

creative cards

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

i It's time to shape up and get inventive with your cards! Join five incredibly talented designers as they give you nine adorable shaped cards that are sure to inspire!



DESIGN TIP: When making a shaped card, die cut two identical shapes. On one of the dies, make a score line a ½ inch from the top. Apply adhesive above the score line and adhere to the matching die. If you are using a die where it has a sharp point at the end like a heart, trim just enough so that the card can stand up on its own.

OUR FOCUS: ANYTHING BUT A RECTANGLE

We asked five designers to create cards in a variety of shapes, and boy, did they deliver! Their ideas will have you exploring all the possibilities. Let's see how things shape up!

HAVE A HEART

When it comes to shaped cards, basic shape dies in your stash are a great place to start! Check your dies for large stars, circles, arches, hexagons, etc. With Latisha's tips, you'll be on your way to cards in various shapes and sizes!

DESIGN TIP: One thing to consider is card size. Do you have an envelope that will work? If push comes to shove, it's so cute it doesn't matter! Hand deliver the card or place inside a gift bag without an envelope.

love you

BY LATISHA YOAST

supplies CARDSTOCK, PATTERNED PAPER, STICKERS: Doodlebug Design; DIES: Hero Arts; ADHESIVE: Lawn Fawn, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L



COFFEE, PLEASE

There's a latte to love about this card. One of our partners is The Stamps of Life, and among other things, they are known for their shaped dies. Laura's cute card would be perfect for a teacher or your hairdresser or nail tech or anyone you want to celebrate this Christmas. Add a gift card to a coffee shop, and you've got this gift all wrapped up!

DESIGN TIP: One way to create a shaped card is to fold cardstock in half and line up the shaped die just over the folded edge of the cardstock, so one edge isn't cut. The part of the die that isn't cut becomes your fold. Then, die cut the shape one more time and adhere on top, to hide the folded edge.

DESIGN TIP: Shaped card dies like this one from The Stamps of Life are fancy. They tell you where to line up your fold when it's time to cut.

merry latte christmas

BY LAURA WILLIAMS

supplies CARDSTOCK, EMBOSSING FOLDER, ENAMEL DOTS, STAMPS: Spellbinders; INK: Ranger; DIES: Spellbinders, The Stamps of Life; TRIM: Vivant; ADHESIVE: Bearly Art, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L



GINGERBREAD SWEETNESS

Build a gingerbread house from paper. Here's another cute option from The Stamps of Life—a double decker gingerbread house! This sweet die allows you to decorate your house any way you like and you won't be left with sticky fingers or tempted by piles of tasty candy!

DESIGN TIP: Raid your die cut collection for icons and ornaments to add to your house.

Birds, bows, candies, and evergreen all festoon this house delightfully!

DESIGN TIP: Use your scraps and your "for later use" bin to decorate. It will be a fun challenge!

have a sweet christmas

BY LAURA WILLIAMS

supplies CARDSTOCK, EMBOSSING FOLDER, GLITTER FOAM, STAMPS: Spellbinders; INK: Close To My Heart, Ranger; DIES: Spellbinders, The Stamps of Life; ADHESIVE: Bearly Art, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L



CLOCHER TO FINE?

This card is cloche to perfection. Yes. I'll admit I'm killing it with the puns, but how gorgeous is this? The dreamy background of this card in soft blue gives the illusion of glass, and the gold trim gives it the shine of the real thing. Concord & 9th didn't miss a step when they came up with this beautiful shaped die.

DESIGN TIP: A bow makes everything better for Christmas. Whether it's a two-tone paper bow like Dee's or a pretty silky bow, now's the time to make it pretty and festive with ribbon.

DESIGN TIP: Add greenery and ornaments in colours that match the tree and the bow for a cohesive look to your design.

season's greetings

BY DILAY NACAR

supplies CARDSTOCK: Concord & 9th, Spellbinders; PATTERNED PAPER, STAMPS, DIES: Concord & 9th; ADHESIVE: Gina K. Designs, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L



THIS ORNAMENT CARD IS TREE-READY!

