Textured Cherry Blossom Background Card with Watercoloured Characters

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ABOUT THIS PROJECT

A stunning card featuring a layered cherry blossom stencilled background with glitter texture paste, topped with hand-painted Japanese-inspired character heads and a sentiment. The design creates depth and dimension with soft pink tones and shimmering embellishments.

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YOU WILL NEED

- Izink Dye Based Ink Pad 5 X 5CM - Rosee 050821S

STEP BY STEP

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STEP 1 OF 16

Cut a six-inch square of mixed media card (approximately 140 gsm) and place it on a protective board.

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Position the cherry blossom stencil on your card and secure it with tape to prevent slipping.

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Ink the rose-coloured dye-based ink pad and push it into the stencil, working the colour through all the flower areas.

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Deepen the flower heads by applying more colour with a circular motion, and darken the fine lines by pushing colour along the grain.

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Remove the stencil and allow the first layer to dry, creating a soft pink background.

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Reposition the stencil in a different angle and apply purple glitter texture paste using a small spatula, scraping it across the flower areas.

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Ensure all flower heads are covered with the glitter paste and scrape any excess back into the container for reuse.

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Heat-set the glitter paste with a heat gun to speed up drying.

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Stamp the heads of the two Japanese lady characters onto white card using black dye-based ink, ensuring good spacing between them.

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Activate the semi-moist watercolour palette with water and paint the first character's hair with brown, working around the hairline.

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Paint the first character's outfit with vibrant blue watercolour, then add lighter blue to accent bands and pale yellow to highlight dragonflies.

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Paint the second character's hair with brown and her outfit with blue, adding yellow accents to support the Ukraine theme.

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Add skin tone to both characters' faces using the palette's pre-mixed skin tone colour, applying it delicately to the face area.

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Heat-set the watercoloured characters with a heat gun and allow to dry completely.

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STEP 15 OF 16

Cut the card down the centre to separate the two characters, then die-cut each character head using a nesting square die.

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STEP 16 OF 16

Stamp the 'Sending Hope' sentiment onto white card and die-cut it using a smaller nesting square die.

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TIPS FROM THE SHOW

- You don't need much glitter texture paste as it goes quite a long way.
- The glitter paste dries very fast, so work efficiently.
- You can prepare the watercoloured character heads in advance at home and keep them in your stash ready to use.

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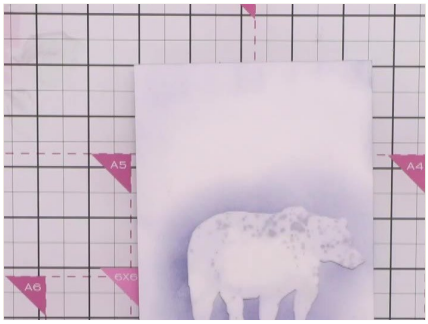

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