

JND358 – Oak Leaves – by John Lockwood



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John has created a 'You Tube Video' dated November 2023, using JND358 Oak Leaves, where he demonstrates how to make a card using the dies. I would advise that you visit it as well as following these instructions.

Materials

6" x 6" Top Folding White Card Blank

JND358 Oak Leaves

JND371 Oak Leaf Frame (5)

Presscut Plain Circles – PCD206, or Small Nested Circles PCD232

300gsm Plain White Stamping Card

Gold Fusion Inks - Apple, Berry, Kiwi & Sunfruit, with separate sponge dauber for each colour.

Essential Coconut White Card

Essential Chocolate Card

Essential Tea Card

A5 Die Cutting Machine

2JJs Floral Circle Embossing Folder, or similar

Pinflair Glue Gel

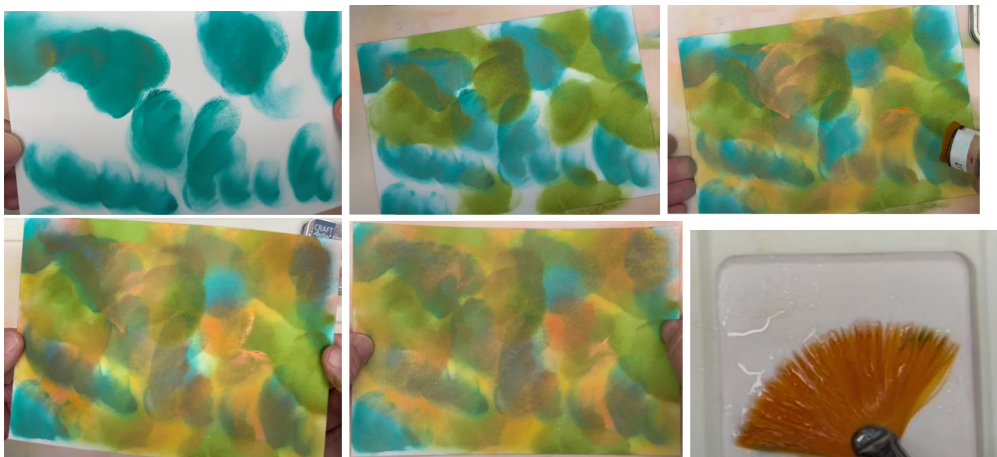
3M Craft Mount Permanent Spray Adhesive

2mm Foam Tape

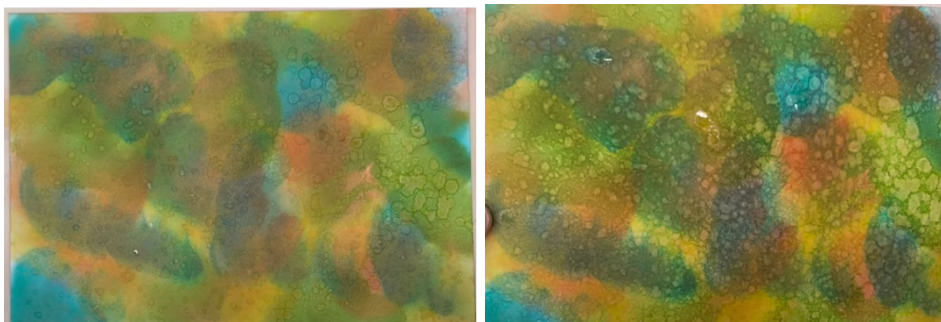
Craft Kit

Method:

- We are going to prepare and make our leaves first, so take your piece of 300gsm white stamping card and begin with the Apple Fusion inks add this to your card randomly, making a mess, as you move the card you can see that beautiful gold fusion coming into play, I will add some photos below of the different stages – John always calls this his ‘ugly paper technique’. Next comes Kiwi, which is a greenish colour, then comes Sunfruit which has a beautiful coppery colour to it, and we are filling in all the white areas with this, and finally Berry, which has the lovey reddish/brownish colour of autumn leaves, finally we go back to the Sunfruit again and just pick up a very little bit and whack/blend that all over the top to blend them all together. we can see plenty of colourful leaves everywhere at the moment.



- The fantastic thing about the Fusion Inks is that we can add water to it, so spray some water onto the well of your media mat, (or similar) then using a fan brush pick up some of the water and flick it all over the design. You can see it bleaching the spots onto the card. You could also fine spray it directly onto the card to get a similar effect.



- John already has a piece he made earlier which has dried, using the same combination of colours.
- We are then going to tape down the leaf die plate onto the card and run it through your die cutting machine. If you look at the die, which is slightly smaller than normal die plates, there are various shaped/designs of leaves all over it. If you are very careful you can get 6 sets of these from a sheet of A4 card. When they come out you get a mixture of solid and shadowed leaves all with a beautiful colour to them. If you wanted to you could lay a shadowed leaf on the top of a solid one to give a completely different look.



Not craft related but I can remember my 3 sons running through all the fallen leaves with their little wellingtons on, can anyone else remember things like this.

- To put these onto our card, we need to cut a piece of white card to 5½" x 5½" and run this through the floral circle embossing folders, or similar.
- Cut 3 circles using some Essential Chocolate card and the Presscut circle dies, either the larger or smaller sets, if you put 2 dies together and cut them out you will get a brown circle, repeat this for 2 others of similar sizes, then if you put them together down the left-hand edge, you get a lovely pattern, reminds me of the rings around a planet, for speed we spray wet glue onto the back and place together on one side onto your card front.



- Starting with the solid larger leaves, fold them over your finger down the centre of the leaf to shape them, then using a cocktail stick or similar add some Pinflair behind and add this onto your design. Then add the shadow leaves sticking out behind the solid ones, going down in size as you fill in the gaps, continue doing this arranging the leaves onto the front of your card. For the really tiny leaves add a bit of Pinflair onto where the join of the triangle is and using a pickup tool, just pick the leaves up and poke into the Pinflair so that they are standing up a bit, or you could add a little bit of Pinflair onto the smallest leaves and still holding the cocktail stick use that to poke the leaf into position.



- Bring in your 6" x 6" top folding card blank, we know that the actual size of the card is 5 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 5 $\frac{7}{8}$ ", so we cut a piece of Chocolate Brown at 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and from the Tea card cut this to 5 $\frac{5}{8}$ " x 5 $\frac{5}{8}$ ". Then using wet glue layer these onto the white card blank.
- Add foam tape to the back of your main piece and add this onto the front card layers.
- Cut out the sentiment from the Oak Leaf Frame set 'Thinking of You' from an offcut of the Chocolate Brown and also the Tea card. Add glue glaze onto the back and offset them slightly so you can see both colours. Then add glue glaze onto the back of these and add inside the middle of your circles.



Your creation is now complete. I hope you have enjoyed these instructions.