

# creative cards

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

**Slimline cards are all the rage in the card making world**, and there's a lot of fun ways to switch up your usual A2 designs. Join five incredibly talented designers in this issue's *Creative Cards* column as they share exciting ideas for creating with this intriguing new card size.



## OUR FOCUS:

### SLIMLINE CARDS

Long and lean slimline cards are hot, hot, hot, and we want to use this column to give you ideas so you'll give this fun size a try. These extended canvases can be tricky at first, but once you get the hang of things, you may not want to stop!

## HALLOWEEN SCENE

### STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Die cut patterned paper with large slimline die twice; score and adhere to make card base.
- 2 Die cut purple cardstock with medium slimline die; adhere to card with foam tape.
- 3 Die cut white cardstock with small slimline die; stencil clouds with purple ink and stamp images and sentiment with purple and black inks.
- 4 Die cut grass from patterned paper, ink edges, and die cut with slimline die; adhere to stenciled slimline panel.
- 5 Adhere stickers to panel with foam tape.
- 6 Die cut cloud from patterned paper, die cut again with slimline die, and adhere to panel with foam tape.
- 7 Adhere panel to card front with foam adhesive and tie with twine bow.

### DESIGN TIP:

- **By die cutting the grass and the cloud** with the slimline die, Latisha was able to make the grass the perfect width for the panel.

## ghostly greetings

BY LATISHA YOAST

**supplies** CARDSTOCK, PATTERNED PAPER, STICKERS:

Echo Park Paper; DIES, INK, STAMPS, STENCIL, TRIM: Lawn Fawn; ADHESIVES: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L



## FALLING LEAVES

### STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Make card by die cutting cardstock using slimline dies.
- 2 Stamp leaves on card base with grey ink.
- 3 Die cut white cardstock with slimline die; die cut white leaves and adhere to panel.
- 4 Die cut two leaves, watercolour, and adhere to panel.
- 5 Die cut *fall* from white cardstock and shadow from vellum, adhere to each other and to panel with foam tape.
- 6 Stamp, emboss, and trim sentiment and adhere to panel.
- 7 Adhere sequins to panel; adhere panel to card base.



### DESIGN TIPS:

- By creating a neutral background with grey ink and white-on-white die cut layering, Joe shines the spotlight on his beautifully watercoloured leaves.
- Go with a theme and repeat, repeat, repeat. This tall design with its many leaves creates a sense of wonderful abundance.

## hello fall

BY JOE SYSAVATH

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Neenah; STAMPS: Hero Arts; INK: Ranger Industries; EMBOSSING POWDER, SEQUINS: Michaels; DIES: Honey Bee Stamps, Pinkfresh Studio, Simon Says Stamp; WATER BRUSH PEN: Ecoline; ADHESIVE: 3M, Tombow; OTHER: Vellum

## HORIZONTAL THANKSGIVING

### STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Make card by die cutting cardstock using slimline dies.
- 2 Die cut slimline panel from white cardstock, blend with three ink colours, then stamp and emboss plaid background with white embossing powder.
- 3 Die cut smaller slimline panel from white cardstock; die cut *thankful* repeatedly from white cardstock.
- 4 Colour one *thankful* with ink and adhere all *thankfuls* to panel.
- 5 Die cut branch from brown cardstock and leaves and acorns from white.
- 6 Watercolour leaves and acorns and add details to branch.
- 7 Adhere branch to panel; adhere leaves and acorns to branch.
- 8 Adhere finished panel to card base.

### DESIGN TIPS:

- Use the length of a slimline card to really make a statement like Joe did with this regal branch.
- Purple is an unexpected colour choice for fall, but it adds a richness to the traditional autumn colour palette.

## thankful

BY JOE SYSAVATH

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Neenah; STAMPS: Hero Arts, Honey Bee Stamps; INK: Ranger Industries, Tsukineko; EMBOSSING POWDER: Michaels; MARKERS: Kuretake Zig; DIES: Honey Bee Stamps, Lawn Fawn, Pinkfresh Studio, Simon Says Stamp; WATER BRUSH PEN: Ecoline; ADHESIVE: 3M, Tombow





## FLOATING GHOSTS

### STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Make card from cardstock. Trim slightly smaller rectangle from white cardstock.
- 2 Blend inks onto cardstock and splatter with a pigment powder and water mix.
- 3 Die cut ghosts from glitter cardstock and adhere with foam tape.
- 4 Stamp and emboss *happy* on purple cardstock and trim; adhere.
- 5 Stamp and emboss *Halloween* on pink cardstock; die cut with coordinating die and adhere with foam tape.
- 6 Adhere panel to card base; adhere sequins.



