Gold Embossed Elephant with Make-a-Wish Shaker Topper

A PROJECT FROM OUR LIVE SHOW - CATCH UP WITH SIMON FOR MONDAY MADNESS IN THE HTCN STUDIO...



ABOUT THIS PROJECT

A delicate shaker card topper featuring a gold-embossed elephant holding a balloon, with a 'Make a Wish' sentiment circle that becomes the balloon window. Watercoloured with iridescent gold confetti paint, it creates a shimmering, celebratory effect.

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The project starts: 41:30 into the show
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STEP 1 OF 13

Stamp the Make a Wish elephant design onto watercolour cardstock using embossing ink.

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Rub an anti-static bag over the stamped area to prepare for embossing powder application.

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Stamp the Make a Wish sentiment circle onto the same piece using embossing ink.

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Cover both stamped areas with gold embossing powder, tapping off the excess.

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Use a heat gun to melt and set the embossing powder until both designs are shiny and raised.

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Die-cut the elephant design using the Make a Wish die, cutting away the balloon portion you do not need.

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Die-cut the Make a Wish sentiment circle using its complementary die.

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Watercolour the elephant with a light wash of iridescent gold confetti paint, covering the head, arms, feet and ears.

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Apply a darker mix of the gold confetti paint to the elephant's dungarees for shading and depth.

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Dry the painted elephant with a heat gun to set the watercolour.

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Trim away the unwanted balloon portion from the elephant piece with scissors.

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STEP 12 OF 13

Glue the Make a Wish circle under the elephant's arm area to create the illusion of a balloon.

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STEP 13 OF 13

Attach a foam pad to the back of the elephant and position it on your card front.

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TIPS FROM THE SHOW

- The iridescent gold confetti paint has lots of mica in it, so apply it lightly to see the full shimmer effect.
- Watercolour the embossed design after heat-setting the embossing powder for best results.
- You can trim away unwanted parts of a stamped design after die-cutting to customise your final piece.

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