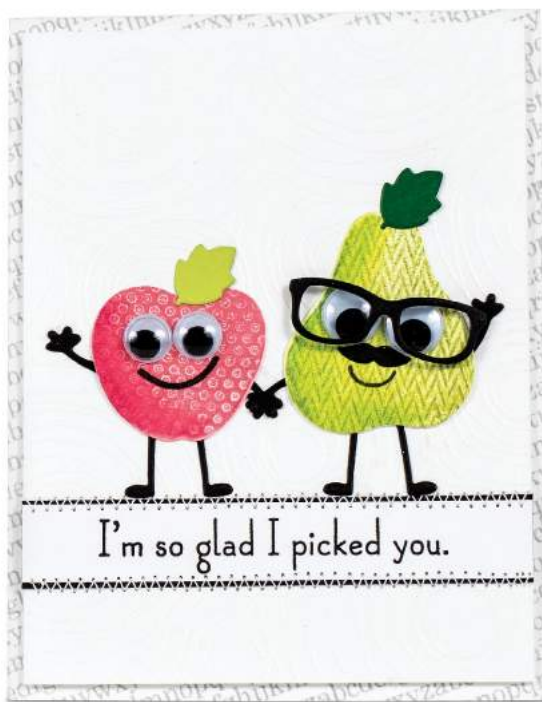
## all kinds of wonderful

BY JILL DEWEY HAWKINS

- 1 Stamp waves on two pieces of white cardstock.
- 2 Blend inks and apply to watercolour paper. Stamp waves.
- 3 Die cut pineapples from one piece of stamped cardstock and from stamped watercolour panel.
- 4 Adhere die cut pieces to remaining stamped panel. Die cut panel using stitched rectangle. Machine stitch.
- 5 Stamp sentiment on cardstock, emboss, trim, and adhere to panel with foam tape.
- 6 Adhere panel to card base.

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Neenah, Recollections; WATERCOLOUR PAPER: Canson; STAMPS: Hero Arts, Paper Smooches; INK: Hero Arts, Ranger Industries, Tsukineko; EMBOSSING POWDER: Hero Arts; SEQUINS: Pretty Pink Posh; DIES: My Favorite Things, Paper Smooches; INK BLENDING TOOL: Ranger Industries; ADHESIVE: 3M

**DESIGN TIP:** Stamp kissing provides interest in your design. Ink an image and then stamp the background (this is the "kiss" part) on top in a contrasting colour to show off the pattern.



## i picked you BY JILL DEWEY HAWKINS

### APPLE

- 1 Apply darker ink to apple and lighter ink to dotted background.
- 2 Press background onto apple and then stamp ink-kissed apple stamp to cardstock.
- 3 Die cut apple and shade with coloured pencils.
- 4 Stamp smile and die cut leaf, arms, and legs from cardstock.

### PEAR

- 1 Apply lighter ink to pear and darker ink to chevron background.
- 2 Repeat steps 2 and 3 in Apple instructions.
- 3 Stamp mustache and smile, and die cut glasses, leaf, arms, and legs from cardstock.

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: My Favorite Things, Neenah, Recollections; STAMPS: Paper Smooches, Simon Says Stamp; INK: Hero Arts, Stewart Superior, Tsukineko; EMBOSSING POWDER: Hero Arts; GOOGLY EYES: Darice; DIES: Paper Smooches; ADHESIVE: 3M, Ranger Industries, Scor-Pal; OTHER: Patterned paper, coloured pencils

**DESIGN TIP:** Create a simple shape mask using a die. Using a basic mask and ink ensures your elements will all match perfectly!



### love you always BY YANA SMAKULA

- 1 Stamp gingham background on cardstock rectangle.
- 2 Die cut oval from cardstock to create mask. Place mask over stamped panel and ink oval. Remove mask to reveal solid pink oval.
- 3 Adhere stamped panel to card base with foam tape.
- 4 Stamp flowers and leaves on cardstock, die cut, and adhere to card with foam tape.
- 5 Stamp sentiment on cardstock strip, trim, and adhere to card with foam tape.
- 6 Affix Nuvo Drops.

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Neenah; STAMPS: Altenew, Lawn Fawn, Pretty Pink Posh; INK: Altenew, Tsukineko; NUVO DROPS: Tonic; DIES: Altenew, Spellbinders; INK BLENDING TOOL: Ranger Industries; ADHESIVE: Be Creative, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L; OTHER: Fun foam, masking paper



**DESIGN TIP:** Use smaller individual stamps to create your own background. Multi-layer stamps work particularly well for this technique allowing you to add lots of colour and depth.



### oh happy day BY YANA SMAKULA

- 1 Stamp layered flowers on cardstock rectangle to create background image.
- 2 Fill in gaps with tiny floral stamp.
- 3 Adhere stamped panel to card base.
- 4 Stamp sentiment repeatedly on cardstock, trim, and adhere to card with foam tape.

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Neenah; STAMPS: Altenew, Lawn Fawn; INK: Altenew, Tsukineko; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L