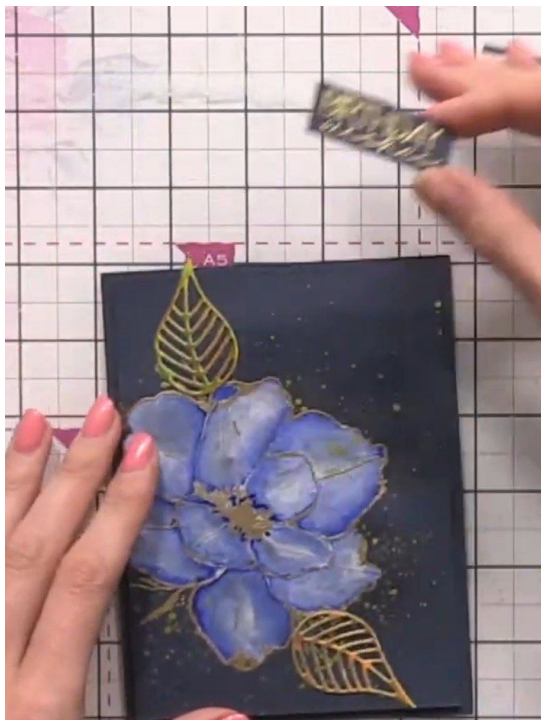


Ethereal Hand-Painted Navy Flower Card

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Create a stunning ethereal card featuring a hand-painted blue flower on navy card stock. This elegant design combines heat-embossed gold leaves and floral details with watercolour washes to achieve a dreamy, misty effect. The technique demonstrates how to add vibrant colour to dark backgrounds using white ink as a base layer before applying watercolours. From our live show **Create Together Club - 5 Days of Creativity - Broadcast Thursday 13TH Feb 2025** (13 February 2025) - watch it from 14:15.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

See the show for everything used.

STEP 1

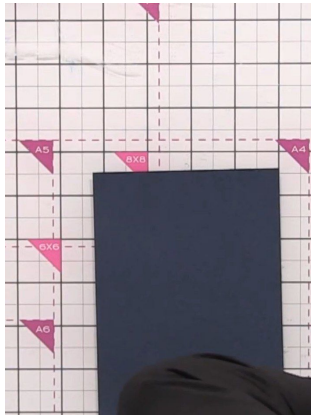


Score and fold your navy card stock to create a card blank approximately 6 by 4.5 inches.
Watch this step: 15:15 into the show

STEP 2

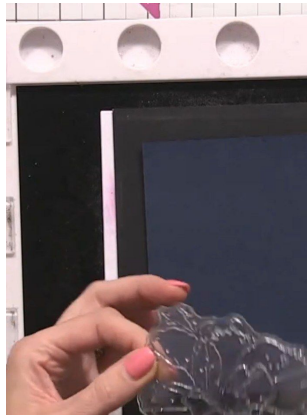


Cut a second piece of navy card stock slightly smaller than your card base to create a working layer.
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STEP 3

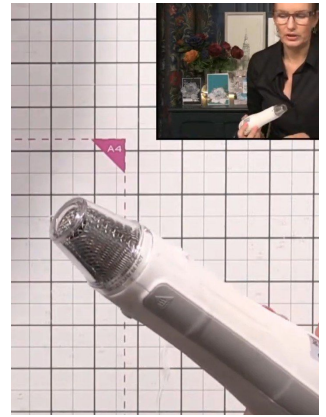
Place the navy card stock on your craft mat. Use an antistatic bag to prepare the surface, then apply the Forever Lilies flower stamp using a sticky ink pad to stamp the image onto the navy card.

Watch this step: 17:00 into the show

STEP 4

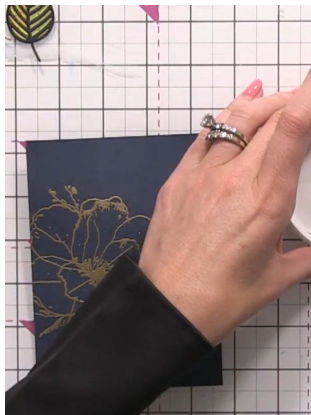
Apply gold embossing powder to the stamped image, ensuring it covers all the details and splats. Tap off any excess powder back into the container.

Watch this step: 17:15 into the show

STEP 5

Heat set the embossed gold image on the navy card using a heat gun, moving it over the surface until the embossing powder is fully melted and shiny.

