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## dynamic 3D designs

Say goodbye to boring old flat cards and layouts and add dynamic depth with 3D elements! OK, so maybe flat cards and layouts aren't a bad thing, but we're here to give you some fun tips and tricks to create dimensional fun in your papercrafts. I have a feeling your wheels will be turning once you get to the end of this article.

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BY SUSAN R. OPEL

#### layout 1

#### **DESIGN TIP: Flick some paint splotches**

on your background for added texture and whimsy. You can also try this technique on a card project!



## stack and layer paper shapes

Paige gathered patterned papers in yellows, pinks, and blues and used her electronic die cut machine to cut the same flower in six sizes. That's the beauty of cut files: You can make them any size you want! Once she'd cut all the flowers, she layered them up for a floral embellishment with a whole lot of WOW!

**DESIGN TIP: Check out the cool placement of** the key elements of Paige's layout—the little words and phrases make a trail down the middle of the layout with the cutie pie photo a little bit south of dead center. Pop the flowers on either side in a visual triangle, and the big polka dots on either side serve as a place for your eyes to rest.

## soaking up life

BY PAIGE EVANS

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#### card 1



### add lots of texture

#### What makes this card so pretty are the various textures

that Melissa used. Glitter cardstock, corrugated paper, wood veneer, cardstock, and patterned paper leaves add glamour and beauty to this fall greeting.

#### STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Make card from cardstock; adhere patterned paper to card base and round corners.
- 2 Die cut frame from cardstock. Stamp sentiment and images on inner portion of frame. Adhere frame to card base and adhere inner portion with foam tape.
- 3 Die cut various leaves from cardstock, glitter cardstock, patterned paper, and corrugated paper; adhere leaves to frame.
- 4 Adhere wood leaves and affix enamel dots.

DESIGN TIP: Gather all of that texture in one spot so that the design doesn't turn out too fussy.

## fall blessings

BY MELISSA PHILLIPS

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#### card 2



## add lots of layers

Gather lots of goodies that pair well together and layer, layer, layer! There are so many pretty touches on this card. Some coordinating papers, a stamp, a couple of die cuts, and a few stickers layer up to 3D perfection!

#### STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Make card from cardstock. Trim cardstock panel and adhere patterned paper to top portion; adhere panel to card base.
- ② Die cut oval from patterned paper and adhere to card.
- 3 Trim patterned paper strip and adhere. Die cut decorative edge from patterned paper and adhere.
- Stamp spider web on cardstock and die cut into oval; adhere to card with foam tape.
- 6 Layer stickers on oval.
- Adhere sentiment sticker and enamel dots.

## happy halloween

BY MELISSA PHILLIPS

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**DESIGN TIP: Not getting the depth** you want with one foam square? Stack another on top of it for even more height. How many layers will you dare to add?

#### layout 2



## give height with 3D foam

This technique is simple to do on layouts and cards. Pop it up with some foam adhesive! Pop up die cut shapes, photos, whatever you want to give your creations a lift. Pop up a house and add foam to another house on top of that! The shadows add depth to the design just like that.

DESIGN TIP: Crop a photo in a circle and add a beautiful crocheted frame around it to make it both dimensional and a gorgeous focal point.

## all the good things

BY STACY COHEN

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PRODUCT HIGHLIGHT: This combo pack of thin foam squares from Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L is a great product to have in your stash. The two sizes will work for a variety of purposes, and you can trim and stack as needed to reach your 3D desired effect!

#### card 3



### make a 3D card

Three dimensional cards are hot, and boy are they fun to look at! Lawn Fawn makes it easy to create this adorable autumn pop-up card with clever dies that will take the guesswork out of the equation.

**DESIGN TIP: Little stamps are fun for creating box** cards! Colour up a few fall friends and gather them for a fall celebration, 3D-style.

#### STEP-BY-STEP

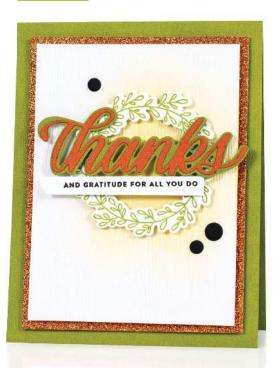
- 1 Die cut yellow cardstock with pop-up die. You'll need two panels to create the box, as well as two insert flaps and flag pieces; assemble and adhere box.
- 2 Die cut patterned paper with pop-up die side pieces; adhere to flaps and sides of box.
- 3 Die cut patterned paper with bunting die, adhere to flag poles, and trim excess.
- 4 Die cut leaves from cardstock and patterned paper and adhere.
- 5 Stamp images on cardstock, colour with markers, and trim; adhere with foam tape.
- 6 Stamp sentiment on cardstock, trim, and adhere.

## happy fall

BY LATISHA YOAST

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#### card 4



#### stack a sentiment

Some sentiment dies come with shadows which add instant depth to your sentiment. Pop it up on an already popped-up wreath for even more depth!

#### STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Make card from cardstock. Trim glitter cardstock into panel.
- 2 Trim slightly smaller rectangle from woodgrain cardstock and apply ink; let dry and adhere to panel.
- 3 Stamp wreath, die cut, and adhere with foam tape.
- 4 Die cut layered thanks with green and orange cardstock; adhere together and adhere to wreath with foam tape.
- 5 Stamp sentiment on cardstock, trim into banner, and adhere with foam tape.
- 6 Adhere enamel dots.
- Adhere panel to card base with foam tape.

## thanks and gratitude

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**DESIGN TIP: Mirror the patterns in** your paper quilt with one large word in the title using the same patterns!



## fold paper to add dimension

Create a fun quilted look with patterned paper, a circle punch, and a bone folder. While this design will take some time, it's a really fun way to create depth on your layouts. Lisa added fun stickers and embellishments in the middle of each "quilt square" to make the layout even more special.

**DESIGN TIP: Dip into your patterned** paper scraps with this technique and create a unique and colourful quilt. Choose a few colour families and go from there.

## junior year

#### BY LISA DICKINSON

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