Elephant Balloon Stencil Card with Two-Tone Background

A PROJECT FROM OUR LIVE SHOW - CATCH UP WITH SIMON FOR MONDAY MADNESS IN THE HOW TO CRAFT...



ABOUT THIS PROJECT

Create a vibrant birthday card featuring a stencilled balloon background in green and pink, layered with a stamped and watercoloured elephant character holding a customisable balloon. The stencil creates a soft, blended 3D effect that frames the main image beautifully.

From the show: CATCH UP with Simon for MONDAY MADNESS in the How To Craft Network Studios 18th Oct 21
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The project starts: 1:30 into the show
In this guide: 15 steps

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YOU WILL NEED

- 465778 TV - GOSSIP GLITTER CARD 170gsm - Rubelite - 030219a
- 465784 TV - GOSSIP GLITTER CARD 170gsm - Tourmaline - 030219d
- Versafine Ink Pad - Onyx Black - 300921C
- Ranger Stickles - Silver Glitter Glue - TV - 181021Z

STEP BY STEP

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STEP 1 OF 15

Secure a balloon stencil to a glass mat with tape, positioning it level with the bottom edge.

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Tap green mini pigment ink pad onto the left side of each balloon through the stencil, blending lightly for a soft effect.

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Switch to pink ink and apply from the right side of the balloons to create a two-tone gradient blend.

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Carefully lift the stencil to reveal the coloured balloon background panel.

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Trim the stencilled panel to size using scissors or a trimmer.

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STEP 6 OF 15

Mount the stencilled panel onto a glitter card base using glue.

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STEP 7 OF 15

Glue coordinating patterned paper strips to the card base, arranging them to frame the stencilled panel.

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STEP 8 OF 15

Punch fishtail ends onto blue card strips using a banner punch and layer them with foam pads.

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STEP 9 OF 15

Stamp the elephant character onto watercolour paper using black ink, pressing firmly twice for a bold outline.

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STEP 10 OF 15

Watercolour the elephant's body with light grey, then add darker grey for shading and detail.

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STEP 11 OF 15

Paint the elephant's ears in light pink, then add darker pink for depth and dimension.

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STEP 12 OF 15

Colour the balloon in blue, starting light and adding darker blue around the edges to make the sentiment pop.

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STEP 13 OF 15

Paint the elephant's dungarees in soft green to complete the character.

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STEP 14 OF 15

Die-cut the stamped and coloured elephant image using the coordinating large die.

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STEP 15 OF 15

Mount the die-cut elephant onto the card using foam pads for dimension, positioning it as the focal point.

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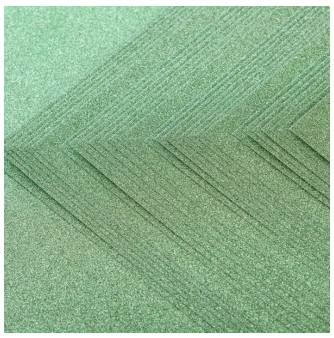
- Use stencils with patterned papers featuring grids or dots to help you centre and position elements accurately.
- You can replace the sentiment in the balloon with a number, photo, or your own custom message to make the card more versatile.
- Don't be heavy-handed with ink when stencilling—light, blended colour creates a more professional, soft effect.

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