

# Seasonal Branches Halloween Card

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My Stampin' Up! team has a different card challenge each month. This month's card challenge is Halloween or something "spooky"! I wanted to challenge myself to see if I could create a Halloween card using stamp sets I already had on hand. So, I pulled out a few sets that I thought would work and this is what I came up with! I did a little ink blending and stamping to create this Halloween card. How did I do?

## Supplies:

- Seasonal Branches Stamp Set (trees and tree branches)
- Pick of the Patch Stamp Set (inside sentiment and pumpkins)
- Cottage Wreaths Stamp set (spider)
- Alphabet A La Mode Dies (letters that spell out "boo")
- Stylish Shapes Dies (moon)
- Black & White Gingham Ribbon
- Adhesive-Backed Sparkle Gems
- White Pigment Ink (stars)
- Basic Black Stampin' Write Marker (birds and spider web)

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- Blending Brushes
- Cardstock: Basic Black, Basic White, Gorgeous Grape
- Ink: Lemon Lolly, Pumpkin Pie, Gorgeous Grape, Starry Sky, Tuxedo Black Memento Ink
- Adhesives: Multipurpose Liquid Glue, Stampin' Dimensionals, Mini Glue Dots
- Paper Trimmer
- Stampin' Cut & Emboss Machine

## 1. Card Cuts:

- Card Base - Cut 1 Basic Black cardstock to 8-1/2" x 5-1/2", score at 4-1/4"
- Mats - Cut 2 Gorgeous Grape cardstock to 5-1/4" x 4"
- Panels - Cut 3 Basic White cardstock to 5" x 3-3/4" (2 for the card and 1 to create a mask)

2. To create the ink blended moon and the background sky, I created a mask panel from white cardstock cut to 5" x 3-3/4". I used the largest circle die from the Stylish Shapes Dies set and positioned the die so that approximately two-thirds of the die was sitting on the bottom edge of the card stock. I used Post It Tape to hold the die in place while I die cut the "moon". **Important Note: Save the cut out circle! You will use this as a mask to cover the moon when you ink blend the sky.**



3. Position the cardstock mask to a second piece of white cardstock measuring 5" x 3-3/4". Use Post It tape or Post It Notes to hold the pieces of card stock together. Use a blending brush to blend Lemon Lolly ink over the partial circle cut out to create the moon.
4. Position the circle cut out that you saved over the moon you just ink blended and carefully hold in place. Note: You could cut a second circle from Masking Paper to make this easier if you'd like. Then use a blending brush to blend Pumpkin Pie ink around the moon/circle shape up toward the top of the card until the Pumpkin Pie ink is about an 1" to 3/4" away from the top of the panel. Use a separate blending brush to blend Gorgeous Grape ink just above the blended Pumpkin Pie ink to the top of the panel. I slightly blended the Gorgeous Grape ink into the Pumpkin Pie ink to give a seamless look to the sky. Lastly, blend Starry

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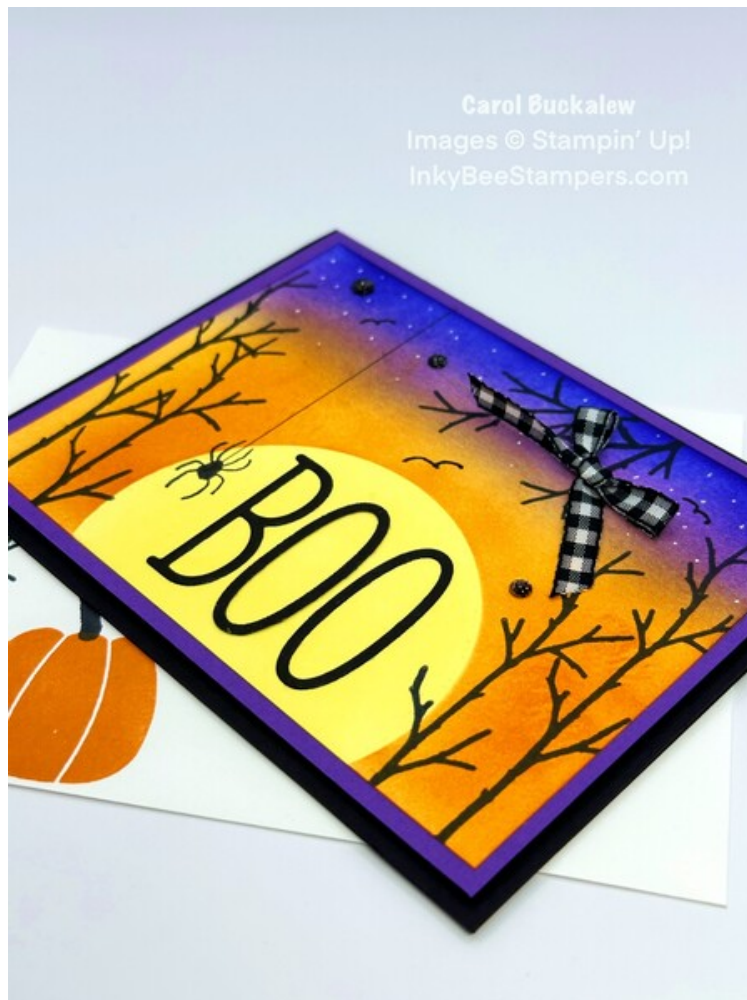
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Sky ink just across the top edge of the panel. Allow the panel to dry completely before moving to the next step.

