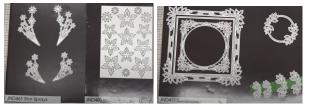
JND461 – Star Sprays (also using JND480 Ice Flower & JND477 Sams Holly Frame) – 22nd August 2024 - by John Lockwood



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John has created a 'You Tube' video using the above-mentioned dies, dated 22nd August 2024, I have incorporated these in this set of Instructions. I would advise that you visit them as well as following these instructions through to the end before commencing the project.

Information:



The Star Sprays have beautiful flowers on the ends, the actual star that it is based on actually came from the Safflower, it also matches the middle of the Ice Flower. You can also use these as foliage for anything non-Christmas. There is a lot of cutting out to do so please read through the instructions to see what can be pre-cut out, stamped, or need pearl dimension added onto them as these will need to be left for 24 hours to dry.

Materials:

8" x 8" Top Folding White Card Blank JND461 Star Sprays (4) JND480 Ice Flower Die JND477 Sams Holly Frame (8) JND452 Infinity Embossing Folder Gold Mirror Card New Satin Gold Card Coconut White Card CA Pearl Dimension A4 Die Cutting Machine 2mm Foam Tape Craft Kit

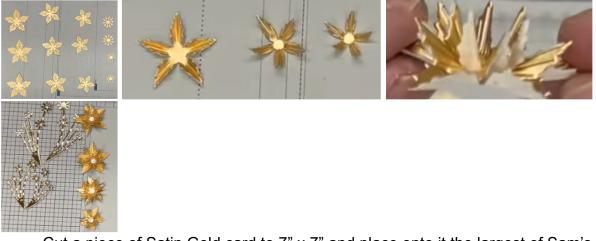
Method:

Tape down the star spray dies face down onto a piece of $5\frac{3}{4}$ " x $4\frac{1}{8}$ " Gold • Mirror card and run through your die cutting machine. As these are really delicate don't pull them out but gently ease them out by holding the bottom of the spray and ease them from the die, you could use a pokey tool to help with this as well. You should have 2 large and 2 small, facing left and right. You will notice on each spray that there are little dots down each spray these have been designed so you could add some of the CA Pearl Dimension onto them. Tip: If you are using mirror card do the pearl drops slightly smaller than you would normally because on any make of mirror card they do spread out. They will be touch dry in an hour and fully dry in 24 hours, so it is a good idea to take your A4 Gold Mirror card and cut it in half down the long edge, then cut each of the 2 pieces in half again, so you get four $5\frac{3}{4}$ " x $4\frac{1}{8}$ " pieces which are ideal for your cutting die plates as well. Cut the dies out 4 times, don't forget to ease the sprays out from the dies carefully, then add the Pearl Dimension and leave to dry overnight. Store them in a box until you are ready to use them. This size of card when cut in 4 is also ideal for most of the plates that John has designed. The sprays at the end of the photo have been left to dry overnight, they are so elegant.

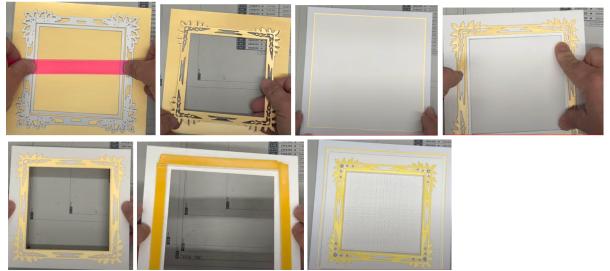


- Cut a piece of the New Satin Gold card in 4 (see above measurements) then cut out the Ice Flower plate, place the dies onto your table, you should have 3 large, 3 medium, 3 small flowers and also 2 star centres and 3 smaller star centres. Take a large one in one hand and with the other hand using your fingers to fold down each petal, they have cut lines in them, so it is easy to do. Then take the next size down and repeat this but when you fold them down fold the petal upwards as well, repeat the same for the 2 smaller ones. Then bring in your moulding mat and ball tool, take the 2 star centres and go around the middle with your ball tool to shape them. Bring in your glue glaze and add a dab onto the middle of the largest flower, offset the next size down onto it and use your ball tool to hold it in place the sides will pop up, it only takes a few seconds but remember you are on mirror or satin card. Repeat to add the 3rd flower and again use your smallest ball tool to hold it in place, yes the sides will come up as well see the photo below. Finally add another dab of glue glaze to the centre of the flower and use your pick up tool or a pair of tweezers to pick this up and press into the middle of the flower. You could add some of the Pearl dimension or a small white pearl into the centre.
- We are then going to make the next one in the same way but just using the large petal folded down and next size down pinching the petals up. Use Glue Glaze to adhere the 2 flowers together. Repeat the same way for the next size down flower. You should end up with 1 flower with 3 layers, 1 with 2

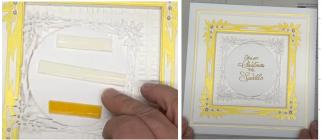
layers, then 2 with 2 smaller layers on each. Then add the Pearl Dimension into each flower and put aside to dry. John has already pre made the flowers.



- Cut a piece of Satin Gold card to 7" x 7" and place onto it the largest of Sam's Holly Frame into the middle and take a long piece of removeable tape and pick up the square that goes inside the frame, use the handles to get the square into the correct position and press down, that way you have got the dies even, run that through your die cutting machine. You get the waste, which we will use, and the frame.
- Cut a piece of Coconut White card slightly smaller at 6⁷/₈" x 6⁷/₈", and glue this onto the waste gold satin piece that we cut the frame out of. Then adhere this onto your 8" x 8" top folding white card blank.
- Cut a piece to Coconut White card to 7" x 7", bring in the satin gold frame and using spray glue onto the back adhere the frame into the middle of it, then take the square die that fits onto the inside of the frame and run this through your die cutting machine. Add 2 layers of 2mm foam tape onto the back near to the square.
- Take the waste Coconut white piece left over from the inside of the card and run this through the Infinity Embossing Folder. Remove the yellow pieces from the foam tape and add the embossed piece behind it.
- Then add all of them onto your prepared card blank. John has also added some of the Pearl Dimension onto the 4 corners.



• From another waste piece of Coconut white card, cut out the inner frame but not the circle frame die that goes with it, we then have the frame with a white circle in the middle. John has already stamped, and heat embossed the sentiment in gold, it is a stamp set that was released this year. Turn the fame over and add 3 separate pieces of foam tape onto the back, remove the yellow backing and adhere the frame onto the inside embossed piece.



• We can now use wet glue to add and decorate the front of the card with our foliage and flowers. When your turn over the star sprays, add a bit of wet glue on the stem and some little bits on the circles and stars then add onto your card. You may have to press down to adhere the gold sprays, but it is only seconds just to make sure they are stuck. The large left and right sprays will go onto the bottom left of the stamped circle and the smaller sprays will go in the opposite top right corner.



• Finally add wet glue onto the back of the large triple Ice Flower and add this onto the join of the smaller spray and the remain 3 ice flower will go on the bottom left large sprays.



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