

Use our step by step instructions to create this stunning Birds and Flowers Card.

Experience Level: **Intermediate**

You will need:

40980	Foundation Card A4 Coconut White
40071	Foundation Card A4 Black
ARCHBLK	Archival Black Ink Pad
7735M36	Sakura Expressions Aquarel Watercolour Pencils
CSWB	Cosmic Shimmer Waterbrush
CSPEABLKGLU	Cosmic Shimmer Pearl 3D Accents Black
CEMOUNT	Creative Expressions Mounting Foam
CSGLUE	Cosmic Shimmer Dries Clear Glue



Step by Step Instructions

Step 1

Fold white card in half to create your card. Then take the smallest piece of white card and stamp your sentiment using the ink pad and mount onto the smaller black piece to create sentiment and place out of the way.

Next take the small piece of white card remaining and stamp your image at the top and bottom of the card. If you have an antistatic bag remember to wipe over card before stamping to remove any static.

Step 2

I chose to use just reds and greys and a little black. I started with the birds in a light grey and one shade darker for the underside of the bird. Using water colour pencils use water colour card as your paint palette scribbling colour and then picking up with the water brush.



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Step 3

I then moved onto the flowers. If you use the lightest colour of red first and fill in your flowers mainly the bigger ones. This way you can then shade the areas (you can always go darker easier than going lighter this is why I start with a light colour first.

Step 4

Move around the edge of your flowers with a darker colour and blend in with your water brush. If you look at the bottom image I have just started doing this on the larger flower. As you will see in the next picture the shades are coming on well.

Step 5

Then when you are happy do the same technique for the leaves. Colour in the little butterflies with a red of your choice. Take a darker red pencil and colour carefully the really tiny flowers using a fine paintbrush or if you have a watercolour pen with a fine nib that will do the job. I then took a white fine liner pen to just highlight the flowers and leaves this is of course personal choice.

Step 6

Finally mount up your coloured image onto the black card and place onto base card using double sided tape. Use double sided tape to place the small piece of black card onto image and top using mounting tape with the sentiment. Finally place a small black stone or a small drop of chosen pearls in the centre of the larger flowers.