

# Black Ice Technique for Traditional Wreath Card Tutorial

*From the Traditional Christmas Wreath Card*

*Blog Post of 10-12-2025*

[www.JuliaSuesStamping.com](http://www.JuliaSuesStamping.com)

*Julia Sue's Stamping*  
PASSIONATE ABOUT STAMPING,  
COLORING, CREATING PAPER  
CRAFTS/CARDS AND SHARING THAT  
FUN WITH YOU

Please do not share this tutorial or post this project as  
your own online

All Rights Reserved ©Julia Sager

Julia Sue's Stamping 2025

[www.JuliaSuesStamping.com](http://www.JuliaSuesStamping.com)

Follow me online for more cardmaking ideas and  
inspiration

## Supply List:

- **Cardstock/Paper:** Basic White, Real Red, and Basic Black cardstocks; Peaceful Garden Glimmer Paper
- **Dies & Ink:** Words for the Season Die Cuts; Real Red, Garden Green and Shaded Spruce Classic Stampin' Pads, Memento Tuxedo Black Ink
- **Adhesives & Tools:** Paper Trimmer, Bone Folder, acrylic blocks, Adhesives of choice (glue, tape roller, glue dots), Dimensionals, Cut & Emboss Machine, grid paper (to protect your work surface while using the Black Ice technique), Sponge Daubers, Silicone Sheet (to protect your work surface while adding glue to the die cut pieces), and Crafting Tweezers from the Embossing Additions Tool Kit

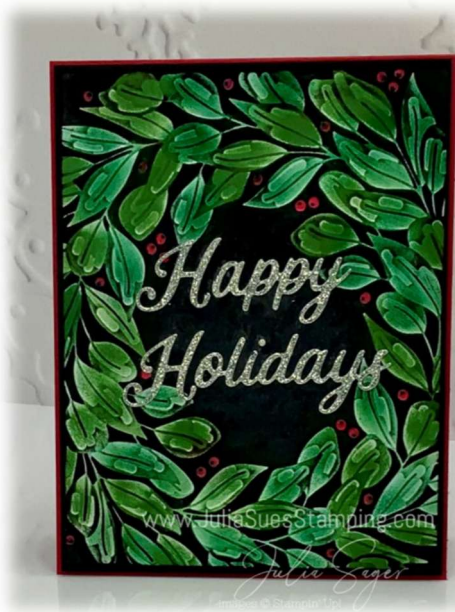


---

## Instructions: (all measurements are in inches)

1. **Prepare the Card Base** - Cut **Real Red** cardstock to **4-1/4" x 11"** and score at **5-1/2"**. Fold along the score line to form a top-folding card base.

2. **Emboss the Wreath Panel** - Cut a piece of **Basic White cardstock** to 4" x 5-1/4". Place it inside the **Traditional Wreath 3D Embossing Folder** and run it through the **Cut & Emboss Machine**.



3. **Create the Black Ice Background** - Remove the embossed cardstock panel from the embossing folder and flip the cardstock to the **debossed side**. Using a **Memento Tuxedo Black ink pad**, lightly but thoroughly swipe or dab ink across the surface to emphasize the recessed design.

4. **Add Color to the Wreath** - Using **Sponge Daubers**, color in the wreath leaves with **Garden Green** and **Shaded Spruce** inks, alternating between the two greens for depth and dimension. Then, carefully apply **Real Red ink** to the berries with another Sponge Dauber.

5. **Mat the Wreath Panel** - Cut **Basic Black cardstock** to 4-1/8" x 5-3/8" and adhere the colored wreath panel on top using **adhesive**.

6. **Assemble the Card Front** - Attach the

matted wreath panel to the **Real Red card base** using **Stampin' Dimensionals** for subtle lift and texture.

7. **Add the Sentiment** - Die cut "Happy Holidays" from **Peaceful Garden Glimmer Paper** (soft green) using the **Words for the Season Dies**. Apply **liquid glue** to the back, using your **Silicone Sheet** to protect your workspace. Use **Crafting Tweezers** to precisely position the sentiment in the center of the wreath.

