

# creating with sketches

Whenever you're stuck in a rut, pull out a sketch, and you'll be designing something you love in no time!

Let these creative sketches for design guide your next creation so you can spend more time enjoying the process and less time determining where to start.



## two for the price of one

Emma submitted these adorable cards based on our winter sketch, and we couldn't wait to share them with our readers!

Emma's cards are the epitome of what makes sketches so versatile. First, she shrank the cards down to A2, and then she made the sketch work for two occasions—winter and Christmas—just by switching up colours, sentiments, and icons. Well done! Challenge yourself to do the same with one or more of the sketches in this column.

## wintry sketch pair

BY EMMA ELIZABETH

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Amazon, Hobbycraft; PATTERNED PAPER, EPHEMERA: Paige Evans for American Crafts; STICKERS: Paige Evans for American Crafts, Tim Holtz; GEMS: The Range; SEQUINS: Cartwright; PUNCHES: Hobbycraft; SEWING MACHINE: Janome; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L, Tonic Studios





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**DESIGN TIP:** If you place a rub-on where you don't want it or it shifts on your cardstock, use an adhesive eraser to remove it!



Check out Mindy's video to learn more about how she created this gorgeous *Hello* card. Watch here: [bit.ly/WI23Mindy](http://bit.ly/WI23Mindy)



### mix up your focal points

Mindy took a decidedly wintry sketch and made one holiday card and another that would work well for spring! For her first card, she substituted the snowflakes for ornaments. Though the ornaments are in different corners, overall, she stuck to the sketch. On her second card, the snowflakes became pretty pink flowers. A simple substitution that makes all the difference!

#### very merry

BY MINDY EGGEN

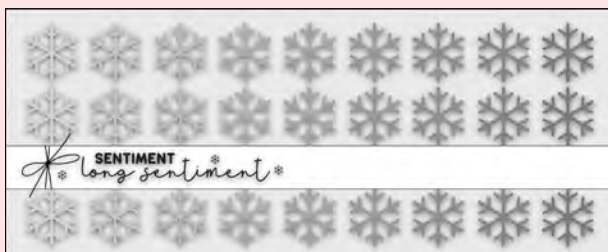
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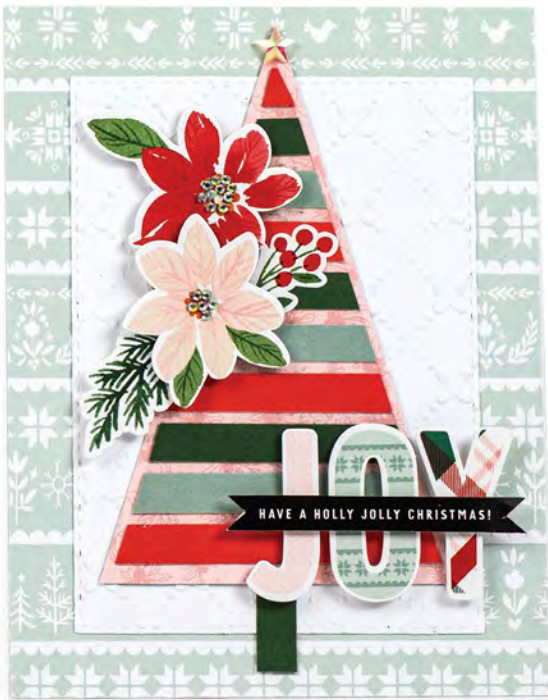
#### hello

BY MINDY EGGEN

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## transition from holiday to valentine's day

**Continuing our theme of stretching our sketches**, Tina Smith created a Christmas card and a Valentine's Day card with our third sketch. For her first card, she was quite literal with the sweet striped tree with some gorgeous additions of pretty florals and dry embossing. On her second card, the big heart almost feels like the tree in the sketch but inverted. This card is decidedly pinker, and we love that! What a gorgeous pair they make side by side.

### joy

BY TINA SMITH

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Spellbinders; PATTERNED PAPER, STICKERS: Carta Bella Paper; ACETATE, EMBOSSING FOLDER: Simon Says Stamp; GEMS: Buttons Galore, Spellbinders; DIES: Art Impressions; ADHESIVE: Bearly Art, Spellbinders

### celebrate you

BY TINA SMITH

**supplies** CARDSTOCK, GEMS: Spellbinders; PATTERNED PAPER, STICKERS: Carta Bella Paper; ACETATE, EMBOSSING FOLDER: Simon Says Stamp; DIES: Art Impressions, Concord & 9th; ADHESIVE: Bearly Art, Spellbinders



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**DESIGN TIP:**

**Brighten up those holiday colours!** Pops of bright pink and chartreuse make for a very fun, surprising Christmas palette.



**DESIGN TIP:**

**Incorporate patterned paper into your card designs.** The tone-on-tone patterns add a subtle visual texture, and the papers as a whole add lovely blocks of colour.



**play with quadrants**

**Our final sketch incorporates lots of lines and four distinct sections.**

For her first card, Allison added a string of Christmas lights to create the strong horizontal line and her festive birdhouse bisects it to make the four quadrants. On her second card, the grass becomes the horizon line in her homey scene, and the house and sidewalk stand in for the vertical line. Such a clever way to approach this sketch!

**christmas wishes**

BY ALLISON FRAZIER

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: My Favorite Things, Neenah, Spellbinders, Taylored Expressions; PATTERNED PAPER: Doodlebug Design; STAMPS: Lawn Fawn; INK: Tsukineko; SEQUINS: Memory Box; DIES: Lawn Fawn, Spellbinders; ADHESIVE: Honey Bee Stamps, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L

**home sweet home**

BY ALLISON FRAZIER

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: My Favorite Things, Neenah, Spellbinders, The Stamp Market; PATTERNED PAPER: Doodlebug Design; STAMPS: Honey Bee Stamps; INK: Tsukineko; EMBOSSING POWDER: Gina K. Designs; SEQUINS: Memory Box; DIES: Honey Bee Stamps, Spellbinders; ADHESIVE: Honey Bee Stamps, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L



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