Watch this step: 20:30 into the show

STEP 6

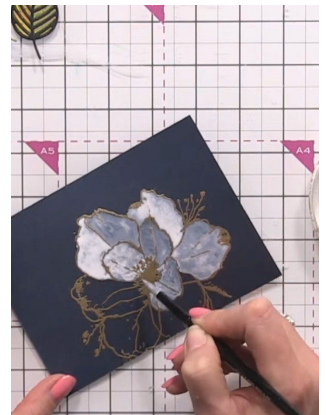
Add water to white ink in a palette to create a paintable consistency. Use a brush to mix the ink and water together until you achieve a fluid, workable paint.

Watch this step: 27:30 into the show

STEP 7

Paint the entire flower with the white ink mixture, carefully staying within the embossed gold lines. Use a paintbrush to apply the white ink evenly over all the petals and flower details.

Watch this step: 28:00 into the show

STEP 8

Allow the white paint to dry completely. Areas with more water will create a smoky, ethereal effect on the flower petals.

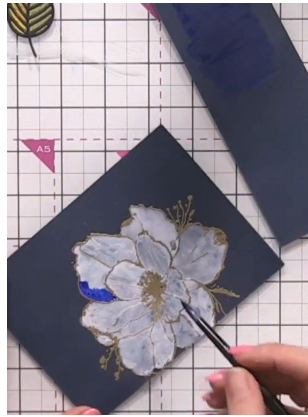
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STEP 9



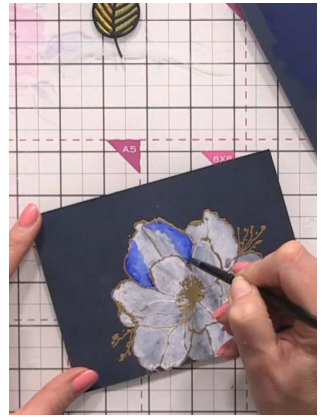
Pick up blue watercolour paint with a wet brush and apply it to a piece of navy cardstock, creating a wash of colour. Work the paint onto the card surface to achieve the desired consistency and coverage.
Watch this step: 35:00 into the show

STEP 10



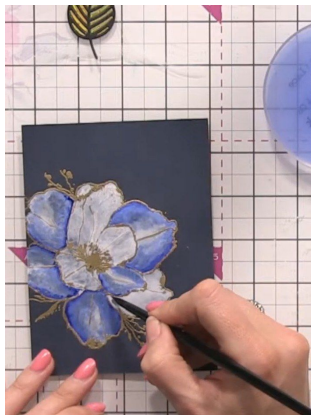
Using blue watercolour, paint the outer edges of each petal on the flower. Work on one petal at a time, carefully applying the colour to define the edges.
Watch this step: 35:45 into the show

STEP 11



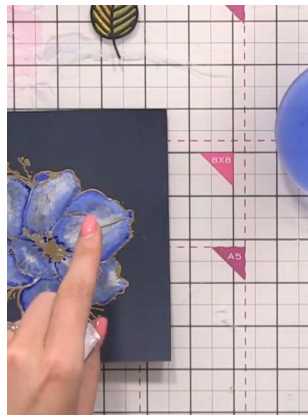
Clean your brush and dampen it with water. Blend the blue coloured edges inward toward the white centre of the flower to create a soft gradient effect.
Watch this step: 36:30 into the show

STEP 12



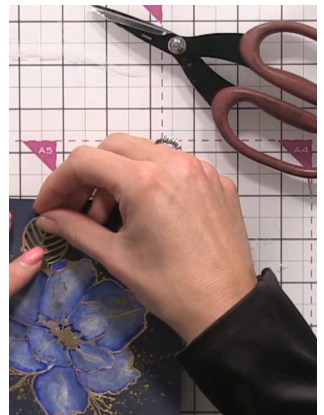
Once the paint is dry, add additional definition to the flower by painting darker blue details in the creases and around the gold embossing. Use a less-watered brush for more concentrated colour and precise detailing.
Watch this step: 42:00 into the show

STEP 13



Wet your brush and add gold paint splats around the flower for decorative accents.
Watch this step: 47:00 into the show

STEP 14



Cut out the gold foliage skeleton leaves using the die-cut pieces. Layer and position them onto the painted blue flower design on the navy card.
Watch this step: 50:30 into the show

STEP 15



Stamp a sentiment such as 'Birthday Wishes' onto a small piece of navy card stock using gold embossing powder. Heat emboss to set the design.
Watch this step: 53:00 into the show

STEP 16



Heat set the sentiment using a heat tool. Trim down the sentiment piece and create a small foam pad by stacking pieces of card stock together.
Watch this step: 54:00 into the show

TIPS FROM THE SHOW

- Use an antistatic bag when embossing to prevent powder from sticking everywhere except where you want it.
- If you get white paint on the gold embossing, it will brush off easily once dry.
- A damp brush can soften harsh lines and blend colours more smoothly if you're unhappy with the result.

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