## THREE MAGICAL WITCHES

### STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Make card from cardstock.
- 2 Trim navy cardstock panel; create clouds with white pigment ink and stencil.
- 3 Splatter panel with a pigment powder and water mix.
- 4 Stamp hats on watercolour paper with black ink and heat emboss.
- 5 Watercolour hats with distress inks and a water brush; die cut hats and adhere with foam tape.
- 6 Stamp and emboss sentiments and trim; adhere.
- 7 Adhere panel to card base; adhere sequins.

### DESIGN TIPS:

- **Slimline cards measure 8½ x 3½**, and they are designed to fit inside a regular #10 business-sized envelope. They do not require additional postage.
- **Add interest to an ink-blended background** with splatters and sequins.

## happy halloween

BY AMY RYSAVY

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Gina K. Designs; GLITTER CARDSTOCK, DIES, EMBOSSING POWDER, STAMPS: Simon Says Stamp; INK: Ranger Industries, Simon Says Stamp; SEQUINS: Studio Katia; PIGMENT POWDER: Ranger Industries; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L, Simon Says Stamp

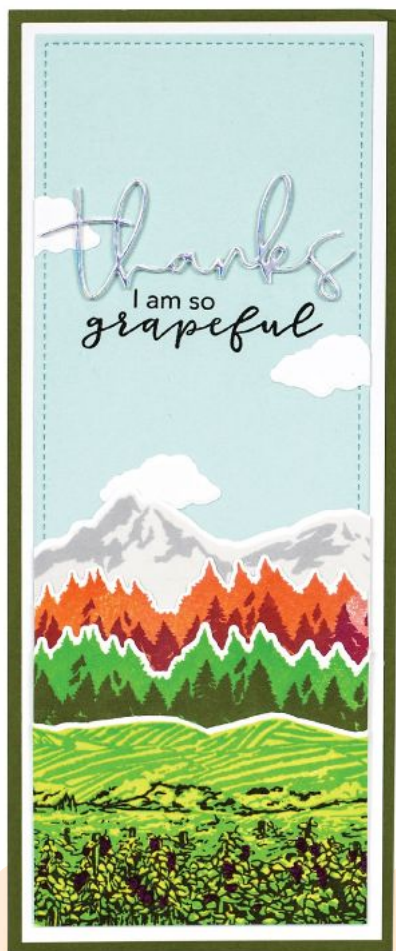
### DESIGN TIPS:

- **The design rules still come into play** in a slimline design. You'll notice that Amy used three fun witches' hats to adhere to the rule of thirds.
- **Amy always rocks the insides of her cards** (and envelopes, too!). Add personality to the entire project by using leftover die cuts or stamp a hat for a special addition.

## a bit of magic

BY AMY RYSAVY

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Gina K. Designs, Simon Says Stamp; WATERCOLOUR PAPER: Ranger Industries; DIES, STAMPS, STENCIL: Simon Says Stamp; INK: Ranger Industries, Simon Says Stamp, Tsukineko; EMBOSSING POWDERS: Simon Says Stamp, Wow!; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L, Simon Says Stamp



#### DESIGN TIPS:

- When creating a vertical card with a landscape scene, use the sky portion of the design for your sentiment. The quiet space allows the sentiment to stand out.
- Use a fine-line liquid glue bottle to adhere intricate sentiments.

### i am so grateful

BY MINDY EGGEN

**supplies** CARDSTOCK, INK, STAMPS: Hero Arts; HOLOGRAPHIC CARDSTOCK: Erin Lee Creative; DIES: Honey Bee Stamps, Lawn Fawn; ADHESIVE: Gina K. Designs, Honey Bee Stamps, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L

#### FALL VINEYARD

##### STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Make card from cardstock. Trim slightly smaller rectangle from white cardstock and adhere to card base.
- 2 Die cut light blue cardstock with slimline die.
- 3 Use various inks to stamp layered images; die cut images and adhere to each other and panel.
- 4 Die cut clouds from white cardstock and adhere; trim excess.
- 5 Stamp sentiment in black ink; die cut *thanks* from holographic cardstock and adhere.
- 6 Adhere panel to card base.