5. Using the large branch image from the Seasonal Branches Stamp Set to stamp trees on either side of the moon. Note that the base of this branch curves slightly. Because the stamps in this set are Photopolymer, I was able to straighten the base of the branch on my stamping block. Use Tuxedo Black Memento ink to stamp two trees on each side of the moon. Be sure to stagger the height of the trees. Stamp two branches coming in from the top edge of the panel on the right side.
6. Using White Pigment Ink, dot stars in the sky over the Gorgeous Grape/Starry Sky area. I dispensed a few drops of white ink onto a stamp block and used the point of a toothpick dipped into the ink to create the stars. The white ink dries lighter, so it was necessary to reink some of the stars once they dried.



7. Using the Alphabet A La Mode Dies, I cut out the letters to spell "BOO" from Basic Black cardstock. The letters were glued to the panel and centered over the moon.
8. From the Cottage Wreaths Stamp Set, I stamped the spider to the left of the word Boo in Tuxedo Black Memento ink. I used a ruler and a fine tip black marker to draw the spider's

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silk thread from the top of the panel to the spider. I used the same marker to draw in a few birds in the night sky.

9. The ink blended panel was then adhered to a Gorgeous Grape mat and then adhered to the front of the card base using Stampin' Dimensionals.

10. For the Inside Panel:

- I stamped the "Happy Halloween" sentiment from the Pick of the Patch Stamp Set in Tuxedo Black Memento ink.
- The trees (Seasonal Branches Stamp set) were also stamped in Tuxedo Black Memento ink on either side of the inside panel and I varied the height of the trees.
- The large pumpkin from the Pick of the Patch Stamp Set was stamped to the right of the tree on the left in Pumpkin Pie ink.
- The Jack-O-Lantern face was stamped onto the pumpkin and the pumpkin stem was stamped on the top of the pumpkin - also in Memento ink.
- Without reinking my blending brushes, I lightly blended Pumpkin Pie ink on the lower portion of the panel and Starry Sky on the upper portion of the panel.
- The panel was then adhered to a Gorgeous Grape mat then adhered to the inside of the card.

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11. On the envelope front I stamped a tree in Tuxedo Black Memento ink and stamped a pumpkin to the right of the tree in Pumpkin Pie ink. The pumpkin stem was stamped in black Memento ink.
12. The smallest pumpkin from the Pick of the Patch Stamp Set was stamped onto the envelope flap with the stem stamped in Tuxedo Black Memento ink.
13. Several black Adhesive-Backed Sparkle Gems were added to the sky on the card front.
14. I tied a small bow from Black & White Gingham Ribbon and adhered the bow to the card front using a Mini Glue Dot.



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This completes the card! I had so much fun creating my scary Halloween card! What will your scary Halloween card look like? Share your photos with me at [inkybeestampers@gmail.com](mailto:inkybeestampers@gmail.com)! I would love to see what you create!

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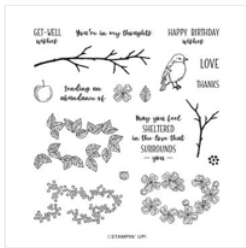
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Photopolymer  
Stamp Set  
(English) - 161358

Price: \$25.00

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Pick Of The Patch  
Photopolymer  
Stamp Set  
(English) - 162196

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Cottage Wreaths  
Photopolymer  
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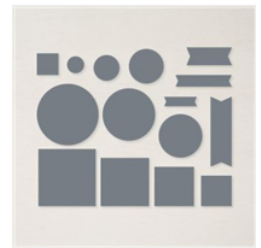
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Alphabet À La  
Mode Dies -  
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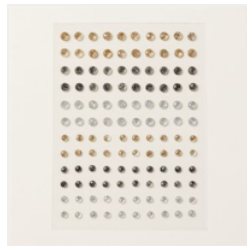
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Refill - 101780

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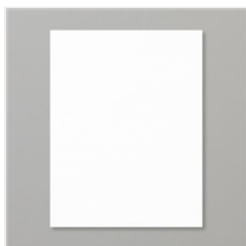
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Basic Black 8-1/2"  
X 11" Cardstock -  
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Basic White 8-1/2"  
X 11" Cardstock -  
159276

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Gorgeous Grape  
8-1/2" X 11"  
Cardstock -  
146987

Price: \$10.00

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Lemon Lolly  
Classic Stampin'  
Pad - 161666

Price: \$9.00

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Pumpkin Pie  
Classic Stampin'  
Pad - 147086

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Gorgeous Grape  
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Starry Sky Classic  
Stampin' Pad -  
159212

Price: \$9.00

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Tuxedo Black  
Memento Ink Pad -  
132708

Price: \$6.50

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Basic Black  
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Marker - 162481

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Multipurpose  
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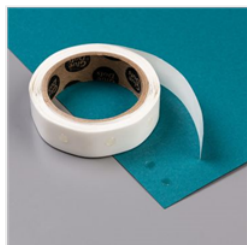
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Paper Trimmer -  
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Stampin' Cut &  
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