

# card café

Clever and unique cards to create when  
you're short on time. BY MELISSA PHILLIPS

*i* **In need of a card like five minutes ago?!** I've got a few extra fun solutions that are creative but also perfect in a pinch. From watercolour panels to pre-made kits with all of the supplies you need at your fingertips, I promise you'll be inspired. And you'll produce original, handmade cards that will leave your recipient feeling like you've been crafting all day long just for them! Shhh...if you don't tell, I won't either!

## card 1

- 1 Make card from cardstock; round bottom corners. Adhere patterned paper.
- 2 Colour pre-printed panel using coloured pencils, paint, or markers. Adhere strip of paper along bottom.
- 3 Die cut scalloped frame and adhere to panel. Embellish panel with sequins.
- 4 Wrap baker's twine around card and tie in a bow. Knot ends of twine.
- 5 Adhere panel to card with dimensional adhesive.

**TIP: Make a masterpiece in minutes.**

Short on time? Colour an image using watercolour markers or pencils. Don't worry about staying in the lines. Colouring outside the lines is perfectly on trend! You can then easily and very quickly apply water to the coloured areas with a brush to blend, creating a painted effect.

## be kind

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Bazzill Basics; PATTERNED PAPER: Echo Park, My Favorite Things; WATERCOLOUR PANEL: Taylored Expressions; MARKERS: Zig; DIES: My Favorite Things; BAKER'S TWINE: Doodlebug Design; SEQUINS: Simon Says Stamp; PUNCH: EK Success; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L



*the freshest ideas for spring!*

## card 2

- 1 Make card from cardstock. Adhere patterned paper.
- 2 Trim white panel from cardstock and adhere to card.
- 3 Create heart shaker using patterned paper, dies, acetate, sequins, and toppings found in Queen & Co. card kit. Adhere shaker to card.
- 4 Die cut sentiment and adhere to heart.
- 5 Die cut scalloped border and adhere across bottom of card.
- 6 Attach sentiment sticker from kit to the center of a die cut banner and adhere to card using dimensional adhesive. Thread and attach buttons.

**TIP: Save time using a kit.** Card making kits take all of the guess work out of selecting your products. The colours are already coordinated, patterns selected to complement one another, sentiments waiting to be added, and embellishments at the ready. All you need to do is add your own creative touches to the mix!



### hello

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Bazzill Basics; DIES: Papertrey Ink, Your Next Stamp; BUTTONS: My Favorite Things; CARD KIT: Queen & Co.; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L

## card 3

- 1 Make a card from cardstock. Round right corners.
- 2 Adhere patterned paper.
- 3 Round corners of scratcher and adhere to card.
- 4 Adhere stars and buttons using dimensional adhesive.

**TIP: Make it interactive.** Use a fun and pre-made scratcher as the focal point of your card. Your recipient will be so enamored with your interactive design that they won't notice it only took you five minutes to put it all together!

### boy or girl?

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Bazzill Basics; PATTERNED PAPER, BUTTONS, DIE CUT SHAPES, SCRATCHER: Pebbles; PUNCH: EK Success; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L



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