#### AUTUMNAL LANDSCAPE

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#### DESIGN TIPS:

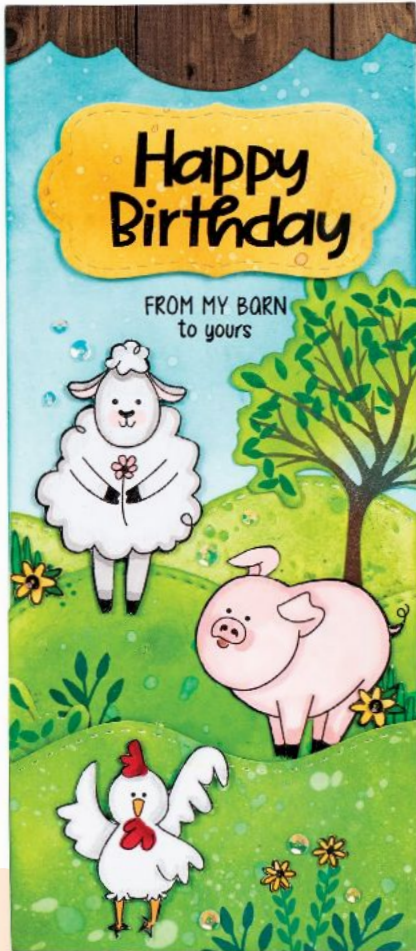
- Seek out dies made specifically for slimline cards. You'll find that many companies are producing dies that make slimline construction easier and prettier, too!
- Situate the focal point to one side or the other for a wonderfully asymmetrically-balanced design.

### thanks to a wonderful friend

BY MINDY EGGEN

**supplies** CARDSTOCK, STAMPS: Hero Arts; HOLOGRAPHIC CARDSTOCK: Erin Lee Creative; INK: Concord & 9th, Hero Arts; DIES: Honey Bee Stamps, Lawn Fawn; ADHESIVE: Gina K. Designs, Honey Bee Stamps, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L

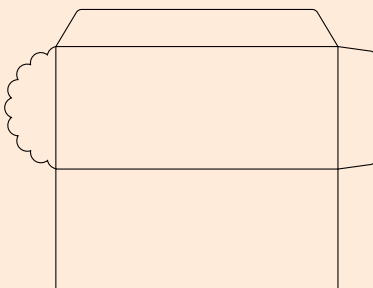




## from my barn to yours

BY CLOSE TO MY HEART

**supplies** CARDSTOCK, PATTERNED PAPER, DIES, ELECTRONIC CUT FILE, INK, MARKERS, SEQUINS, STAMPS, WATERCOLOUR PAINT, WATERCOLOUR PENCILS, ADHESIVE: Close To My Heart



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## BARNYARD GANG

### STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Make card from cardstock.
- 2 Trim white cardstock panel, ink blend, and spritz with water; adhere to card base.
- 3 Die cut scallop from woodgrain patterned paper and adhere.
- 4 Blend green ink on cardstock and spritz with water; die cut hills and adhere using foam tape for some.
- 4 Stamp, colour, and die cut animals, tree, and flowers; adhere using foam tape for some.
- 6 Die cut bracket from yellow cardstock; stamp *happy birthday* and adhere to card with foam tape.
- 7 Stamp sentiment on panel; adhere panel to card base; adhere sequins.



## TROPICAL LANDSCAPE

### STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Make card from cardstock.
- 2 Trim white cardstock panel, ink blend, and spritz with water; tear edge and adhere to card base.
- 3 Die cut leaves and flower from cardstock and adhere to card base.
- 4 Stamp, colour, and die cut images and adhere to card with foam tape.
- 5 Stamp sentiment; die cut *hello* from patterned paper and adhere with foam tape.
- 6 Add details with glitter glue.

### DESIGN TIPS:

- Pay attention to the magnificent design of this card. The monkey hanging in the tree leads the eye to the sentiment and the sentiment to the hibiscus creating stellar balance.
- Don't forget tearing! The white core adds texture and depth when revealed.

## swinging by to say hello

BY CLOSE TO MY HEART

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