



Stampin' Inspiration - Making & Sending Sympathy Cards

How to create them and what to say in them.

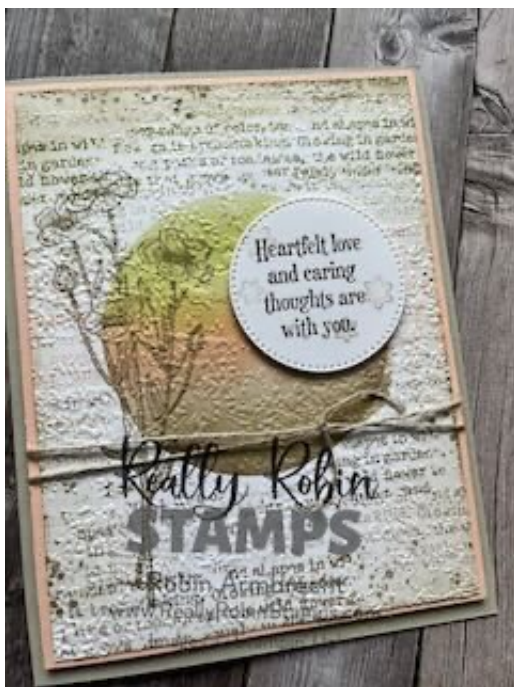
Robin's Tips for Making Sympathy Cards

- Keep it simple and elegant.
- Stay true to your signature design style.
 - If you are a simple stamper, stay simple. If you work outside of your comfort zone you won't feel confident about your design.
- Images of things in nature are always appropriate.
- Use soothing colors and patterns.
 - Monochromatic designs are always soothing.
 - Earth tones pair well with nature images.
 - Soft colors promote peace.
- Focus on the greeting sentiment.

3 Easy Techniques for Stamping Sympathy Cards

Masking Paper and Simple Collage

1. Cut a piece masking paper the same size as the focal point piece of cardstock (4" x 5-1/4"). Using a large punch or die, cut a hole in the middle of the masking paper. Attach the masking paper to the cardstock.
2. Use blending brushes to color in the hole.
3. Stamp images around the edges of the hole overlapping the hole space.
4. Remove the masking paper carefully.
5. Stamp the greeting.
6. Optional: Use an embossing folder to emboss the entire piece of cardstock.



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Distinktive Watercoloring

1. Stamp a Distinktive image onto Fluid 100 Watercolor Paper with Classic Dye ink.
2. Use a Water Painter brush to spread water over the image. If using multiple colors of ink that touch, let each color dry before working right next to a new color unless you want the colors to bleed. Use a cloth or paper towel to blot up excess water.
3. When the watercolor paper is completely dry, stamp any additional images (like the greeting or details) and attach to the card front.



Watermark Background 2 in 1

1. Cut 2 pieces of paper the same size 3-1/2" x 5". One piece is Fluid 100 Watercolor Paper, and the other is Basic White cardstock.
2. Use blending brushes to apply 2-3 colors of classic ink to the piece of watercolor paper. Cover the entire side of this piece with lots of ink. The colors can be blended in lines or circles.
3. Spritz an image (red rubber works better than photopolymer) with water (2-3 spritzes) and press it onto the watercolor paper letting it sit for a few seconds. Lift up the stamp and then immediately press it onto Basic White cardstock. The color lifted off from the watercolor paper will make a lighter second impression on the Basic White.
4. Blot the excess water left behind by on the watercolor paper with a tissue to reveal the beautiful watermark.
5. Continue the process of spritzing, pressing, lifting, repressing, and blotting until you create the background you desire.