Fashion a card in the shape of an ornament or just make an ornament instead! Dilay's holly jolly design is indeed a card, but this die from Concord & 9th would be perfect for making papercrafted ornaments. You could even branch out into felt, fabric, or foam and add stitching. Homemade holiday goodness right there!

DESIGN TIP: Make a big impact with large format sentiment dies. The cool thing about this card is the shape, and the oversized sentiment makes it simple to finish.

DESIGN TIP: Sparkle and twine along with a few bits of greenery and some white dotted accents make this card extra special.

holly jolly

BY DILAY NACAR

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Check out Mindy's video to learn more about how she created this Season's Greetings card. Watch here: bit.ly/WI23Mindy2



ANGLES LOVE CURVES

There's nothing like the curve of an arch. It marries sharp corners with curves and is such a pleasing sight! Mindy's elegant shaped card looks like a regal stained-glass window and pairs so well with the sophisticated font. Making shaped cards is a breeze when using nested shape dies. You can cut the base with one size and then go down a size or two to create your panel.

DESIGN TIP: Take Mindy's idea and run with it!

Create several versions of this design in different monochromatic colour combinations OR use the whole rainbow to create a pretty church window.

DESIGN TIP: A little bit of shimmer from foil amps up the Christmas sparkle.

season's greetings

BY MINDY EGGEN

supplies CARDSTOCK, INK, POLY GLAZE, STENCILS: Gina K. Designs; STAMPS: Taylored Expressions; DIES: Spellbinders; FOIL: Therm O Web; ADHESIVE: Altenew, Gina K. Designs

OBLONG MAGIC

Give an oblong card a try. It's a pretty and unexpected shape, and it works well for creating a snowy landscape scene. The dark blue margin intensifies the beauty of the ink blended sky.

DESIGN TIP: Make your heat embossed sentiments more prominent by double heat embossing them. This works best if you use a stamp positioner so that you can go back and stamp in the same place to add more embossing powder for dimension.

DESIGN TIP: Try this same shape in a vertical orientation. To allow it to stand up, slice the curve off the back of the card base to make it a straight line. This way the card can lean back on that line and not topple over.

warm wishes

BY MINDY EGGEN

supplies CARDSTOCK, INK: Gina K. Designs; STAMPS: Taylored Expressions; DIES: Gina K. Designs, Lawn Fawn, Spellbinders; ADHESIVE: Altenew, Gina K. Designs



APRON CHARM

Fill an apron pocket with all things cute. Honey Bee Stamps is one of our go-to partners for clever and adorable shaped dies! This apron card that Bobbi created is the epitome of sweetness. I love the versatility, too! With a few tweaks, it could be a grilling apron for Dad or a kitchen apron for your favourite baker!

DESIGN TIP: Get creative and add extra, unexpected detail to your shaped card's design by using elements from other stamp sets like bees, tools, and flower stems.

DESIGN TIP: Size up your envelope to fit any accents or extra pieces that extend beyond the shaped card's edge.

apron full of posies

BY BOBBI LEMANSKI

supplies CARDSTOCK: Neenah, Simon Says Stamp; PATTERNED PAPER, ADHESIVE, DIES, STAMPS: Honey Bee Stamps; INK: Honey Bee Stamps, Ranger; MARKERS: Copic; PEN: Sakura



SPECIAL DELIVERY

"Please, Mr. Postman, look and see/Is there a letter, a letter for me?" The whole point of making cards is to SEND them, right? What better way than to make a card in the shape of a mailbox! This card would quite simply be a day maker for any recipient.

DESIGN TIP: Look at your shaped bases and determine if they can be used for other objects. For example, Bobbi has used this post box die to create a backpack and a VW bus using the same shape. How smart is that?

DESIGN TIP: Add delightful details with enamel dots and patterned papers and use markers to colour coordinate all your elements.

happy mail

BY BOBBI LEMANSKI

supplies CARDSTOCK: Neenah, Simon Says Stamp; PATTERNED PAPER, DIES, STAMPS, INK: Honey Bee Stamps; MARKERS: Copic; PEN: Sakura, Viva Decor; ADHESIVE: Honey Bee Stamps, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L