JND387 - Shadow Leaves - by John Lockwood



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John has created a 'You Tube Video' dated 2nd November 2023, using JND387 Shadow Leaves, where he demonstrates how to make a card using the dies to make your own stamp. I would advise that you visit it as well as following these instructions.

June's Tips: This applies to any die, place your pieces onto your cutting plate at an angle, this helps to cut the dies in one pass. Also use your glue eraser to remove any unwanted marks.

Information:

The leaves have embossed lines around them which means that you can die cut them, then make your own stamps using funky foam, foil etc. as John has used in this sample. We will be inking and creating a stamp using funky foam to make this card.

Materials

Make a 5½" x 7½" White Card Blank

JND387 Shadow Leaves (8)

JND389 Stitched Flower (1)

Red Funky Foam (cut to A6 size, which is A4 cut in half and then cut the half in half again to make A6)

Coconut White Card

Green Card

Yellow Card

A5 Die Cutting Machine

Versafine Green Ink Pad Sentiment stamp of choice 2mm Foam Tape Craft Kit

Method:

- Cut a piece of A6 Red funky Foam (from the cheap shop), we will only make
 one leaf sprig for this card, but you could add the opposite one onto it and
 make 2 if you wish. Tape it down with the new pink tape and run through your
 die cutting machine, what you get is the sprig cut out and the detailed
 impressions of leaves on it. Spray glue the back, add onto an acrylic block
 which is a fairly older one, if not you can use a plastic lid from a box or
 something like that.
- Using Versafine Green ink pad onto the foam leaves, stamp it once onto a
 41/8" x 61/8" piece of coconut white card, then again slightly over to the right
 which will give you a second generation. Then ink again and repeat the
 opposite way. As spray glue onto the back and adhere onto a 5" x 7" piece of
 green card.



- Then cut another piece of green card to 5" x 1¼". Also, a coconut white piece to 4½" x 1½", onto this stamp your sentiment using the same green VersaFine ink pad. Add spray glue to the back and adhere onto the green strip, then add 2 strips of foam tape onto the back, remove the yellow backing and add across the front of your card.
- Add foam tape to the back of your card, remove the yellow backing and had onto your pre-made White Card Blank.
- From the left-over green card, cut a couple of the smaller leaf sprigs. Also, from Coconut White card and Yellow card cut out the Stitched Flower die.
 Make up one of the flowers using 2 of the die cuts, offsetting them on top of each other, use glue glaze to add the yellow centre onto the flower.
- Then again using glue glaze add the 2 springs in opposite directions onto the left side of the band.

• Finally add wet glue onto the back of the shaped flower and add this onto the middle of the sprigs, you should still be able to read the sentiment.





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