

JND389 – Stitch Flower – by John Lockwood



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John has created a 'You Tube Video' dated 2nd November 2023, using JND389 Stitch Flower, as well as the other dies in this release, where he demonstrates how to make a card. I would advise that you visit it as well as following these instructions.



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.

Preparation:

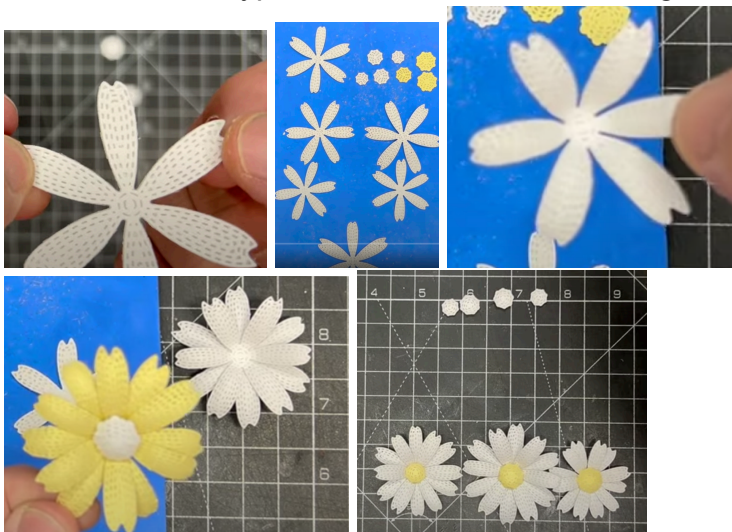
John has already prepared his base card and used the dies in this collection, look out for a video and set of instructions on how to make this.

Materials

JND389 Stitched Flowers (1)
JND387 Shadow Leaves (8)
CA Essential White Card
CA Apple Green Card
CA Self Adhesive White Pearls CAT119
A5 Die Cutting Machine
2mm Foam Tape
Craft Kit

Method:

- Cut a piece of Essential White card to $5\frac{3}{4}$ " x $4\frac{1}{8}$ ", place your Stitch flower die onto it, tape it down and run through your die cutting machine – there is a lot of detail which needs to be cut out from this plate, so it is advisable to use a metal shim, check the back to see if it has all cut out, if not repeat. Hopefully you can see the beautifully stitched detail on the petals. You get 3 different sizes of flowers, and you get 2 petals for each one. You also get 8 of the centres which are more than you need. John has also cut out a set from Yellow card, but he will only use 3 of the centres for this sample.
- Place the petals face down onto a strong foam mat and using your ball tool and press down and pull forward from the centre of each petal to shape them, turn it over and scribble in the middle of the flower to shape it. Repeat for all the flowers, we may not use all of them today, but you can easily store them into a box until you need them, I am sure that you will need them often for this release because it is so beautiful. Add glue glaze into the centre of the largest petal and offset this onto the same size petal. Take a centre, turn it over and again use your ball tool to go round and round with it to dome shape it, add Pinfair into the centre of you flower and add a yellow centre onto it. John has already cut a yellow set of flowers and added white middles onto them as well as making up a white set. From the 4 little middle flowers with the front facing you, again go round and round in the centre of them to make little lace type inverted dome flowers to go onto your card later.



- The reason we use Pinfair, or any other silicone glue is that when it dries you still keep that dome shape in the centre of the flower, even if you have to post your card. For the 4 little dome white flowers, add a small CA White Pearl into the centre of the dome.
- Then take a piece of Apple Green card and cut out a set of the Stitched Leaves.
- John has already prepared a card front using the Michaelmas Edges and Frames, there is a separate video and instructions of how to make these within the group.



- Starting with the largest foliage leaves, use glue glaze onto the back of some of the leaves and add them onto the bottom left of the panel so that they are opposites. We can then use CA Super Tacky Glue to arrange and add our flowers onto the front of the card. Then add the smaller white and yellow flowers onto the leaves top and bottom. If you then cut off the ends of some of the leaf sprigs so you have just 2 leaves on the end and add these in between the flowers which makes them much more realistic as this is how they grow.
- Finally add glue glaze onto the 2 smaller leaf sprigs and repeat these onto the top right corner, adding the small flowers with the pearls in the middle, onto them.



Your creation is now complete. I hope you have enjoyed these instructions.