

Mystery Stamping Supplies

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Materials to gather:

- Trimmer w/scoring blade
- Bone Folder
- Paper Snips
- Stamp set/s with outline images (or images that have gaps...just not completely solid images) and coordinating sentiments
- Four ink pads in favorite colors (not too dark)
- Blending Brushes to go with the four colors
- Tuxedo Black Ink
- Versamark ink, Heat Tool, and White Emboss Powder
- Adhesives
- Basic Black Cardstock
- Basic White Cardstock
- Embellishments of your choice

Mystery Stamping clues

Clue #1:

This will be a portrait style card with the opening on the bottom.
Cut and prep initial pieces...

- Basic Black Cardstock
- 3-3/4" x 5" (9.3 cm x 13.6 cm)
- Scrap for front sentiment
- Basic White Cardstock
- 4-1/4" x 11" scored at 5-1/2" (10.5 cm x 29.7 cm scored at 14.8 cm)
- 3-5/8" x 4-7/8" (9 cm x 13.3 cm)
- 3-1/4" x 4-1/2" (8.1 cm x 12.4 cm)

Clue #2:

Prepare front black scrap sentiment piece for card as this shape and size will be used as a guide when stamping the other images. This piece ideally shouldn't be too large...maybe up to 2-1/2" (6 cm) wide by 1" (2.5 cm) tall. You want it to be noticeable but not the "star of the show." Stamp sentiment, then heat emboss onto this piece of Basic Black.

Clue #3:

Choose coordinating stamp image/s. Position the 3-1/4" x 4-1/2" (8.1 cm x 12.4 cm) white layer vertically. Then randomly stamp one or more of these images with black ink. If it helps, position the sentiment strip in the upper right area as you do this so you know what it will cover up (you'll want to avoid having anything important under there).

Clue #4:

Cut your 3-1/4" x 4-1/2" (8.1 cm x 12.4 cm) layer that you just stamped into four pieces. The pieces do not have to be equal, but I suggest making your first sample card this way. Cutting them to equal sizes would give you four 1-5/8" x 2-1/4" (about 4 cm x 6.2 cm) sections. You can get this by cutting in half straight up and down at 1-5/8" (4 cm) and then cutting each of those pieces in half at 2-1/4" (6.2 cm).

Clue #5:

You will be putting these back together on the front of the card eventually but with a slight gap in-between each piece. So, arrange your pieces so that they are a complete looking layer again. Then imagine color radiating out from the center...Using Blending Brushes and ink pads, add a different color ink on each of the four pieces so that the color is more intense at the center and fades to white at the outer edges.

Clue #6:

Adhere your four pieces onto your 3-5/8" x 4-7/8" (9 cm x 13.3 cm) white layer so that they re-form the full image with small gaps between the pieces. It might help to add them with just a small amount of adhesive at first. This way you can shift and shimmy everything if needed to make it all look balanced. On my finished samples my gaps between my pieces are about 1/16" (.2 cm).

Clue #7:

Mount this onto the 3-3/4" x 5" (9.3 cm x 13.6 cm) black layer. Then add this to the front of the folded white card base. Attach your sentiment strip so that the right edge connects with the black cardstock border.

Clue #8:

Embellish with gems if you wish.

Stamp an inside sentiment if you wish.



For this card I added more ink to intensify the color. The images are from the Impressions Abloom Stamp Set and the ink colors are Fresh Freesia, Darling Duckling, Misty Moonlight and Strawberry Slush.



This festive card features the Cheers & Sips Stamp Set and the colors Lemon Lolly, Peach Pie, Pretty In Pink and Lemon Lime Twist.