

# Designs with a **difference**

## Fan-tastic cards!

This regular new section is going to look at card designs with a difference. We'll be looking at how to design more unusual cards whether it's the actual cover design, shape of the cards or the way they open. This month we look at fan shaped cards.

### SOURCE

All the materials used in this project are available from good craft stores including Grosvenor House Papers, Kendal, Cumbria, telephone 01539 726161.

### Creating the templates

Trace the relevant fan segment pattern onto thin card and carefully cut out with a craft knife. You will be using the negative as your template (like a stencil) so discard the inner section.

### Fairy fan card

**1** Ink up the fairy stamp with the Brilliance twilight inepad and stamp nine times onto thin white card. Do not drag the inepad across the stamp or this may contaminate the colours. Use the heat gun to set the images, then lightly colour the fairies using Marvy Le Plume pens.

**2** Place the fan segment template 1 over one of the fairies - you will not be able to fit the entire image, but this is fine! Now take the clear embossing pen and carefully draw around the template. Working quickly,

cover with silver embossing powder, shake off excess and heat to set. Repeat with the remaining eight fairies.

**3** Cut out each of the fairy fan segments, being careful not to cut into the embossed edges as this may crack the surface. Now punch a hole in the centre of the round base of each piece using the eyelet cutter. Secure the eyelet into one of these using the settling tool.

**4** Place the segment with the eyelet upside down on your work surface and position another (also upside down) slightly to the right but with the holes matching up.

### Hints & Tips

● You can create many versions of the basic fan by alternating the shape of the top segment - experiment.

● Use your existing stamps to make these segments - floral or word stamps would work really well. Try various decorative papers as well.

● Try punching out small shapes in the tip of each segment for a more lacy effect.

Secure with a small piece of tape. Add a third segment, positioning this slightly right of the second one, again, matching up the holes. Continue in this way until all nine segments are in place. Thread the end of the tassel through the holes to secure.

**5** Ink up the Fairy Script stamp with purple Stazon ink and apply to the lilac vellum. Re-ink and stamp again next to the first image, then stamp twice more above the first two. Use the heat gun to gently set the ink. Tear, or cut a piece of the stamped areas to about 5 x 5in. Use the eyelet tools to secure the vellum to the front of the card blank with a lilac snap in each corner.

**6** Place 3D foam squares onto the reverse of the fan, ensuring that you use enough to give stability. Remove the backings and stick the fan in place over the vellum. Use a little double-sided tape or a glue dot to hold the tassel in the desired position.

### Burgundy fan card

**1** This time you will be using decorative paper to create the fan. Choose a piece of thick paper from the Jewel Cardmakers pack and place the fan template 2 over it, with the patterned side up. Now use the embossing pen to draw around the fan shape and then draw some simple swirls within the shape. Emboss with gold powder. Create eight more segments in this way and cut each one out.

**2** Make a small cut in the round base of each piece and line up all the segments as before. Place a gold pinwheel onto a gold brad and push this through the segments, opening it out at the back - there will only be a little of the brad showing at the back, but it will be enough to keep the fan secure. Attach the tassel by looping round the pinwheel.

**3** Use the embossing pen to draw several random swirls across the top and right of the card blank. Emboss these in gold. Take a piece of blue and purple paper from the Jewel pack and place against the card front. Mark off the top left and bottom right corners then tear down from one to the other to create a piece which will fit on the lower left of the card. Attach to the card using a glue stick.

**4** Use 3D foam pads to stick the fan onto the card, placing it across the centre diagonally. Add an insert to the card then complete by securing a sheer

ribbon around the spine, tying at the front and trimming to fit.

### Floral fan card

**1** Place the fan template 1 onto a piece of white card and trace around with the blue felt pen. Repeat this eight more times across the length of the card and tracing every segment upside down. Set the colour with the heat gun.

**2** Use the Peacock striped inepad to colour the card by rubbing it across the surface over the fan shapes. Only pull the pad in one direction to avoid colour contamination. Immediately cover with Stardust embossing powder, shake off excess and heat to set. You should now have a sparkling surface with nine fan segments showing through - some green at the top and some with blue. Cut these out.

**3** Line up the segments as for the fairy fan but take note that you will not be making holes in this one. Alternate the green and blue topped segments and use tape to secure. Now apply plenty of double-sided tape to the reverse of the completed fan shape and stick to the front of the card blank so that it is close to the bottom right.

**4** With the card open, carefully cut around the fan points, leaving a slight border. Now close the card and cut away the corresponding section from the back (this is much easier than cutting through two layers of card at once!).

**5** Use the embossing pen to draw a few 'swishes' coming from the base of the fan and emboss these with Stardust powder. Now stick the ribbon rose motif to the base of the fan. Stick a flower motif onto the point of each segment - blue and green we alternated here. Finally add a silver peel-off greeting.

### GET READY...

#### General materials

- ✓ Heat gun
- ✓ Clear embossing pen
- ✓ Thin white card
- ✓ Craft knife
- ✓ Cutting mat
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ 3D foam squares
- ✓ Double-sided tape

#### Fairy fan card

- ✓ Fairy script stamp: *PSX K 3255* (NB this no longer available but other script stamps are)
- ✓ Fairy stamp - *Personal Impressions 736 G*
- ✓ Brilliance striped inepad - *twilight*
- ✓ Stazon inepad in purple
- ✓ Silver embossing powder
- ✓ Mary Le Plume pens in various pastel shades
- ✓ Plain lilac vellum
- ✓ 6'x6' card blank - we used holographic white effect
- ✓ 4 Lilac snaps
- ✓ 1 Lilac eyelet
- ✓ Eyelet punch and setter
- ✓ Setting mat
- ✓ Silver tassel

#### Burgundy fan card

- ✓ 8'x6' gold card blank
- ✓ Decorative paper in burgundy and blue from the Jewel cardmakers pack form HOTP
- ✓ Gold embossing powder
- ✓ 1 gold brad
- ✓ 1 gold pinwheel
- ✓ Pink tassel
- ✓ Sheer burgundy ribbon
- ✓ Gold peel off greeting
- ✓ Glue stick

#### Floral fan card

- ✓ 6'x6' silver card blank
- ✓ Peacock Brilliance striped inepad
- ✓ Blue felt pen
- ✓ Stardust or holographic embossing powder
- ✓ Ribbon rose and bead motif
- ✓ Blue and green flower motifs - *Impex extra touches*
- ✓ Silver peel off greeting