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Robin's Tips for Writing Sympathy Messages

- Be yourself.
 - Use your own words
 - Your own handwriting matters
 - Use first person as if you are standing in front of the one grieving "I will miss her, too." instead of "She will be missed."
- Acknowledge the loss and use the decedent's name.
 - Clearly stating that someone has died shows your ability to share in their grief and are willing to be a part of what they are going through.
 - Be as specific as you can in how you will remember their loved one and what they meant to you.
- Share a specific memory that celebrates their life.
 - Share something you appreciate about the decedent.
 - Send a picture if possible.
- Offer practical support in a specific way if feasible.
 - Instead of saying, "if there is anything I can do..." offer something you can actually do and when you can do it.
 - Follow up after a time to offer again or assist in another way.
- Send it even if time has passed.
 - It is more important that the card is ultimately sent than being sent within a given period of time.
 - Consider sending cards on the anniversary of the death or for the first holidays/birthday without the loved one.

Specific Ways to Word Messages and Websites to Get More Information

1. Examples of Sympathy Card Wording: [shutterfly.com](https://www.shutterfly.com) - Sympathy Messages: What To Write In A Sympathy Card.

- "We are deeply sorry about the loss of (name). As you grieve, know that we are remembering and honoring him/her."
- "I'll remember (name) in many positive ways-with a big smile and a great sense of humor, always great with a story."
- "I'm sure your heart is aching. We want you to know that we are here for you if you need anything. Expect us to check in soon."
- "Sorry for your loss. I celebrate the life of (name) and am mourning him/her with you in this trying time."
- "Our hearts go out to you and your family. Although I don't know exactly what to say, I want you to know that I am with you in thought and wish you comfort and peace as you remember (name)."
- "Words can't express the loss of (name). Know that I'm here for you and your family in these difficult times when you need anything."
- "I can't express how much (name) meant to me over the years. He/She always brought so much light into the lives of those around him/her. My condolences to you and your wonderful family."

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2. Easy Sympathy Card Message Template: <https://www.usurnsonline.com/sympathy/what-to-write-in-a-sympathy-card/>

[Name] was a [attribute #1] who [attribute #2]. He/she will be greatly missed.

Attribute #1: Who they were

- Devoted father, mother
- Caring husband, wife
- Wonderful person, friend, co-worker
- Delightful person, friend, co-worker
- Giving person, friend, co-worker
- Lovely person, friend, co-worker
- Thoughtful person, friend, co-worker
- Amazing person, friend, co-worker
- Incredible person, friend, co-worker
- Infectiously joyful person, friend, co-worker
- Compassionate person, friend, co-worker

Attribute #2: What they did

- Had an amazing laugh
- Loved everyone she met
- Always took the time to ____
- Always lit up the room with her smile
- Loved the Lord with all his/her heart
- Lived life to the fullest
- Did things the right way
- Was generous to all
- Had such a giving spirit
- Had such a patient and gentle heart
- Was a true poet at heart
- Could outdo anyone at the (racetrack, basketball court, all-you-can-eat-buffet)
- Knew how to party
- Had such an effect on my life
- Meant so much to me
- Could sing like an angel
- Worked hard yet always had time for family and friends
- Was a scholar and a gentleman
- Always made everyone feel special
- Baked the most amazing cookies
- I was proud to know

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3. 40 meaningful sympathy and condolence message starters:

<https://shop.lovepop.com/blogs/pop-up-cards/meaningful-sympathy-card-messages>

From a family member:

1. I am thankful to have shared memories with _____. I will miss him/her and his/her impact on our family.
2. Our family will not be the same without _____. I hope we can find comfort together during this difficult time.
3. No words will ever do justice to the impact _____ has left on our family.
4. The legacy _____ has left on our family is unmatched by any words that can be written.
5. I will miss _____ and will carry our memories together for the rest of my life.
6. _____ made a difference in so many lives. I am thankful to have been a member of his/her family, learning and growing from him/her.
7. Where lives pass, memories carry on forever.
8. I am saddened to learn of the loss our family has suffered and hope to move through this difficult time together as one.
9. I hope we can celebrate the life _____ lived, remembering the good times we've shared as a family.
10. Our family will forever remain strong together and will share in the journey to finding peace after this difficult loss.

