

creative cards

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

Do you remember the last time a card arrived in the mail? I have a feeling you do, and that is a feeling that's hard to beat!



i'm here for you

BY LATISHA YOAST

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DESIGN TIPS:

- Consider the recipients' favourite colours and make a card JUST for them.
- Add a frame to the outside of the card for a pretty finishing touch.

OUR FOCUS:

SHARE YOUR HEART

We asked five talented designers to share creative and beautiful ways to design heartfelt cards to send to friends and family to show them that you care. We're pretty sure that you will love the results. Let's look at what they've come up with—prepare to be inspired!

POT OF POSIES

STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Make card from cardstock.
- 2 Secure stencil to workspace over card front and apply ink on card with blending brush. Repeat two times with other stencil layers and add white accents with pen.
- 3 Die cut scalloped border from coral cardstock and adhere to card with foam tape.
- 4 Die cut bowl, stems, and flowers from cardstock.
- 5 Create arrangement in bowl by adhering stems and leaves with liquid adhesive and foam tape and adhere to card front.
- 6 Die cut *friend* from cardstock and adhere to card with foam tape.
- 7 Stamp sentiment with black ink on green cardstock, trim into banner, and adhere with foam tape.

VIRTUAL HUGS



STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Make card from pink cardstock.
- 2 Trim white cardstock panel and emboss stitched hearts onto panel.
- 3 Trim strips of multi-coloured cardstock and adhere to white panel. Adhere panel to card base.
- 4 Die cut *big hugs* shadow from vellum and word from gold cardstock; adhere to each other and onto card.
- 5 Affix enamel dots.

DESIGN TIPS:

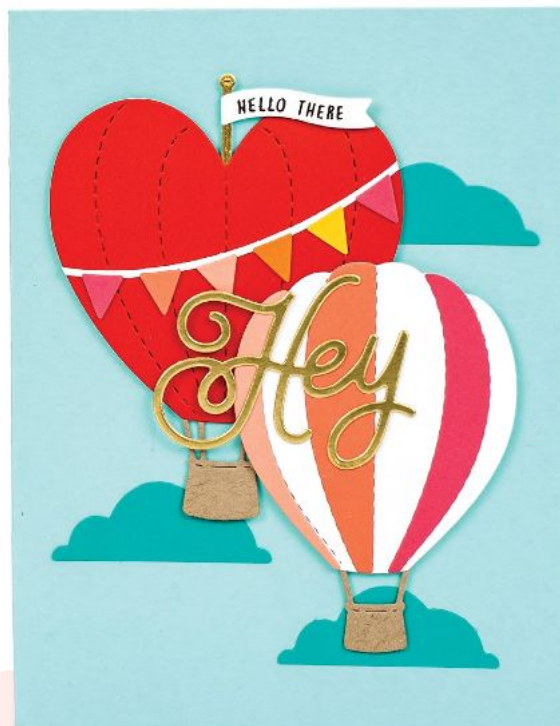
- **Using vellum for the shadow of the sentiment** allows the colours to show through while still highlighting the sentiment itself.
- **If the card design is too large for a standard size envelope** (like this one), use a larger envelope and send some fun treats like stickers, paper clips, or photos to surprise the recipient.

big hugs

BY LAURA BASSEN

supplies CARDSTOCK, DIES, ENAMEL DOTS: Concord & 9th; VELLUM, SPECIALTY CARDSTOCK: Simon Says Stamp; ADHESIVE: Bearly Art, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L

CHEERFUL HOT AIR BALLOONS



STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Make card from aqua cardstock.
- 2 Die cut hot air balloon pieces from various colours of cardstock and assemble with liquid glue; die cut clouds and adhere clouds and balloons to card front.
- 3 Die cut *hey* and flagpole from gold cardstock and adhere.
- 4 Stamp sentiment with black ink on white cardstock and die cut with banner die and adhere.

