## CTJJ216 Singing Mice Stamp & Die Sets & Paper Pad –- by John Lockwood



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John has created a 'You Tube' video using CTJJ216 Singing Mice Stamp & Die Set & the new CTJJ217 Dancing Mice Paper Pads, dated 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023, I have incorporated these in this set of instructions which are showing you the various colours of Alcohol Markers that John has used – also a couple of very useful cutting techniques. I would advise that you visit them as well as following these instructions through to the end before commencing the project.

**June's Tips:** This applies to any die, place your pieces onto your cutting plate at an angle, this helps to cut the dies in one pass. Also use your glue eraser to remove any unwanted marks. When stamping an image use your anti-static bag to rub over the card before you stamp the image, this will remove any finger or fibre marks on the card.

Here is a sample from Carol Bignall, showing just one single mouse layered up onto different coloured card and die shapes, including leaves and flowers to make this absolutely stunning card.



Information:

In the stamp set you get 3 different mice as well as all the little words and music shapes that you can use onto the song sheet etc. For demonstration purposes John is using an A6 piece of Smooth White stamping card to stamp his image, normally he would use an A7 piece of card.

## Preparation:

If you wanted to colour your stamped image, these are the numbers and colours John has used to colour an image:



Couture Creations Alcohol Markers Used:

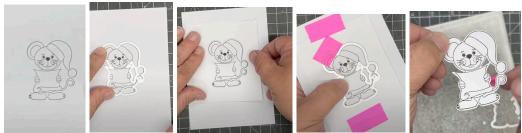
430 – Grey 545 – Ice Grey 5305 – Greek white 401 – Warm Grey 489 – Skin Colour 155 – Warm Skin Colour 187 – Geranium 206 – Deep Red

## Materials:

White Super Smooth Stamping Card CTJJ216 Singing Mice Stamp & Die Set CTJJ217 Dancing Mice 48-page Paper Pad Couture Creations Alcohol Markers Press to Impress Stamping Platform & Tool Anti-static bag Versafine Onyx Black Ink Pad

## Method:

- Cut a piece of A6 Smooth White Stamping card and place into the top lefthand corner of your stamping platform, go over it with your anti-static bag to remove any finger or fibre marks. Add the stamp which is facing to the right into the middle of the card. Close & open the lid it to pick up the stamp. Using your Versafine Onyx Black pad, ink up the stamp, and close the lid, use your stamping tool over the top to give an even pressure. Then open up the lid to check the image.
- There are 2 ways to cut out your die. The first is to line up the die so that there is no white showing inside the die, tape it down and run through your die cutting machine. The other way is to take the die and cut it out from a piece of scrap card. Then lay this over the stamped image, tape it down. You can then place the die exactly inside the cut piece and run through your die cutting machine. Keep the waste piece and use it time and time again.



- If you want to colour your image there is a list under 'preparations' listing the colours that John used. However, we are not going to be doing that today.
- Bring in your matching paper pad and you will see a sheet which has all the mice stamped and coloured for you by the lovely Leslie Lakin, an expert colourist. All we need to do is select the matching mouse, add the die over it until it is even all the way round, tape it down and run through your die cutting machine. If you are concerned that the die may not be aligned, you can use your template over the top, then add the die and cut it out.



• You can then make up your card using the papers and any other materials you may have.

I hope you have enjoyed these instructions.