

Spring Greens

There's nothing quite like pretty florals and fresh die-cutting inspiration to brighten your day

Uplifting colours and floral flourishes make any papercraft project a thing of beauty. Keren Baker has created a collection that takes this to the next level, with a sprigs of greenery and bold yellow blooms. Paired with a thoughtful sentiment, we just know that this handmade delight will bring joy to the recipient.

Craft smart

You don't need many dies to make an impact. Take one or two leaves to make a wreath, a mini bouquet and use the leftovers for the tag!



We used...

* Card: white, turquoise * Paper: Altenew, A Love for Stripes; plain, assorted greens * Dies: Altenew, Parlor Palm Set * Stamps: Altenew, Simple Beauty; Sugar Pea Designs, Everyday Sentiments * Ink-pads: Memento, Tuxedo Black, London Fog * Pens: alcohol markers, blue green, yellow, orange; white gel * Nuvo drops, Tonic Studios, Caribbean Ocean, Daffodil Yellow * Acetate * Embellishments: ribbon; twine * Adhesives

Birthday Blooms

1 Take a white blank, 15cm square, and trim out an acetate frame slightly larger than the card. Die-cut lots of leaves in different greens and arrange several layers, overlapping them and using the lighter colour on the top layer.

2 Trim two widths of striped patterned paper at an angle

and attach onto the card base. Stamp the small flowers in grey ink, colour them and trim out. Arrange onto the wreath with extra leaves using glue and foam pads.

3 Adhere the wreath onto the card. Draw some little black and white pen dots onto the flowers. Stamp the sentiment on a white strip and trim to fit. Add Nuvo drops randomly in two colours onto the card to finish.

Spread Happiness

1 Layer striped paper cut at an angle onto a card blank, 10.5cm x 15cm. Die-cut leaves from different greens, then stamp the small flowers in grey ink, colour in and cut out.

2 Arrange the pieces so it looks like a bouquet. Add some of the flowers using foam pads to give height and dimension.

3 Fix a green twine bow onto the front, and fix to the card. Stamp the sentiment in black ink onto a strip of card and layer on using foam pads.

4 Doodle white and black dots onto the flowers for detail. Add some randomly placed Nuvo drops in two shades around the bouquet to complete the card.



KEREN'S TOP TIPS


- * When using acetate, make a circular frame slightly smaller than the finished width of the wreath so the acetate doesn't show.
- * If you cut striped paper on an angle it changes the look of the paper altogether. Cut strips and alternate the angled stripe and you've created chevrons.
- * When you die-cut leaves, add the dies at an interesting angle so you end up with a piece of negatively cut paper to use on future projects.

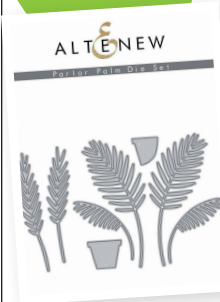
Kind Thoughts

1 Using the leftover paper from die-cutting the leaves, trim a section to fit a tag, 8cm x 13cm. Layer striped paper, cut at an angle and trimmed to fit. Stamp the small flowers out in grey ink, colour in, and trim out.

2 Draw black and white dots to the flowers to add detail. Die-cut a few leaves and arrange with the flowers onto the bottom of the tag.

3 Add Nuvo drops in different spots. Punch a hole in the top of the tag, thread white ribbon through and tie with some green twine.

4 Stamp the sentiment in black ink onto a strip of turquoise card and layer onto the tag using foam pads. 



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