Rainbow and Ballerina Watercolour Focal Card

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



ABOUT THIS PROJECT

Create a charming card featuring a stamped rainbow and sitting ballerina character, watercoloured in soft pastels and mounted on a starry embossed background panel. The delicate watercolour work and layered focal images create a whimsical, celebratory card.

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The project starts: 36:45 into the show
In this guide: 13 steps

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YOU WILL NEED

- 465778 TV - GOSSIP GLITTER CARD 170gsm - Rubelite - 030219a
- Versafine Ink Pad - Onyx Black - 300921C

STEP BY STEP

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STEP 1 OF 13

Stamp a rainbow image in black ink onto white card in the top area of your focal panel.

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Stamp the sitting ballerina character in black ink below the rainbow, positioning her to sit on or near a sentiment line.

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Wet the background area around the rainbow with clean water using a watercolour brush.

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Add soft blue watercolour into the wet area around the clouds and stars, allowing the colour to blend naturally.

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Wet the area around the ballerina and add soft blue watercolour to the background.

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Watercolour the rainbow stripes in yellow, green and blue, keeping the colours soft and allowing them to blend slightly.

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Watercolour the ballerina's body in grey, starting with a lighter shade and adding darker grey for shading.

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Paint the ballerina's tutu in soft pink, adding a little darker pink for dimension.

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Add a touch of yellow or gold to small details like flowers or accents if desired.

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Heat-dry the watercoloured panel with a heat gun to ensure it's completely dry before die-cutting.

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Die-cut a hexagonal shape through the rainbow area using a hexagonal die.

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Mount the watercoloured focal panel onto a glitter card layer using glue.

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STEP 13 OF 13

Mount the focal panel onto the embossed starry background card using foam pads for dimension.

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- You don't need to add lots of detail to watercoloured backgrounds—a light wash of colour is enough to break up the white and complement your focal images.
- Let watercolour dry completely before die-cutting to avoid tearing the paper.

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