

Autumn Leaves with Watercolor Background

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Today's card was created using the **Autumn Leaves Bundle** and I created a watercolor background for my card using a variety of Fall-like ink colors. The **Textured Florals Dies** were used for some greenery. Creating a beautiful background for your cards is easier than you think! I'll walk you through a few easy steps. Let's get started!

Supplies:

- Autumn Leaves Bundle (162186)
- All About Autumn 6" x 6" Specialty Designer Series Paper (Item #162178)
- Textured Florals Dies
- 2" Circle Punch
- Linen Thread
- Adhesive-Backed Speckled Dots (Item #162191)
- Fluid 100 Watercolor Paper
- Cardstock: Early Espresso, Old Olive, Cherry Cobbler, Daffodil Delight, Very Vanilla
- Ink: Cherry Cobbler, Early Espresso, Wild Wheat, Gorgeous Grape, Daffodil Delight, Crushed Curry, Pumpkin Pie

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- Adhesives: Multipurpose Liquid Glue, Stampin' Dimensionals, Stampin' Seal
- Paper Trimmer
- Stampin' Cut & Emboss Machine

Non-Stampin' Up! Supplies:

- Misting Spray Bottle
- #2 or #4 Round Paintbrush (an inexpensive craft paintbrush will work just fine)

1. Card Cuts:

- Card Base - Cut 1 Early Espresso cardstock to 8-1/2" x 5-1/2". Score at 4-1/4"
- Outside & Inside Mats - Cut 2 Old Olive cardstock to 5-1/4" x 4"
- Watercolor Panel - Cut 1 Fluid 100 Watercolor Paper to 5" x 3-3/4"
- Scraps of Early Espresso, Daffodil Delight, Old Olive and Cherry Cobbler for stamping and/or die cutting leaves, stems and greenery
- Sentiment Label - Scrap of Old Olive for punching 2" circle
- Inside Panel - Cut 1 Very Vanilla cardstock to 5" x 3-3/4"
- Envelope Flap - Cut 1 piece of All About Autumn Specialty Designer Series Paper to 6" x 2-1/4"

2. Start with a panel of Fluid 100 Watercolor Paper. I cut my watercolor panel down after I had finished water coloring it. Create the watercolor background by following these steps:

- Protect your work surface.
- Deposit drops of ink onto a paper plate or a large stamping block. If you do not have reinker bottles, simply blot your stamp pad onto a paper plate or stamping block. Be careful not to cross-contaminate your stamping pads.
- Spray the entire watercolor panel using a misting water sprayer until it is completely wet. You can find these online or at a craft store.
- While the panel is still very wet, dip your paint brush into clean water and pick up your first ink color with a Water Painter or #2 round paintbrush and drop the color onto the wet panel. I tried to spread each color consistently over the panel, but this is your project, so do what makes you happy! Completely rinse your brush in water, then move onto the next color and repeat. I used Wild Wheat, Gorgeous Grape, Daffodil Delight, Crushed Curry and Pumpkin Pie inks on my panel.
- As the panel begins to dry you can come back with a color and paint in the shapes of leaves if you'd like, but this is not necessary. Because the paper is still wet, the color will spider out and blur...but that is part of the look and fun of this technique.
- Allow the panel to completely dry.

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Here is a close up of the completed watercolor panel.

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3. Trim the watercolor panel down to 5" x 3-3/4" and adhere the watercolor panel to one of the Old Olive mats. Adhere this unit to the card front.
4. Onto scrap pieces of Cherry Cobbler and Daffodil Delight, use the leaf stamps from the Autumn Leaves Stamp Set.
 - Stamp the maple leaf 2 times in Cherry Cobbler ink onto Cherry Cobber cardstock. Stamp the maple leaf veins in Early Espresso.
 - Stamp the oak leaf 2 times in Crushed Curry ink onto Daffodil Delight cardstock. Stamp the oak leaf veins in Wild Wheat ink.
 - Use the Autumn Leaves Dies to die cut the stamped leaves.
 - Die cut two of the veins from Early Espresso ink...these die cut veins make great twigs!
5. Using the large greenery die from the Textured Florals Dies, die cut 2 from Old Olive cardstock.
6. Arrange the leaves, twigs and greenery onto the card front. When you are happy with how they are arranged, start gluing down the pieces. Refer to photos for placement.
7. Use the 2" Circle Punch and punch a circle from a scrap of Old Olive cardstock. Stamp the sentiment "Autumn teaches us that change can be Beautiful" onto the circle in Early Espresso ink.

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8. Use a small amount of Stampin' Seal on the card front, just under where the circle sentiment label will sit. Loop Linen Thread several times and adhere to the Stampin' Seal. Adhere the sentiment label over the looped thread using Stampin' Dimensionals.
9. On the inside panel, stamp the sentiment "With a grateful heart" in Early Espresso ink. Stamp the maple leaf onto the lower left corner and stamp the leaf's veins in Early Espresso ink. Stamp several vein images in Early Espresso ink to mimic twigs. Adhere the panel to the remaining Old Olive mat, then adhere this to the inside of the card.

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10. Stamp several "twigs" in Early Espresso ink onto the envelope front.
11. Adhere a piece of the All About Autumn Specialty Designer Series Paper to the envelope flap and trim the excess paper away from the flap.
12. Adhere several Adhesive-Backed Speckled Dots to the card front.

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The card is complete! The watercolor background on this card sets the perfect "Fall" mood. I hope you will give it a try!

Products used to create this card are included on the next page. Item numbers for products that will be available on September 6 are included under the supply list above.

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Textured Floral Dies - 161231

Price: \$34.00

Add to Cart



2" (5.1 Cm) Circle Punch - 133782

Price: \$22.00

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Linen Thread - 104199

Price: \$5.00

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Fluid 100 Watercolor Paper - 149612

Price: \$9.00

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Early Espresso 8-1/2" X 11" Cardstock - 119686

Price: \$10.00

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Old Olive 8-1/2" X 11" Cardstock - 100702

Price: \$10.00

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Cherry Cobbler 8-1/2" X 11" Cardstock - 119685

Price: \$10.00

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Daffodil Delight 8-1/2" X 11" Cardstock - 119683

Price: \$10.00

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Very Vanilla 8-1/2" X 11" Cardstock - 101650

Price: \$10.50

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Cherry Cobbler Classic Stampin' Pad - 147083

Price: \$9.00

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Early Espresso Classic Stampin' Pad - 147114

Price: \$9.00

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Wild Wheat Classic Stampin' Pad - 161651

Price: \$9.00

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Gorgeous Grape Classic Stampin' Pad - 147099

Price: \$9.00

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Daffodil Delight Classic Stampin' Pad - 147094

Price: \$9.00

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Crushed Curry Classic Stampin' Pad - 147087

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Pumpkin Pie
Classic Stampin'
Pad - 147086

Price: \$9.00

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Multipurpose
Liquid Glue -
110755

Price: \$5.50

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Stampin'
Dimensionals -
104430

Price: \$4.25

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Stampin' Seal -
152813

Price: \$8.00

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Water Painters -
151298

Price: \$13.00

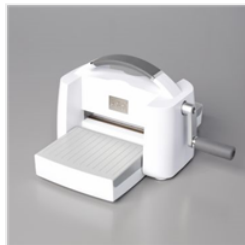
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Paper Trimmer -
152392

Price: \$26.00

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Stampin' Cut &
Emboss Machine -
149653

Price: \$128.00

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