YOUR FREE GIFT: heen a STAMP & DIE COLLECTION

Don't get us wrong, we love crafting for Christmas, but at this time of year we start looking ahead to the next few months of all-occasion crafting... another one of our favourite reasons to get creative. So you can only imagine our glee when we got our hands on this issue's gift. The perfect motifs and sentiments for winter and beyond, your Sheena kit is bound to make your greetings really impress.



*Your Sheena Stamp and Die Collection * Cardstock: white, sage green, pale pink, teal, black * Patterned papers: wood effect, red plaid, pale green * Snow Day Clearly Besotted Stencil * Catherine Pooler It's a Boy and Pixie Dust ink pads * Concord & 9th Aqua Sky and Oceanside ink pads * Memento Tuxedo Black ink pad * Tim Holtz Distress Salvaged Patina, Broken China, Twisted Citron, Gathered Twigs, Candied Apple * Hero Arts Unicorn White Pigment * Die-cutting machine * Dies: circles, 'friend' * Warm Wishes sentiment stamp * Alcohol markers * Coloured pencils * Masking paper * Shimmer pen * White acrylic ink * Adhesives * Blending tools * Embellishments: Dew Drops, Gems & Pearls

Mindfulness Mandal DIY Background

Trim patterned paper to measure 12.5cm square. Position onto coloured card and glue onto a square card base. Cut white card to measure 9cm square, layer onto card and attach onto the greeting. Stamp and colour the mandala then cut out. Fix the image onto the panel with foam pads and add gems.

Die-cut the flower several times from various coloured card. Arrange randomly onto white card and glue in place. Mount onto lilac card and glue onto an 11cm x 14cm card base. Add a strip of card across the panel. Add a stamped and layered sentiment on top. Add adhesive gems to each of the flower centres.





A Little Robin

Stamp the robin onto white card with Gathered Twigs ink. Use Candied Apple ink as a paint and add a pop of colour to his breast. Die-cut into an 8cm circle and add a slightly larger ring of wood-effect paper. Cut a 10.5cm piece of red plaid paper and fix to the top of 10.5cm x 13.5cm white card. Add a row of wood-effect paper along the bottom edge cut into scallops. Stamp the sentiment below with Gathered Twigs. Attach the robin centrally to the plaid panel.

As free as a bird

Cut a panel of white card to 10cm x 13cm and stamp the pheasant to the left. Stamp again onto masking paper and cut out. Place over the original image. Cut a wavy edge piece of masking paper and cover the bottom of the panel overlapping the pheasant's feet. Blend Broken China ink from the top of the card, fading to the masked area. Apply white pigment ink to the blended area with the snow stencil. Remove the masks and colour in the pheasant with coloured pencils. Stamp the sentiment in the lower right corner.





Sing your song

Trim a piece of pale green patterned paper to 7cm x 14.5cm. Stamp the robin in black ink at the lower left so it goes off the edges. Stamp the robin sentiment close to the bird. Stamp the sentiment onto white card, die-cut into a 5cm circle then matt onto a slightly larger circle of pale green patterned paper. Add the robin panel onto a 7.5cm x 15cm white blank. Stick the sentiment to the top with foam pads.



Warm Wishes Repeat Background

Stamp the floral mandala onto white card with black ink. Use Twisted Citron and Salvaged Patina inks to paint in the details. Blend the same inks onto an 8.5cm x 11cm panel of white card so the Salvaged Patina is at the top and bottom and the Twisted Citron is in the middle. Spatter with water droplets and allow to dry. Cut the Mandala in half and attach to the panel at the top and bottom. Stamp the sentiment between the two halves. Place onto a 9cm x 11.5cm white blank.

Stamp the blackbird randomly over a piece of white card with blank ink and trim to 10cm square. Matt onto an 11cm square blank covered with sage green card. Stamp the sentiment onto sage green card and cut into a 5cm circle. Add to the lower right corner of the blank with foam pads.

"If you are nervous of colouring in intricate images such as these mandalas, stamp them in a crisp black ink, mask and blend inks to the background. The results are stunning"

COLETTE SMITH, CB DESIGNER

Loved Ones

Layer patterned paper onto card and fix onto a 11cm x 14.5cm card blank. Cut a strip of paper, mount onto card and wrap ribbon around it. Tie a ribbon bow, add a button and glue at the bottom. Die-cut a circle from white card and stamp the robin onto it. Colour with pens, layer onto a scalloped circle and fix in place with foam pads. Add a stamped and layered sentiment.







Simple Inking Flower Power

Stamp the large fancy mandala towards the top of a 9.5cm x 14cm panel of white card. Stamp again onto masking paper, cut out and place over the original image. Blend It's a Boy and Pixie Dust inks over the surface. Spatter white acrylic ink over the surface and allow to dry. Remove the mask and stick the panel onto an 11cm x 14cm white blank. Die-cut 'friend' in black card and fix below the mandala.

Cut purple card to measure 9.5cm x 7.5cm. Stamp the flower randomly all over the piece using a purple ink pad. Glue onto the bottom of a 9.5cm x 13.5cm white card blank. Attach a thin strip of silver mirror card at the top of the purple piece. Stamp, colour and cut out the robin. Stamp the sentiment onto the right side. Attach the robin onto the left side with foam pads.



Teal Trio

Stamp three of the small mandalas (two in Oceanside, one in Aqua Sky) in a row across a landscape panel of 6cm x 13.5cm white card. Stamp the sentiment across the mandalas in black ink. Matt onto a 7cm x 14.5cm piece of teal card then onto a white 7.5cm x 15cm blank.

Stand Out Holly Mandala and Be Proud Stamp the holly mandala onto white like a pale pink alcohol marker to so

Trim a white card blank to create 13.5cm x 11.5cm. Layer patterned papers onto coloured card and glue onto the card base. Draw a frame around white card then layer onto patterned papers and attach onto the card. Stamp, colour and cut out the images. Stamp the sentiment and layer onto card. Attach the images onto the panel with foam pads. Add dew drops to the card.



Stamp the holly mandala onto white card in black ink. Use a pale pink alcohol marker to colour in the areas outside of the leaves and berries. Die-cut into a 10cm circle and position onto a 10.5cm circle of black card. Cover a white 12cm square blank with an 11cm square of pale pink card. Place the circle to the centre. Highlight the berries with a shimmer pen.



A Little Bird Told Me Easy Layering

Position patterned papers onto a 14.5cm square card and wrap ribbon around the middle. Glue the panel onto a card base and add a ribbon bow to the left side. Die-cut a white scalloped circle and fix onto the centre with foam pads. Stamp, colour and cut out the mandala and bird. Attach both onto the card with foam pads. Add a stamped sentiment. Add pearls to the corners and add a button to the bow.

Cover the front panel of a 14.5cm x 10.5cm card blank with patterned paper. Blend beige ink onto white card. Place a stencil over the top and brush with the same ink. Mount onto card and glue onto the card base. Stamp, colour and cut out the pheasant image. Stamp the sentiment then fix the image in place with foam pads. Mount a strip of patterned paper onto card. Stamp the sentiment onto this piece and glue in place. Add three buttons onto the strip and three dew drops onto the panel.



