

Secret Garden Card Duo: Glittered Gardenias
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Card #1 Embossed Layers



Card stock:

Pool Party Core'dinations

large layer: 5 1/2 x 4 1/4" You will trim this after embossing

Apothecary layer: 5 1/2 x 3"

Very Vanilla:

for card: 5 1/2 x 8 1/2",

for oval: 3 x 4"

for "gardenia": 2 x 2" (Alternate would be watercolor paper.) Make 2 if you wish to complete card #2.

Basic Gray

layer 5 1/4 x 4"

leaflet 2 x 3"

Stamps:

Secret Garden

Blooming with Kindness/One in a Million/Petite Pairs

Ink:

Basic Gray

Pool Party

Pink Pirouette (Daffodil Delight -optional) Card #1 was completed with Daffodil Delight.

The flower on Card #2 was completed with a Pink Pirouette center. After my first time making this card I stuck with Pink Pirouette as my preference.

Accessories: Secret Garden framelits, Apothecary Accents framelits, Ovals framelit, Blender pen/Aquapainter, Big Shot with plates and silicone, Dazzling Details, Stampin' Dimensionals, Adhesive (Mono-adhesive, Two-way glue pen) Tulip frame embossing folder, Vine Street embossing folder, sanding block, Stamp-a-ma-jig

Techniques: Coloring with blender pen or Aquapainter, Use of Big Shot with framelits.

Preparation:

1. Watercolor: (Make 2 of these; one will be used on Card #2)
 - Stamp the gardenia type flower in Basic Gray ink on to your 2" x 2" Very Vanilla.
 - Before opening your pad, press your Pool Party ink pad to move some of it's ink onto the inside cover. Use your blender pen or aquapainter to thin out some of the ink on the cover. Add just a hint of color so that it appears to come from the base of each petal, fading to white at the outer edge of each petal.
 - Using your blender pen in the same manner add a touch of Pink Pirouette ink to each of undersides of the petals as shown.
 - Add more intense Pink Pirouette or Daffodil Delight at the center.
 - Trim with Secret Garden framelit.
 - Apply Dazzling Details to the Pink Pirouette portions and set aside to dry.

2. Big Shot:
 - Stamp your sentiment on the 3x4" Very Vanilla card stock. Use the framelit embossing sandwich to emboss the 2nd smallest oval framelit. (tab 2, 2 silicone mats, image, framelit ridge up- fastened with post it, acrylic plate (piece of card stock for shim if necessary). It is possible to stamp the sentiment after embossing and cutting your oval but you will want to stamp with a stamp positioner/ Stamp-a-ma-jig.
 - With standard framelit cutting sandwich: Center the 3rd smallest oval framelit to cut around the oval you just embossed. Use a post it note to hold it in position.
 - Use your 5.5 x 3.5 piece of Pool Party Core'dinations to cut one of the large Apothecary Accents pieces.
 - Use the matching Secret Garden framelit to cut your watercolored "gardenia".
 - Use the leaf Secret Garden framelit with the small Basic Gray piece to cut one leaf section.
 - Place the Core'dinations Pool Party into the Tulip frame embossing folder so that the textured side will have the raised tulips on it. Use the embossing folder sandwich (tab 1, acrylic plate, folder with card stock inside, acrylic plate) Pass through the Big Shot and use trimmer to trim close to design.

- Place the Pool Party Apothecary shape into the Vine Street Folder so that the design will be symmetrical - center a vine in the middle, and pass through the Big Shot.

- Lightly sand the impressions of your two Pool Party Core'dinations pieces.

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- Stamp your message if you haven't already done so.(Blooming Kindness: "Your kindness makes such a difference"). You may wish to use a stamp-a-ma-jig to make sure that you stamp this within the raised area.

4. Assembly:

- Large Pool Party frame piece: trim between the outside embossed line and the line of triangle shapes. You will want to trim this with a guillotine style cutter or scissors as the sliding blade style cutters may not perform well with the heavily embossed paper.
- Check to see that Pool Party frame piece centers evenly on the Basic Gray layer and trim as necessary. Use mono adhesive to attach the frame to the Basic Gray layer and attach these to a folder Very Vanilla card.
- Apply six dimensionals to the back of the Pool Party Apothecary Accents piece. Center this piece onto the framed layer.
- Apply adhesive to the back of the oval message layer and center this onto the Apothecary Accents layer.
- Apply 3 dimensionals to the back of your "gardenia" but don't remove the back quite yet. Play with the placement of the gardenia and leaf pieces until you are happy with the placement. You may want to trim a portion of the leaflet away from the tip. Once you see where you want these two pieces apply adhesive to your leaf piece and adhere it to the oval. Finally, remove the dimensional backing and attach the gardenia to your beautiful card.

Note: this card can also be completed without the oval, replacing it with another shape from the Apothecary Accents:



Card #2 Apothecary Window



Card stock:

- Pool Party Core'dinations card: 8 1/2" x 4 1/4"
- Very Vanilla: 5 1/4" x 4" to line inside front
- Very Vanilla: 2" x 2"

Stamps:

- Secret Garden

Ink:

- Basic Gray
- Pool Party
- Pink Pirouette

Accessories: Blender Pen, Secret Garden framelits, Apothecary Accents framelits, Blender pen, Big Shot, Dazzling Details, Stampin' Dimensionals

Techniques: Coloring with blender pen - (Use of Big Shot with framelits.

1. Score your Pool Party card but don't yet fold. Carefully center the smallest Apothecary Accent Framelit onto the upper portion of your card front and use a post it note to maintain the position. I recommend trying to have the upper and side borders around this shape as equal as your eye can tell. Use the framelit sandwich to cut the shape out of your card front.
2. Adhere the 5 1/4" x 4" piece of Very Vanilla onto the inside of your front so that it provides a place to attach your flower.
3. Apply 3 dimensionals to the back of the extra watercolored and glittered gardenia that you prepared for card #1. Peel off the backing and adhere them onto the window area of the front of your card.
4. Easy Peasy! You are done with card #2 unless you would like to stamp a message at this time.