

TECHNIQUE:

Inking

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Ways with

ink

Spotlight on design

Put simply, inking is an easy way to get an artsy look on a handmade card. Using just an inkpad and paper, you can create a well-loved, distressed look that adds lots of character and charm. Inking just the edges of your paper creates a faux mat and adds extra dimension to a quote or piece of art whilst adding ink to a whole piece of paper can add extra colour or create an aged, vintage look.

Get Ready**Giggle**

- ✓ 8x8in Retro Papers by Paper Pizazz
- ✓ 8x8in Retro cardstock by Paper Pizazz
- ✓ 8x8in Giggle Overlay by Paper Pizazz
- ✓ White card blank
- ✓ Large brown fabric flower
- ✓ Large pink brad
- ✓ Brown mini brads
- ✓ Black Gelly Roll pen
- ✓ Graphite Black Brilliance and Timber Brown StazOn inkpads
- ✓ Scroll stamp by Inkadinkado
- ✓ Staples and stapler
- ✓ Craft knife
- ✓ Small pink brads
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Ruler
- ✓ Glue

Sweet memories

- ✓ 8x8in Retro Papers by Paper Pizazz
- ✓ 8x8in Retro cardstock by Paper Pizazz
- ✓ Cardmaker's Citrus ribbons
- ✓ Cardmaker's Antique and Pewter mini brads
- ✓ 5in square white card blank
- ✓ 4 Stereo slide mounts
- ✓ Graphite black Brilliance inkpad
- ✓ Foam tape
- ✓ Craft knife
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Ruler
- ✓ Glue

Friend

- ✓ 8x8in Retro Papers by Paper Pizazz
- ✓ 8x8in Retro cardstock by Paper Pizazz
- ✓ White card
- ✓ Graphite black Brilliance inkpad
- ✓ Orange mini brad
- ✓ Foam tape
- ✓ Craft knife
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Ruler
- ✓ Glue

**GO****Giggle**

- 1 Cut green dots paper to 4.5x6in and ink the edges in black. Mount onto brown cardstock, trim to size leaving a thin border and ink the edges.
- 2 Cut the text from the overlay and secure to the dots paper as shown with a mini pink brad in the dot of the 'i' in the word giggle. Trim excess.
- 3 Ink a piece of pink grosgrain ribbon in black and run diagonally across the dots paper, securing with brown mini brads. Staple the left end of the ribbon as shown.

- 4 Fold a small piece of ribbon in half, trim the ends at an angle and secure to the right side of the back of the dots paper with a staple.
- 5 Place a large brown flower on top of the ribbon, towards the right edge. Stamp the scroll in brown ink onto a large pink brad and secure the flower to the card with the brad.
- 6 Cut a blank tab from the retro papers and journal with a black pen. Secure to the right side of the back of the dots paper and then attach the design to a white card front. For the finishing touch ink the edges of the card front.

**Sweet memories**

- 1 Cover a 5in square card front with light blue cardstock. Ink the edges heavily with black ink by pressing down and 'sponging' the ink onto the paper.
- 2 Trim funky squares paper to a 4in square, ink the edges in black, mount onto light brown cardstock and trim to size leaving a thin border. Ink the edges and attach to the card front. Place an antique mini brad in each corner.
- 3 Cover a stereo slide mount with textured pink paper. Ink the slide mount with black ink by pressing the inkpad onto the slide mount. Place the milkshake artwork behind the slide mount and tie blue ribbon around the right edge. Create a bow on the front of the slide mount. Attach to the card front with foam tape.
- 4 Cut out 'Sweet Memories' from the retro papers, ink with black and glue above the slide mount.

Friend

- 1 Create a 5.75x5in card blank from white card. Trim a 0.5in wide strip from the right edge of the card front so it is slightly smaller than the inside of the card.
- 2 Cover the inside of the card with horizontal striped paper and heavily ink the edges in black.
- 3 Cut a 5.75x0.5in strip of orange cardstock and ink the edges. Attach to the right edge of the card front.
- 4 Cut a 5.75x4.25in piece of yellow cardstock and ink the edges. Attach to the left side of the card front, it should



slightly overlap the orange cardstock on the right to leave a thin strip of orange.

- 5 Trim retro circles paper to 4x5.5in, crumple, uncrumple and smooth out. Ink the edges and also sponge the paper with the inkpad to highlight the creases. Attach the paper to the card front.
- 6 Cut out an image from the retro papers and ink the edges in black. Mount onto burnt orange cardstock, trim to size and ink the edges. Mount onto green cardstock, trim to size and ink the edges again. Adhere to the card front using foam tape. Place an orange mini brad in the top as shown.
- 7 Mount 'unique' onto burnt orange cardstock, trim to size and ink the edges.
- 8 Cut a 1.5in wide strip from green cardstock. Tear a thin strip from one of the long edges and roll the torn edge. Ink the edges of the strip in black. Attach the strip across the width of card diagonally as shown. Trim excess and secure with staples and brads. Centre 'unique' on top of the strip and secure with a staple.

SOURCE

Paper Pizazz and Cardmaker's products available from www.trimcraft.co.uk. All other items widely available.