

TECHNIQUE:
Cut and punched paper shapes

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Wreaths

to warm the season

Wreaths are synonymous with the festive season. Tacked onto the front door they're a warming and welcome sight, a reminder that the year has come almost full circle and it's time to share more special moments with those we love.



GET READY...

- ✓ Basic design
- ✓ A4 card folded in half and cut to 15cm square
- ✓ Crackle paint effect paper or a contrast paper for the centre panel cut to 13cm square
- ✓ Thin card or coloured papers of your choice
- ✓ Punches - as required
- ✓ Small scissors
- ✓ Craft knife
- ✓ Pencil and ruler
- ✓ PVA glue and glue gun
- ✓ Mini sticky raisers
- ✓ Beads, bows, 1.5cm organza ribbon and flowers

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Basic design

- 1 Draw a line 2cm in all round the front of the folded card to give a central panel about 10.5cm square. Cut along the lines with a sharp craft knife. Stick the square of crackle effect paper or contrast paper inside the aperture.
- 2 Draw a 10cm diameter circle onto your chosen base card for the wreath. A similar colour to the leaves is best. Now draw an 8cm diameter circle inside the first one and cut out to produce a ring.
- 3 Cut out or punch leaves etc to cover the ring. How thickly you wish the covering to be will determine how many shapes are required. Stick them to the ring.
- 4 Cut a 30cm length of organza ribbon, attach it to the back of the ring and carefully twine it round and over the design.

- 5 Decorate the wreath with beads, bows or flowers.
- 6 Stick the completed wreath to the centre panel of the card with mini sticky raisers. Add a tag greeting if required.

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Mistletoe card

Two shades of green have been used here. A curvy heart punch (Posh Impressions) was used to create the mistletoe (see examples). Pearl beads have

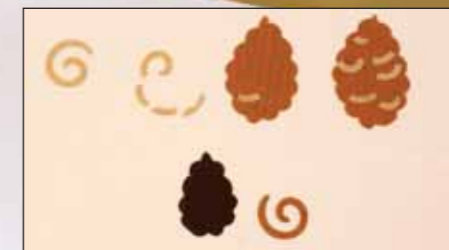
been added for berries and a pale pink organza ribbon gives a soft, contemporary feel.



For each mistletoe sprig punch out two curvy hearts. Cut and re-arrange as shown.

Fir and amber cones

This card uses a Leoni Em fir punch. Cones have been made from a light tan colour paper with scallop scissors and decorated with pieces from a punched spiral shape (see examples). Flame orange organza ribbon really stands out against the green and peach while gold pearly beads have been added as berries.



Cut cone shapes using scallop-edge scissors. Punch out a swirl shape, cut into small curved pieces and attach to the cone shape as shown.

SOURCE

- ✓ Most items should be available from craft stores such as Hobbycraft (Tel: 0800 272387) and Craft Central (Tel: 01829 760088).
- ✓ Fir punch by Leoni Em (FPC2 02) from Horseshoe Crafts (Tel: 01691 690113).
- ✓ Greetings tag (ES 02) from Crafty Bits (Tel: 0845 2300 969).