8. **Finish the Inside** - Cut **Basic White cardstock** to 3-3/4" x 5" and **Basic Black cardstock** to 3-7/8" x 5-1/8". Adhere the white panel to the black mat, then attach this layered piece inside the card for a polished finish.

Follow along with the video: <https://youtube.com/shorts/3GDhY-niqo0>

#### Tips from the Craft Table:

- **Ink Control Matters:** When applying the **Memento Tuxedo Black ink** to the debossed side, use a light touch. You want to cover the surface evenly without pressing so hard that ink pools in the recessed areas. A gentle, gliding motion creates the best "Black Ice" effect.
- **Blend Naturally:** When alternating between **Garden Green** and **Shaded Spruce**, let the two shades overlap slightly. This creates a more natural, layered look for the wreath and gives it depth — just like real greenery!
- **Tame the Glimmer Paper:** Because **Glimmer Paper** has a slick surface, use **liquid glue** sparingly and let it set for about 30 seconds before adhering your sentiment. This helps it grip better and keeps your "Happy Holidays" die cut in perfect place.

# Supply List

Julia Sager

[julia@julasuesstamping.com](mailto:julia@julasuesstamping.com)

[JuliaSuesStamping.com](http://JuliaSuesStamping.com)



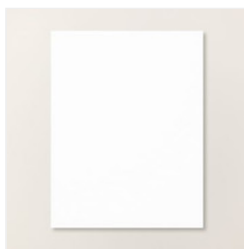
[Traditional Wreath  
3D Embossing  
Folder - 165874](#)

Price: \$11.00



[Words For The  
Season Dies  
\(English\) - 165797](#)

Price: \$32.00



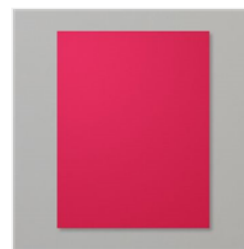
[Basic White 8-1/2"  
X 11" Cardstock -  
166780](#)

Price: \$14.00



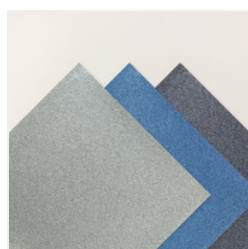
[Basic Black 8-1/2"  
X 11" Cardstock -  
121045](#)

Price: \$14.00



[Real Red 8-1/2" X  
11" Cardstock -  
102482](#)

Price: \$14.00



[Peaceful Garden  
12" X 12" \(30.5 X  
30.5 Cm\) Glimmer  
Paper - 165929](#)

Price: \$10.50



[Shaded Spruce  
Classic Stampin'  
Pad - 147088](#)

Price: \$9.00



[Garden Green  
Classic Stampin'  
Pad - 147089](#)

Price: \$9.00



[Real Red Classic  
Stampin' Pad -  
147084](#)

Price: \$9.00



[Sponge Daubers -  
133773](#)

Price: \$7.50



[Grid Paper -  
130148](#)

Price: \$13.00



[Silicone Craft  
Sheet - 127853](#)

Price: \$6.50



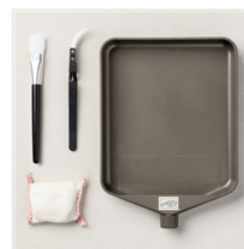
[Paper Trimmer -  
152392](#)

Price: \$28.00



[Bone Folder -  
102300](#)

Price: \$8.00



[Embossing  
Additions Tool Kit -  
159971](#)

Price: \$27.00

# Supply List

Julia Sager

[julia@julasuesstamping.com](mailto:julia@julasuesstamping.com)

[JuliaSuesStamping.com](http://JuliaSuesStamping.com)



[Stampin' Cut &  
Emboss Machine -  
149653](#)

Price: \$140.00



[Multipurpose  
Liquid Glue -  
110755](#)

Price: \$6.00



[Stampin'  
Dimensionals -  
104430](#)

Price: \$4.25



[Stampin' Seal -  
152813](#)

Price: \$8.00