

SMOOSH & FOIL CARDS KIT



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THIS KIT INCLUDES

- White cardstock x4
 - Ink pads x3*
 - Spray bottle
 - Acetate sheets x2
 - Hand sanitizer gel
 - Stencil sheet
 - Finger sponges x3
 - Washi tape*
 - Double-sided adhesive shapes x60*
 - Wooden lolly stick
 - Decorative foil*
 - Blank greetings cards and envelopes x4
 - Foam strips x10
- * Designs and colours may vary

YOU WILL NEED

- Paper towels
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Ruler
- A heavy weight e.g. book



1 SET UP

Protect your work surface and fill the spray bottle with water. Use the washi tape to adhere a sheet of white cardstock onto your work surface in a landscape position (to match the format of the blank greetings cards.) Decide where you will place each of the ink colours on the cardstock.



2 SMOOSH INK

Place one sheet of acetate, the inking acetate, onto your work surface. Press the first colour of ink pad 5 times onto this acetate then spray the ink 2-3 times with water. Press the other sheet of acetate, the smooching acetate, onto the ink to pick it up. Gently press, dab and drag the smooching acetate onto the cardstock, controlling where the ink is placed and picking up more ink as desired.



3 CLEAN & REPEAT

Put a little hand sanitizer gel on a paper towel and wipe the ink off the two sheets of acetate. Continue the smooching process until all three colours have been used and the cardstock is covered, blending the colours together. Repeat Steps 1, 2 and 3 with the three remaining sheets of cardstock. Leave to completely dry, keeping them adhered to your work surface.



4 STENCIL SENTIMENT

Centre your chosen sentiment over a sheet of cardstock then stick the stencil sheet to your work surface using washi tape. Put a finger sponge onto your index finger and press it into one of the ink pads until saturated. Gently dab and rub the finger sponge over the sentiment, using a clean sponge for each colour until the sentiment is covered. Carefully remove the tape from the stencil sheet and cardstock, then gently clean the stencil using hand gel and a paper towel. Repeat with the three remaining sheets of cardstock. Leave until completely dry.



5 TRIM & FLATTEN

Use your scissors to trim a 1cm border from around each piece of decorated cardstock. Discard the offcuts. Flatten any warped cardstock by spraying it with water on the non-ink side until slightly damp. Place ink side down on your protected work surface and put a heavy weight on top. Leave overnight.



6 APPLY FOIL

Holding the sheet of double-sided adhesive shapes with the shiny side up, peel and discard the top layer of white backing paper from the first shape. Flip the adhesive sheet over and firmly press the sticky shape in position on a sheet of cardstock. Rub the back of the shape with the lolly stick. Carefully lift off the adhesive sheet, leaving the sticky shape on the cardstock. Press the foil (coloured side up) on top of the sticky shape and firmly rub the foil directly over the shape with your finger. Carefully lift off the foil. Repeat with the three remaining sheets of cardstock.



7 ASSEMBLE

Fold the blank greetings cards along the scored line and place one onto your work surface in a landscape position. Cut the foam strips in half (7.5cm each) to make 20 pieces. Remove 5 from the bottom backing paper and adhere them vertically and evenly onto the back of one piece of cardstock. Peel the top backing papers from the 5 foam strips and stick the cardstock centrally onto the front of the greetings card. Repeat this process to assemble the remaining cards. Step back and admire your creation! Discover more craft kit designs at www.ampersandcrafts.co.uk

IDEAS

- Decorate your envelopes and cards with remaining shapes and foil.
- Trim the corners of your cards into curves.
- Outline your inked sentiments with a black pen.
- Write or stamp "Handmade by..." onto the back of your cards.