

JND415 Snowflake Squares - by John Lockwood



Instructions compiled by June Smith.

John has created a 'You Tube' video using the new Snowflake Squares die set, dated 21st July 2023. I would advise that you visit it as well as following these instructions through to the end before commencing the project.

Information:

There are 10 dies within the set, 4 which cut the snowflake into your card, then 4 outside cutting dies so you combine with the inside snowflake to cut them out. Then you have 2 connecting dies which you can use to make a corner, as well as lots of other combinations.

Materials:

Cut down an 8" x 8" White top folding card blank to 8" x 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

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Coconut White Card cut to 4" x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Crats Too Graph Template Sheet cut to 4" x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

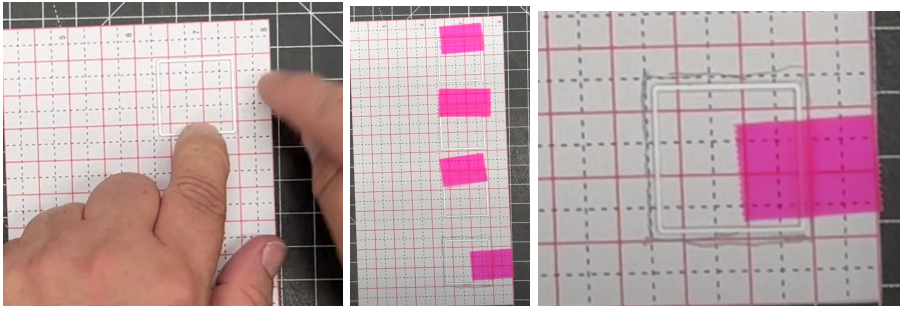
Craft Artist Sapphire Blue Mirror Card cut to 3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (this is $\frac{1}{8}$ " smaller all the way around)

White Pearl Dimension

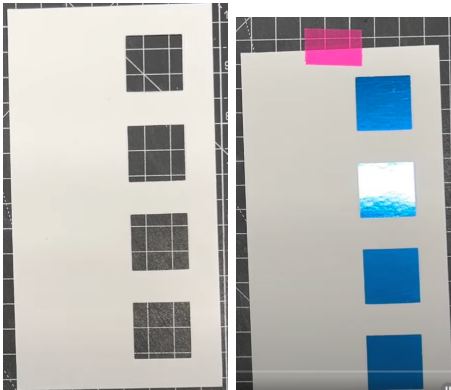
Craft Kit

Method:

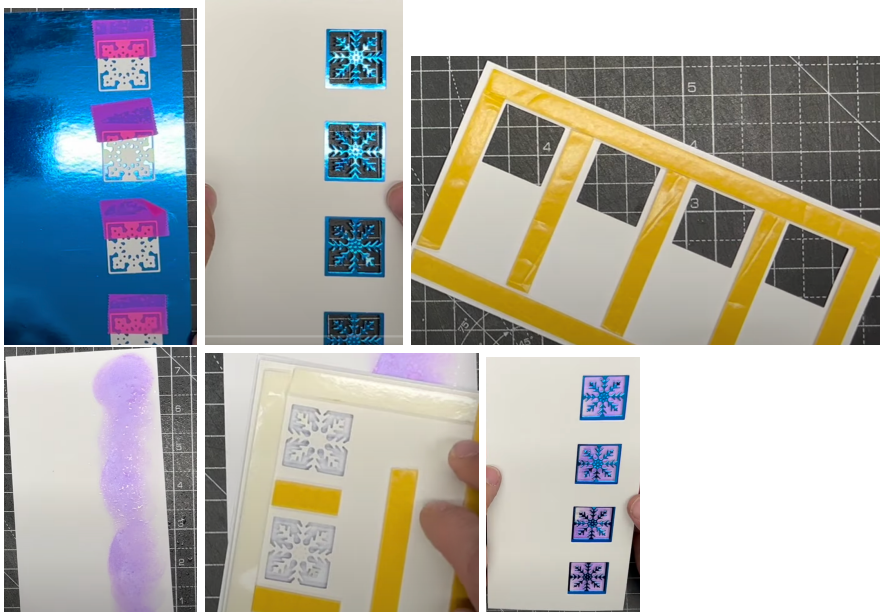
- Place the grid sheet onto the Coconut White card and we are going to add one of the outside square cutting dies from the set, it needs to be $\frac{1}{2}$ " down from the top and $\frac{1}{2}$ " in from the right-hand side, this is why the grid sheets are so useful. We then add the other 3 square dies in place leaving $\frac{1}{2}$ " in between each one, so you end up with 4 equal spacing squares. If you look at the 3rd photo below you will see where John has drawn a pencil line around the square on the grid sheet and the die is sitting squarely in the centre – all the dies should be like that.



- Take both the card and grid sheet, making sure they are equally together, place on your cutting plates and run through your die cutting machine. Then remove the grid sheet and dies from the front and you are left with the white panel with the 4 squares equally cut out.
- Take your cut piece of Sapphire Mirror Card and add this evenly on the back, it should be $\frac{1}{8}$ " smaller all the way around. Keeping the 2 pieces together tape them down with the new low tack tape onto your work surface.



- Take the 4 separate snowflakes and place them centrally into each square and carefully without moving the dies, remove the low tack tape and remove the white panel, you then have the 4 snowflakes in the correct position, take the tape off of the white panel and add them onto the 4 snowflakes, you can always carefully add the white piece over the top to make sure they are still in the right place before running through your die cutting machine. You can then see that when you add the white panel over the top that it fits perfectly.
- Turn your white panel over and add foam tape to the back, see photo below, that way your card won't sag in the middle. Remove the yellow backing and add a little bit of craft artist super tacky glue onto the foam, this stops the static but also allows you to hover over until it is in the correct position before you press it down.
- Add another section of foam tape to the back. Then take another piece of White card which will fit behind the mirror card, and using a dauber onto the Fusion Pearl Violet ink, run this down the side, add a light spray of water onto it and you will see it bleeding onto the violet.



- We can then remove the yellow backing from the foam, add a few dabs of glue onto it to stop the static and add this over the violet piece so you can see it through the blue snowflakes. If you have any card hanging over the edge top and bottom just take your scissors at an angle and trim off the excess.
- Add wet glue to the back of the piece and add this onto the 8" x 4¼" top folding white card.
- Finally adding a little drop of Pearl Dimension onto the centre of each snowflake to pull the white off of the blue.



Your card is then complete. I hope you have enjoyed these instructions.