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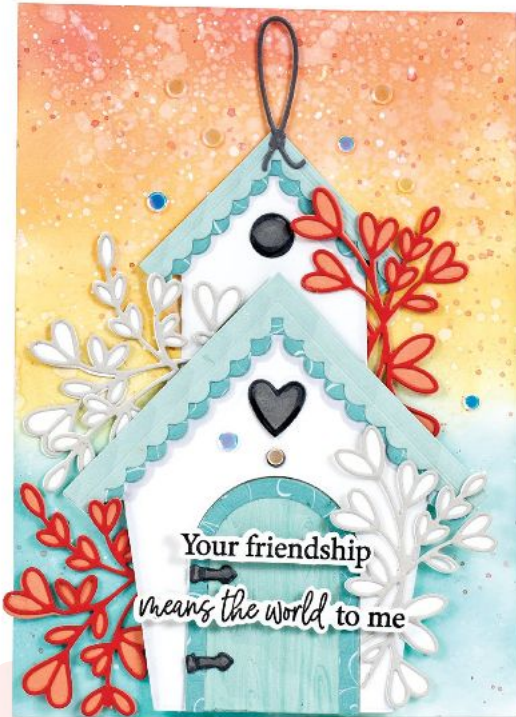
- **Add a personal note with a few bits** of news and/or encouragement. Your thoughtfulness won't go unnoticed!
- **Gather fun colour combinations** by scrolling through Pinterest or Instagram.

hey

BY LAURA BASSEN

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SPRING BIRDHOUSE



STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Make card from cardstock.
- 2 Trim white cardstock panel. Blend three colours of distress ink, splatter with water, and blot with paper towel. Let dry and splatter with white paint.
- 3 Die cut birdhouse and vines from various colours of cardstock. Assemble birdhouse with liquid glue tucking vines in between and behind some layers.
- 4 Add shading to birdhouse with markers and adhere to card panel.
- 5 Stamp sentiment with black ink on white cardstock and die cut with coordinating die. Adhere with foam tape.
- 6 Adhere sequins and adhere panel to card front.

DESIGN TIP:

- **Go BIG and create a 5 x 7 (A7) card!** Sometimes it's fun to switch up your canvas and explore the options of a different size!

your friendship means the world to me

BY BOBBI LEMANSKI

supplies CARDSTOCK: Neenah, Simon Says Stamp, The Stamp Market, Stampin' Up!; PATTERNED PAPER, STAMPS, DIES, SEQUINS: Honey Bee Stamps; INK: Honey Bee Stamps, Ranger; MARKERS: Copic; PAINT: Dr. Ph. Martin's; ADHESIVE: Honey Bee Stamps, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L, Simon Says Stamp

ENVELOPE OF FLOWERS



STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Make A7 card from cardstock.
- 2 Die cut A2 frame from white cardstock and back with gold cardstock. Adhere to card front.
- 3 Stamp and heat emboss image on white cardstock with gold embossing powder. Colour flowers with markers, die cut with coordinating die, and adhere to card front.
- 4 Stamp sentiment in black ink on white cardstock, die cut with coordinating die. Adhere to card front using foam tape where letters do not overlap envelope.
- 5 Create wax seal using candle, wax, and seal stamp on envelope.
- 6 Adhere rhinestones to card front.

DESIGN TIP:

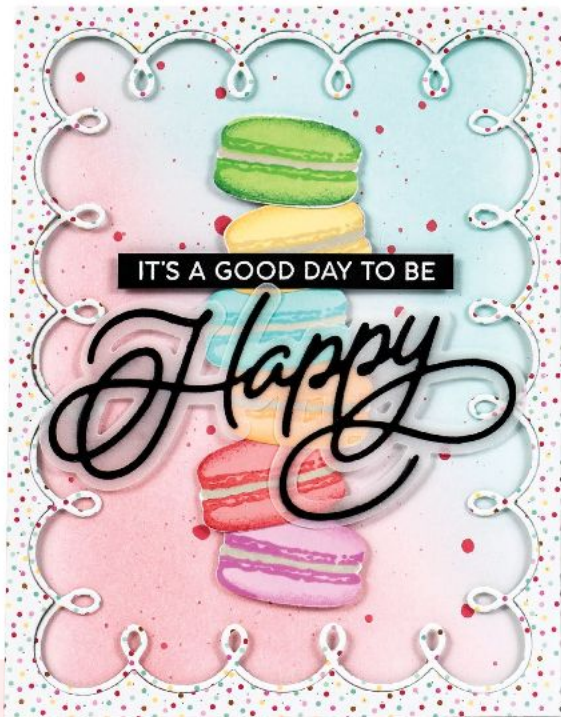
- **If you're timid about doing the wax seal directly** on the card front, create the seal on a mat first, and then attach to the card using glue.

