

5 Black Cardstock Techniques Tutorial

*from the 5 Black Cardstock Techniques
for Easy and Dramatic Handmade Cards*

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CARD 1 – Bright Pop Technique

Supplies:

Stamps & Dies - Cutest Crew Stamp Set, Cutest Crew Dies

Cardstock - Basic Black, Basic White, Flirty Flamingo, Granny Apple Green, Azure Afternoon, Poppy Parade

Ink & Coloring - Memento Tuxedo Black Ink, Daffodil Delight Stampin' Blends, Light Pumpkin Pie Stampin' Blends, Granny Apple Green Stampin' Blends

Tools - Paper Trimmer, Bone Folder, Stampin' Cut & Emboss Machine, Scissors

Adhesives - Multipurpose Liquid Glue, Stampin' Seal, Stampin' Dimensionals, Adhesive of choice



Measurements (all in inches)

Basic Black card base: 5 ½ x 8 ½, scored at 4 ¼

Basic Black art panel: 4 x 5 ¼

Bright cardstock strips: 1 x 5 ¼ (4 strips)

Sentiment layer (Basic White): approx. 1 ¼ x 1 ¾

Sentiment mat (Basic Black): 1 ½ x 2

Inside Card (Basic White) 4 x 5 ¼

Instructions

1. Cut Basic Black cardstock to 5 ½ x 8 ½ and score at 4 ¼ to create card base.

2. Cut a 4 x 5 ¼ Basic Black panel for the art layer.
3. Cut four bright cardstock strips to 1 x 5 ¼ or longer if needed.
4. Adhere strips to the black panel, leaving tiny gaps between each strip. Trim excess.
5. Adhere panel to card base using Dimensionals.
6. Stamp birds on Basic White using Memento ink and color with Blends.
7. Die cut birds, adhere to scrap Basic Black, and fussy cut leaving thin black border.
8. Stamp sentiment on Basic White (1 ¼ x 1 ¾), mat with 1 ½ x 2 Basic Black.
9. Adhere sentiment slightly above center.
10. Adhere birds with Dimensionals overlapping sentiment slightly.
11. Add Basic White (4 x 5-1/4) to inside of card. Stamp right bottom corner with bird tracks using Memento Black Ink.

CARD 2 – White Highlighted Embossing

Supplies:

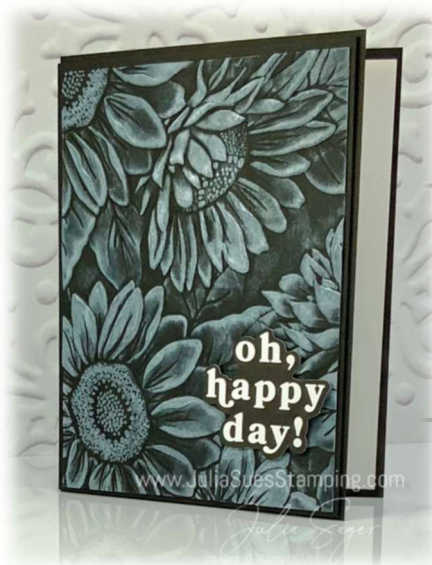
Stamps & Dies - Greetings for All Mix & Match Ephemera

Cardstock - Basic Black, Basic White

Ink - White Craft Ink

Tools - Paper Trimmer, Bone Folder, Stampin' Cut & Emboss Machine, Sunflower 3D Embossing Folder

Adhesives - Multipurpose Liquid Glue, Stampin' Seal, Stampin' Dimensionals, Adhesive of choice



Measurements

Basic Black card base: 5 ½ x 8 ½, scored at 4 ¼

Embossed panel: 3 7/8 x 5 1/8

Basic Black mat: 4 x 5 ¼

Inside Card (Basic White) 4 x 5 ¼

Instructions

1. Cut Basic Black to 5 ½ x 8 ½ and score at 4 ¼.
2. Cut Basic Black panel to 3 7/8 x 5 and emboss with Sunflower 3D folder.
3. Lightly swipe White Craft Ink across raised areas.

4. Allow ink to dry.
5. Adhere embossed panel to mat of 4 x 5 ¼ with liquid glue.
6. Adhere matted embossed panel of card front with Dimensionals.
7. Add sentiment from ephemera pack with Dimensionals.
8. Add Basic White (4 x 5-1/4) to inside of card. Stamp right bottom corner with bird tracks using Memento Black Ink.

