

Inky Textured Background Christmas Card

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A contemporary Christmas card featuring a textured background created with acrylic blocks, ink pads, and water spray, layered with a die-cut tree focal point and sentiment. This technique creates depth and visual interest without traditional patterned papers.

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WHAT YOU WILL NEED

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Start with a white 5x7 card blank and a piece of white cardstock to layer on top.
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Ink up an acrylic block with a teal or blue ink pad, applying colour to one side of the block.
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Spray the inked block lightly with water to activate the ink and create texture.

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Press the wet inked block onto your white cardstock at an angle, then lift away to reveal a textured ink impression.

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Repeat the inking, spraying, and pressing process multiple times across the cardstock, varying the placement and leaving gaps between impressions.

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Allow the inked background to dry completely.

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If the background colour is too bright or dominant, use a white ink pad to tap and push back the colour, softening its appearance.

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Cut a strip of craft or kraft cardstock and adhere it vertically down the centre of your inked background as a panel.

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Die-cut or fussy-cut a tree image from one of the Holly and Berry patterned papers.

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Adhere the tree image to your kraft panel, positioning it as the focal point.

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Cut a thin strip of black cardstock and adhere it to one edge of the kraft panel to add definition and make it stand proud.

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Cut out a pre-printed sentiment (such as 'Merry and Bright') and distress the edges slightly.

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Edge the sentiment with a vintage ink pad to soften its appearance.

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Adhere the sentiment to your card, positioning it to complement the tree and overall composition.

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Optional: add small die-cut foliage or filler elements to cover any large areas of the bright background colour.

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Allow all glue to dry before your card is complete.

Watch this step: 1:03:30 into the show

TIPS FROM THE SHOW

- Use a light or vintage-coloured ink pad for your acrylic block technique to avoid overwhelming the design; bright colours may require pushing back with white ink.
- This inky background technique works beautifully with stencils, background stamps, and layering stencils from other collections as well.
- Don't worry if the background looks too dark or busy at first—you can always layer patterned papers, die-cuts, or foliage over it to soften and balance the design.



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