



Festive Watercolours

Create artistic Christmas greetings that will be treasured forever

Anyone can easily make Helen Fitzjohn's beautiful Christmas cards with watercolour paints and our templates. Traditional colours, foliage stamps and calligraphy sentiments on pure white card create a little luxury for the festive season. You can also mix and match these designs, or add extra embellishment with shimmer pen or metallic inks, to really make them your own.



Helen says...

“Try different combinations of winter stamps around the lettering but keep it simple. Less is more when going for a classy minimal theme”

We used...

- * Card: slightly textured white; red, purple, greyish blue
- * Watercolour paints, * Watercolour brush pen
- * Stamps, Crafters Companion, Festive Foliage * Ink-pads, Versacolor; laurel leaf, misty mauve, cardinal, evergreen
- * Self-adhesive gems * Ribbon * Adhesives

Square Greetings

1 Print the lettering template squares out onto white card. If your printer doesn't take card, print out onto paper and use a lightbox to trace the lettering. Mix a little red watercolour and use the brush pen to add colour to the lettering. Use a purple/red mix for Joy and a green for Seasons Greetings.

2 Print all of the foliage stamps onto scrap paper and cut out.

Lay them out on the card in the desired design, then remove one at a time and stamp; this way you can get the positions correct beforehand. Add watercolour to the stamped images.

3 Trim A4 white card down to 14.5cm x 29cm. On the reverse, measure in 4cm from the left and score vertically, then repeat on the right-hand side. Turn the card over, measure in 7cm from the left and right, and score vertically. Fold the card and stick the watercolour panel in the centre.

4 For the Merry Christmas card, cut 4cm strips of red card and stamp with holly in cardinal ink. Add to the base card and finish with mini gems and a red ribbon bow. To make the Joy greeting, stamp berries onto 4cm purple strips and complete with small stars. Create borders for the Seasons Greetings design by punching mini stars from 4cm strips of blue/grey card. Complete the Merry and Bright card by stamping foliage in cardinal ink on 4cm strips, then decorating with striped ribbon and gems.

Craft smart


Mix different media to find the perfect colour; for this project watercolours were combined with the ink-pad colours and a little water on a plate



Easel Card

1 Colour and stamp the design as before. Print out the Merry and Bright strip from the templates.

2 To make an easel base, trim A4 white card down to 14.5cm x 29.7cm. Measure 4cm then score. From that point measure 13cm and score.

3 Cut white card, 14.5cm x 16.5cm and stick to the 4cm area. Fix the Merry panel to the front and the strip along the bottom. 

Craft Shop



Perfect Pigments
Print your greetings using Tsukineko VersaMark ink-pads in festive shades.
£1.79 each,
createandcraft.com

Winter Green
The Festive Foliage stamp set includes holly, leaves and pine cones.
£4.99, [crafters companion.co.uk](http://crafterscompanion.co.uk)





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Christmas*

Joy to the
World

*Seasons
Greetings*