CTJJ243 - Sam's Gingerbread - 4 July 2024 - by John Lockwood



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John has created a 'You Tube Video' dated 3rd July 2024, using CTJJ243 – Sam's Gingerbread Paper Pad, Dies & Stamps, where he demonstrates how to make a card. I would advise that you visit it as well as following these instructions.

Information:

In the stamp set you get all 6 of the Gingerbread people and all 6 of the mini versions as well. You also get the matching dies to cut them out.



Inside the 180gsm paper pad the Gingerbread people have all been hand coloured using Alcohol pens, by Lesley Lakin (see below), then scanned in and created into the paper pad. So that the dies also fit over them perfectly. You get 3 pages of the 12 images in total, plus 3 pages of all the papers, these have been made so that they co-ordinate with lots of the CA Essential Coloured Card, brilliant idea.



Useful Information:

Size in Inches (Height & Width)

A4 = $8\frac{1}{4}$ " x 11 $\frac{11}{16}$ " (or just slightly under 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ ") A5 is A4 folded over in half = 8.3" x 5.8" A6 is A5 folded in half = 5.8" x 4.1" A7 is A5 folded in half = 4.1" x 2.9"

Materials

6" x 8" Top folding White Card Blank (cut down from an 8" x 8") CTJJ243 – Sam's Gingerbread Stamps & Dies CA Essential White Card CA Essential Tea Card A5 Die Cutting Machine JND Christmas Sentiment Stamps (out in July) Press to Impress Stamping Platform Versafine – Onyx Black Ink Pad Versafine – Vintage Sepia Ink Pad Finger Dauber Karen Nash Wax Pencils, or similar White Gel Pen CA Burgundy Spotted Cream Ribbon CA Blue Powertape 6mm 2mm Foam Tape Craft Kit

Method:

On this video John has used white card to stamp out the characters as it will be easier to see how this has been done.

- Cut 2 pieces of White stamping card to A7 which is 4.1" x 2.9", position this into the top left-hand corner of your stamping press and add the stamp with the Santa hat onto it, secure with a couple of magnets. Ink up the stamp Using the Onyx Black Versafine, close the lid and press down, when you open the lid you have the perfectly stamped Santa Gingerbread, repeat on the other piece. Whilst you have your stamping press and ink pad out take one of the JND Christmas Stamps, (out in July) and stamp this onto a piece of the Beige spotted paper. Matt and layer this onto a piece of the Burgundy card.
- We now want to cut this out and John is showing a couple of ways to do this. 1) Position the die over the image so that you cannot see any white around the image, if you can then it is in the wrong place, tape this down and run through your die cutting machine. 2) Take the other stamped image and this time take the waste from the first one and tape this down over the top of the stamped image, it should fit over perfectly because you cut both pieces to the same size. Take your die and slot it back over the stamp and cut out both pieces together. You will see that it has cut perfectly, keep the die cut frames

- as you can use them again. If you die cut it first and then try to stamp over it, you will find that it is much harder to do, so it is not recommended.
- You need to repeat this process twice more, using different stamps, see photo below, colouring them using the same pencils and white gel pen.

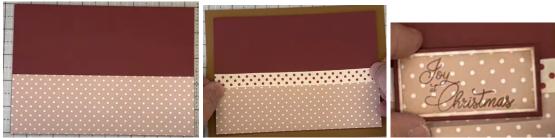


- We are now going to colour the image; John is using Karen Nash Pigment Wax Pencils but of course you can use whatever ones you have to hand.
 - Red pencil colour his hat and bow tie.
 - White pencil colour the fur round the bottom of his hat, eyes, mouth, the button underneath his bow tie, over the squiggly lines of his hands, legs, and waist.
 - o Peachy colour, add over his cheeks.
 - White Gel Pen you will see some dots on the stamp, just add a white gel dot over them, also one in both eyes to give it dimension and finally the bobble at the end of his hat.
- Bring in your Versafine Vintage Sepia and a finger dauber and holding the image in your hand at an angle just add the dauber over the edge all the way around, this makes it look like it has been baked in the over, so the end of the biscuit gets a little bit darker.



- Cut a piece of the Burgundy card to 5" x 7". Cut a 2" deep strip of the Beige
 paper and add wet glue onto the back and adhere onto the bottom edge of the
 card.
- Cut a piece of the CA Burgundy Spotted Cream ribbon, or similar colouring, and add a strip of blue powertape along the back. Remove the blue backing

and add this along the centre join of your card and using scissors trim off the excess, because you have used powertape to secure it this stops the ribbon from fraying.



- Bring in your 6" x 8" Top folding card blank and cover this with a 6" x 8" piece of Tea card. Then remove the foam tape covering from the main piece and add onto your card base.
- Take the stamped Sentiment piece and add foam tape onto the back, then adhere this on the right-hand side over the ribbon.
- Add foam tape to the back of the 3 Gingerbread people and add these randomly onto your card.



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