Celebration Balloon Cluster Card with Paper-Pieced Elephant

A PROJECT FROM OUR LIVE SHOW - CATCH UP WITH SIMON FOR MONDAY MADNESS IN THE HTCN STUDIO...



ABOUT THIS PROJECT

A vibrant celebration card featuring a paper-pieced elephant standing on a grassy background with a large cluster of coloured balloons floating above. The design uses simple paper layering and white highlights to create dimension and a festive feel.

From the show: CATCH UP with Simon for MONDAY MADNESS in the HTCN studio broadcast 22nd Nov 21
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The project starts: 28:45 into the show
In this guide: 16 steps

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YOU WILL NEED

- Versafine Ink Pad - Onyx Black - 300921C
- Izink Dye Based Ink Pad 5 X 5CM - Cassis 050821Q

STEP BY STEP

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STEP 1 OF 16

Stamp a grass stencil onto your card base using green mini ink pad, brushing the colour through the stencil to create texture.

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STEP 2 OF 16

Stamp a cloud stencil using blue ink pad, positioning clouds at the top of the card to break up the white space.

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Stamp a sentiment onto the card using black ink, positioning it in the bottom corner.

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STEP 4 OF 16

Stamp the elephant character onto grey card stock, then fussy-cut the elephant body from the stamped image.

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STEP 5 OF 16

Stamp the elephant's ears onto pink card and fussy-cut them out.

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STEP 6 OF 16

Stamp the elephant's dungarees onto green card and fussy-cut them out.

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STEP 7 OF 16

Die-cut the elephant shape from grey card, then remove the balloon and string portions that you don't need.

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STEP 8 OF 16

Glue the pink ear pieces onto the grey elephant body, then glue the green dungaree pieces in place to create a paper-pieced character.

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STEP 9 OF 16

Glue the completed paper-pieced elephant onto the card base, positioning it on the grass line.

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STEP 10 OF 16

Die-cut multiple balloon shapes from coloured card scraps using just the balloon portion of the die.

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STEP 11 OF 16

Apply white ink pad highlights to one side of each balloon to create dimension and a light-catching effect.

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STEP 12 OF 16

Add white pen crosshatch marks to the opposite side of each balloon to enhance the three-dimensional appearance.

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STEP 13 OF 16

Glue the first layer of balloons flat to the card at the top, positioning them to extend beyond the card edges.

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STEP 14 OF 16

Attach the second layer of balloons using foam pads to create height and dimension above the first layer.

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STEP 15 OF 16

Glue the final front balloons in place, using foam pads for the topmost ones.

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STEP 16 OF 16

Trim the top corners of the card with scissors to shape it around the balloon cluster for a more polished look.

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TIPS FROM THE SHOW

- Using the die to cut only the balloon portion is a fast way to create multiple balloon shapes.
- Paper piecing with contrasting colours gives a completely different look to a stamp without needing watercolours.
- Shaping the card top around the balloon cluster creates more visual interest than leaving it square.

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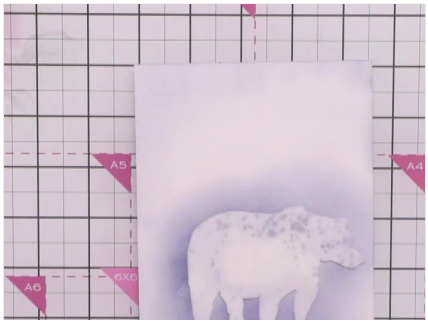
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