

Inspiration Sheet - Advanced Stamped Collage Technique

How to use stamped images and mixed media for collage cards.



Advanced Collage Supplies

- Classic Ink Pad colors
- Blending Brushes
- Embossing Paste
- Palette Knives
- Heat Tool
- Embossing Powders
- Versamark™ Ink
- Brayer
- Watercolor Paper
- Decorative Masks (stencils)
- Memento Tuxedo Black ink
- StäzOn® Jet Black Ink
- Stampin Spritzer
- Isopropyl Alcohol
- White Craft Ink
- Water Painters

Advanced Collage Card Dimensions

- 5-1/2" x 8-1/2" card base
- 3-1/2" x 4-3/4" watercolor paper
- 3-5/8" x 4-7/8" Basic Black cardstock
- 4" x 5-1/4" coordinating cardstock (optional)
- White or neutral cardstock for sentiment/focal point
- Torn DSP or Vellum (optional)
- 3"- 4" ribbon layer
- 3 embellishments

Before you dive into advanced collage be familiar with simple collage techniques and layouts.

Advanced Collage Steps

1. Choose Layout

- Determine the area you want to use on the 3-1/2" x 4-3/4" piece of watercolor paper.
- Think about where the focal point piece will be attached at the end of the process
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2. Add Color

- Choose 3-4 ink colors for your collage. Use 2 colors of the same hue, a coordinating color and a complementary color.
- Start with the lightest color of the 2 with the same hue, then the darker of the 2. Add the coordinating color next, and add the complementary color last. As you add the colors to the cardstock use less of each color so that the complementary color will have the smallest amount (just pops of color!).
- Methods of adding color (Choose 1 or 2)
 1. Ink Smooshing with a plastic sheet, ink, and spritzed water
 2. Blending Brush and ink pads
 3. Spritzing color directly
 4. Water Painters
 5. Direct to Paper Technique using ink pads
- When using water and reinker, dry the watercolor paper in between each color addition or technique so the colors don't run together.

3. Add Stamped Images & Backgrounds

- Start with words or background images in one of the background colors of the similar hue. Can stamp in different directions perpendicular to each other.
- Stamp a supporting background image in the coordinating ink color a few times.

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- Stamp an image in black or gray ink (Can be a repeat of an image already stamped or an image that will support the focal point). Words, letters, numbers, and outline images look great.
- Blend ink through a Decorative Mask (stencil) over parts of the collaged background. Use any color.

4. Add 3D Texture (Pick 1 or 2)

- Stamp an image in Versamark Ink and heat emboss with embossing powder. White powder will help add to your “white space”. Black powder will help intensify the colors of your background. Metallic powders will add amazingness.
- Use a Decorative Mask (stencil) and embossing paste/palette knives to apply a pattern on top of the collaged background. Leave the paste white or tint it with a few drops of reinker before spreading it through the mask.
- Use an embossing folder on all or part of the card front
- Add some die cut accents in black or white cardstock as a layer under the focal point.

5. Add Focal Point

- Pop-up and adhere a die cut/punched image and/or a sentiment. This can be a focal point cluster depending on the size of your collaged background.
- If the focal point is “fighting” with the collaged background add some torn DSP or vellum behind it.

6. Accents & Embellishments

- Add a small piece of ribbon around the focal point as a layer or small knot.
- Add 3-5 embellishments to the background.

Tips & Tricks

- If at any time the colors on your background are too intense, you can tone it down by adding white over the top. Use white craft ink, white embossing paste, or white embossing powder.
- Spritzing water droplets over the colored background and immediately blotting off with a paper towel will take some of the color off and add some additional background texture.



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Product List



Water Painters
[151298]



Blending Brushes
[153611]



**Of Art & Texture
Photopolymer
Stamp Set (English)**
[162687]



**Whisper White Craft
Stampin' Pad**
[101731]



**Jet Black StazOn
Ink Pad**
[101406]



**Fluid 100 Watercolor
Paper**
[149612]



Embossing Paste
[141979]



VersaMark Pad
[102283]



Stampin' Spritzer
[126185]



**Artistic Mix
Decorative Masks**
[159178]



**Foursquare
Decorative Masks**
[161285]



Palette Knives
[142808]