From a colleague:

1. Please know we are thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.
2. We are so lucky to have you as a member of our office and are saddened to hear of your loss. Please know you are in our thoughts.
3. Wishing you peace and comfort during this hard time.
4. We are so sorry to have learned about your loss. We are here for you however needed.
5. The office is with you in your thoughts during this time of healing.
6. We are saddened to learn of the loss you've had, please let us know how we may help you heal.
7. I hope this card finds you surrounded by strength and compassion.
8. Please accept our warmest condolences, we are deeply sorry for your loss.
9. Our hearts are saddened to learn of your loss, please know we are with you.
10. We hope you know we are by your side during this time of sorrow.

From a friend:

1. Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time.
2. Please know you are in our thoughts, and in our hearts.
3. Words fail to express my sorrow for your loss. Please know I am with you through this difficult time.
4. My heart goes out to you and your family.

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5. The joy ____ brought to our lives will not be forgotten.
6. Please know I am here to listen, comfort, and lean on during this difficult time.
7. I hope it brings you comfort to know that I am celebrating the life ____ lived and am thankful for his impact on my life.
8. Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss.
9. Please know we are only a phone call away.
10. Hoping these words will help you find comfort during this time of sorrow.

From all of us:

1. We are deeply sorry for your loss.
2. May you find comfort in knowing you are not alone, you are surrounded by those who care for you.
3. Please remember that we love and care about you and will be here for you always.
4. It was truly a pleasure to have gotten to know ____.
5. We hope this card finds you surrounded by love and compassion.
6. May time help you heal and bring you peace.
7. The loss of a loved one is never easy, but know we are with you through your grief.
8. We are thankful to be a part of your life and hope we can offer comfort and strength during your time of need.
9. We hold you close in our thoughts and hope you know you can lean on us for whatever you may need.
10. Sending you lots of love and comfort, we are so sorry for your loss.

<https://whatsyourgrief.com/how-to-write-a-sympathy-card/> This site has some helpful examples of an entire paragraph of written text for a sympathy message.

What to write in a sympathy card: a definitive guide

<https://www.thepencompany.com/blog/write-a-sympathy-card/>

Sympathy Messages: What to Write in a Sympathy Card: <https://www.myfarewelling.com/article/sympathy-messages-what-to-write-in-a-sympathy-card>

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Product List



Very Best Occasions Cling Stamp Set (English)
[\[159871\]](#)
 \$25.00



Very Best Occasions Bundle (English)
[\[159879\]](#)
 \$41.25



Sending Smiles Bundle (English)
[\[158707\]](#)
 \$49.50



Sending Smiles Photopolymer Stamp Set (English)
[\[158701\]](#)
 \$22.00



Peaceful Moments Cling Stamp Set (English)
[\[151595\]](#)
 \$21.00



Potted Geraniums Bundle (English)
[\[159062\]](#)
 \$51.25



Eden's Garden Cling Stamp Set (English)
[\[157823\]](#)
 \$23.00



Count On Me Cling Stamp Set
[\[155647\]](#)
 \$22.00



Quiet Meadow Cling Stamp Set
[\[155082\]](#)
 \$21.00



Nature's Harvest Bundle (English)
[\[156813\]](#)
 \$53.00



Through It Together Cling Stamp Set (English)
[\[155796\]](#)
 \$22.00



Olive Branch Cling Stamp Set (English)
[\[159033\]](#)
 \$22.00



Hope & Prayer Cling Stamp Set (English)
[\[159009\]](#)
 \$19.00



Inspired Thoughts Cling Stamp Set
[\[155536\]](#)
 \$19.00



Bamboo Beauty Cling Stamp Set
[\[155478\]](#)
 \$21.00



Color & Contour Photopolymer Stamp Set
[\[154994\]](#)
 \$21.00