thinking of you

BY BOBBI LEMANSKI

supplies CARDSTOCK: Neenah, Simon Says Stamp, The Stamp Market, Stampin' Up!; STAMPS, INK, DIES, GEMS, WAX MELTS, WAX STAMP: Honey Bee Stamps; MARKERS: Copic; ADHESIVE: Honey Bee Stamps, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L, Simon Says Stamp

STACK OF SWEETS



STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Make card from cardstock; blend pink and blue inks on card base and splatter with pink paint.
- 2 Die cut frame from patterned paper and adhere to card front with foam tape.
- 3 Stamp images in rainbow of hues and die cut with coordinating dies. Stack and adhere macarons with foam tape.
- 4 Die cut *happy* from black and shadow from vellum. Adhere to each other and adhere to card front.
- 5 Stamp and emboss sub-sentiment in white on black cardstock and trim into rectangle; adhere to card front.

DESIGN TIPS:

- Choose images that reflect the interests of the recipient. Hopefully Caly has a friend who loves macarons!
- Delve into your patterned papers and add a quick and colourful frame for your card design.

happy macarons

BY CALY PERSON

supplies CARDSTOCK: Hammermill, Simon Says Stamp; PATTERNED PAPER: Doodlebug Design; VELLUM, EMBOSSING POWDER: Simon Says Stamp; STAMPS, DIES: The Greeter; INK: Simon Says Stamp, Tsukineko; ADHESIVE: Gina K. Designs, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L

ICE CREAM SUNDAES



STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Make card from cardstock. Trim patterned paper panel; adhere to card base.
- 2 Trim white cardstock panel and ink blend very lightly; die cut detail plate and die cut panel with stitched rectangle.
- 3 Stamp, colour with markers, and die cut images, and adhere to panel with foam tape.
- 4 Stamp and emboss sentiment in white on black cardstock and trim into rectangle; adhere to card front with foam tape.

DESIGN TIPS:

- A light ink blend behind the ice cream sundaes adds a slight shadow behind the focal images.
- Use a stitched rectangle die to create a pretty and finished edge.

as sweet as you are

BY CALY PERSON

supplies CARDSTOCK: Hammermill, Simon Says Stamp; PATTERNED PAPER: Doodlebug Design; STAMPS, INK, DIES, EMBOSSING POWDER: Simon Says Stamp; PENS: Copic; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L



SPRING NOSEGAY



STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Make card from cardstock. Trim patterned paper and adhere to card front.
- 2 Die cut scalloped rectangle from aqua cardstock. Trim white panel from cardstock, add decorative stitching, and adhere to scalloped rectangle.
- 3 Stamp, emboss, watercolour, and die cut floral image; add gems to flower centers and adhere to panel.
- 4 Die cut sprigs from vellum and adhere behind floral image.
- 5 Die cut *hello* from navy cardstock and adhere to panel. Stamp *bestie* on panel.
- 6 Adhere completed panel to card base with foam tape.

DESIGN TIP:

- **Make multiples of your card designs!** Laura's cards are similar—she used the same sketch and simply flipped it on its side.

hello, bestie

BY LAURA EVANGELINE

supplies CARDSTOCK: American Crafts, The Stamp Market; PATTERNED PAPER: Echo Park Paper; VELLUM, INK, ADHESIVE: Scrapbook.com; WATERCOLOUR PAPER: LDRS Creative; STAMPS: Scrapbook.com, The Stamp Market; EMBOSSING POWDER: Hero Arts; GEMS: Spellbinders; DIES: Photoplay Paper, Scrapbook.com, The Stamp Market; WATERCOLOUR PAINT: American Crafts

FLORAL BOUQUET



STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Make card from cardstock. Trim patterned paper and adhere to card front.
- 2 Die cut scalloped rectangle from pink cardstock. Trim white panel from cardstock, add decorative stitching, and adhere to scalloped rectangle.
- 3 Stamp, emboss, watercolour, and die cut floral image; add gems to flower centers and adhere to panel.
- 4 Die cut sprigs from vellum and adhere behind floral image.
- 5 Die cut sentiment from navy cardstock and adhere to panel. Adhere completed panel to card base with foam tape.

DESIGN TIPS:

- **Spend creative time for yourself watercolouring** a beautiful floral, and then share your art with a friend!
- **Give your design a decidedly handmade feel** with a little corner stitch.

thinking of you

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