

Watercolour Background Card with Stamped Figures and Foliage

A PROJECT FROM OUR LIVE SHOW - CREATE AND CRAFT TV - 9 APRIL 2024



ABOUT THIS PROJECT

A beautiful card created using ink blending techniques to build a watercolour-style background, then stamped with reflection-style figures and foliage to create a scenic composition. The technique shows how simple swiping of ink pads can create professional-looking backgrounds.

From the show: Create and Craft TV

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In this guide: 15 steps

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STEP BY STEP

1**STEP 1 OF 15**

Swipe teal ink pad across the card at an angle to start your background.

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2**STEP 2 OF 15**

Turn the card and swipe the ink pad in the opposite direction to build colour.

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3**STEP 3 OF 15**

Layer darker colours on top by dragging a darker ink pad halfway down the card.

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4**STEP 4 OF 15**

Add green tones to the bottom of the card using Evergreen ink pad.

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5**STEP 5 OF 15**

Swipe multiple shades of green across the background to create depth.

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6**STEP 6 OF 15**

Wet the entire background with water using a jumbo foam roller.

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7**STEP 7 OF 15**

Flick water droplets across the wet background to create texture and reaction.

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8**STEP 8 OF 15**

Dry the card completely using a heat gun.

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9**STEP 9 OF 15**

Stamp the reflection-style figures in black ink, positioning them off to one side.

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Stamp the figures a second time to create a solid black design.

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Stamp foliage and greenery around the figures to build a scene.

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Add white gel pen highlights to the figures' left side for light effect.

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Wet a circular area where you want a moon to appear.

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Blot out the water with tissue to create a faux bleaching effect and reveal the moon.

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Dry the card with a heat gun to set the design.

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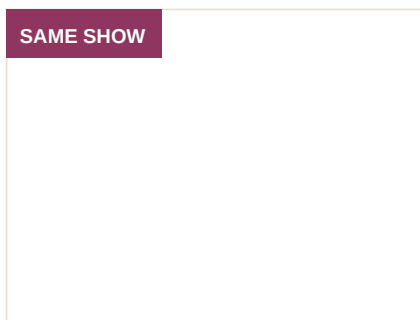
- Enjoy the process and do not worry if it looks like a hot mess at first—it will come together.
- You can use tissue to mop up water instead of a heat gun if you prefer.
- Stick to adding white highlights on one side only to maintain realistic light direction.

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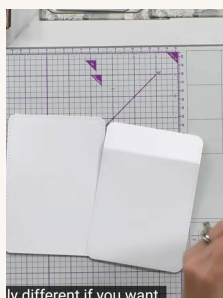
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