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Craft Secrets

Abstract Backgrounds

Add stylish pattern to your cards with a combination of colour and shine

Infusions make beautiful backgrounds on cards and other papercrafts, simply add a touch of metallic spattering and you have a gorgeous combination for a design that would suite any occasion. Infusions are colour particles mixed with walnut crystals. Simply tap some onto your cardstock and mist with water to dissolve the crystals. Use less water to get brighter tones, or a lot for an aged, distressed look. Once your cardstock is totally dry you can add shine with water-spattered gold embossing.

We used...

* Cardstock: white, brown, tan, kraft, green * Infusions, PaperArtsy: Frankly Scarlet, Royal Blood * Stamps, Paperartsy Eclectica ESN25 * Dies, nesting, oval * Patterned paper, Stamperia, Grand Hotel * Ink-pads: green, red, black; embossing * Embossing powder, gold * Heat tool * Stamp positioner * Mister



How to: Make abstract backgrounds

With Love

1 Create a background on card with red Infusions and gold embossing powder. Trim to 8.5cm wide and ink the long edges with embossing ink, then gold-emboss. Make a white card blank, 12.5cm x 16.5cm. Cut patterned paper, 11.5cm wide and gold-emboss the long edges, then glue to the card front. Lay the Infusions background on top.

2 Mount a red strip onto kraft card, then glue to the card centre. Add a gold border sticker. Place the bird



1 Tap a scattering of Infusions onto white card, then lightly mist with water.



2 When dry, flick water over the surface using a paint brush.

collage and sentiment stamp onto the positioner. Use black, green and red inks to stamp onto white card.

3 Leave the stamp and card in place, clean it off, then re-ink with embossing ink. Re-stamp. Remove the card from the positioner and heat emboss. Die-cut the stamped piece into an oval shape. Fix to a tan oval, then layer onto a cream and white oval. Glue to the card front and add a green bow to finish.

Thinking of You

1 Prepare a blank as before, but use a blue Infusions background. Trim a strip of kraft card and mount onto white, then repeat with the kraft card. Trim one short end into a 'V' and add a gold metallic border. Fix to the card front.

2 Place the bird collage stamp on the positioner. Use black and green inks to stamp on white card. Leave the stamp and card in place, clean off, and re-ink with embossing ink. Re-stamp.

3 Remove the card from the stamp positioner and clear-emboss. Die-cut the stamped piece into an oval. Fix to the green oval and layer onto a white one. Glue to the card front to finish. **6**

Colour CLEVER

To make a perfect shaker, remove the liner from the aluminium lid of the Infusions bottle and using an awl, poke a hole in the centre. Replace the lid, then gently tap out the powder



3 Cover immediately with a layer of embossing powder, then tap off the excess.



4 Set the embossing powder straight away by holding the heat tool under the card.

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