CARD 3 – Black Texture Card

Supplies

Stamps & Dies - Lovely Arrangements Dies, Words of Beauty Dies

Cardstock - Basic Black, Basic White, Vellum

Tools - Paper Trimmer, Bone Folder, Stampin' Cut & Emboss Machine, Lovely Stripes 3D Embossing Folder

Adhesives - Multipurpose Liquid Glue, Stampin' Dimensionals, Stampin' Seal, Adhesive of choice

Measurements

Basic Black card base: 4 ¼ x 11, scored at 5 ½

Embossed Basic Black panel: 3 ¾ x 5

Inside Basic White panel: 4 x 5 ¼



Instructions

1. Cut Basic Black to 4 ¼ x 11 and score at 5 ½.
2. Cut Basic Black panel to 3 ¾ x 5 and emboss.
3. Adhere embossed panel to card base.
4. Die cut circle grid from Basic Black and center on panel.
5. Die cut sentiment layers (Black, White, Vellum) and layer together.
6. Die cut leaves from Basic Black and tuck around sentiment.
7. Adhere Basic White 4 x 5 ¼ panel inside. Decorate with additional leaves, if desired.

CARD 4 – Black Mat Technique

Supplies:

Stamps & Dies - Greetings for All Mix & Match Ephemera

Cardstock - Basic White, Basic Black, Splash of Sparkles Designer Series Paper

Tools - Paper Trimmer, Bone Folder



Adhesives - Multipurpose Liquid Glue, Stampin' Dimensionals, Stampin' Seal, Adhesive of choice

Measurements

Basic White card base: 4 ¼ x 11, scored at 5 ½

DSP panel: 3 ¾ x 5

Black mat: 4 x 5 ¼

Inside Basic White panel: 3 ⅞ x 5 ⅞

Inside Black mat: 4 x 5 ¼

DSP strip: ½ x 5 ⅞

Instructions

1. Cut Basic White to 4 ¼ x 11 and score at 5 ½.
2. Adhere DSP (3 ¾ x 5) to 4 x 5 ¼ Basic Black mat.
3. Adhere layered panel to card base.
4. Add sentiment from ephemera pack. Mat if desired.
5. Layer inside Basic White (3 ⅞ x 5 ⅞) onto 4 x 5 ¼ Basic Black.
6. Add DSP strip to inside panel.
7. Adhere inside to card.

CARD 5 – Night Sky Technique

Supplies:

Stamps & Dies - Peaceful View Stamp Set, Greetings for All Mix & Match Ephemera

Cardstock - Basic Black, Basic White, Gorgeous Grape

Ink - White Craft Ink, Azure Afternoon, Gorgeous Grape, Berry Burst, Memento Tuxedo Black

Tools - Paper Trimmer, Bone Folder, Blending Brushes, Sponge, Stamin' Positioner (optional)

Adhesives - Stampin' Dimensionals, Stampin' Seal, Adhesive of choice

Measurements

Basic Black card base: 5 ½ x 8 ½, scored at 4 ¼

Night Sky panel: 3 ¾ x 5

Gorgeous Grape mat: 3 7/8 x 5 1/8 – cut two – one for inside and one for outside of card

Basic White mat: 4 x 5 ¼

Inside panel of Basic White: 3 ¾ x 5

Instructions

1. Cut Basic Black to 5 ½ x 8 ½ and score at 4 ¼.
2. Cut Basic Black panel to 3 ¾ x 5.
3. Sponge White Craft Ink onto panel in random areas with sponge.
4. Blend Azure Afternoon over white areas with Blending Brush.
5. Add Gorgeous Grape and Berry Burst with Blending Brushes for depth.
6. Darken edges lightly if desired.
7. Stamp Peaceful View stamp over art piece in Memento ink using a placement tool (if desired) to better create a dark image.
8. Adhere panel to Gorgeous Grape mat of 3 7/8 x 5 1/8.
9. Adhere matted Basic White mat of 4 x 5 ¼ to card front
10. Adhere matted panel to card front on top of the Basic White with Dimensionals.
11. Add desired sentiment from ephemera pack directly to card front.
12. Add inside Basic White panel (3 ¾ x 5) matted with Gorgeous Grape (3 7/8 x 5 1/8) if desired.



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