

JND431 – Safflower & Leaves – Dec 2023 -by John Lockwood

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John has created a You Tube video dated 24th December 2023, where he demo's how to make this project. As always, I would recommend that you read the instructions through to the end before you commence any project.

Information: This set comprises of a die plate with the flowers on which is slightly smaller than his normal ones, this is because you also get 4 individual leaf dies included in the set. The leaves consist of 2 pairs of different size leaves that are left and right facing, so you don't have to order the leaves separately. The flower is made up of three different style petals, one has what looks like spikes, which is very similar to a Passionflower, then you have a beautiful little five-pointed flower and finally the centre of the flower, which to me looks almost like the sun with the rays coming out of it. The die will cut you 4 of the spikes, 5 of the five-pointed, and 8 of the centre of the flowers. These can all be mixed and matched as you can see in the photos below.



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.

Materials

8" x 8" Top Folding Card Blank
Safflower & Leaves – JND431 (5)
Essential Coconut White Card

Essential Ivory Card
Essential Moss Green Card
Versafine Vintage Sepia Ink Pad and Finger Dauber
3M Craft Mount Permanent Spray Adhesive
Repositionable tape
A5 Die Cutting Machine
Glue Glaze
Crafts Too Flower Foam, or similar
2mm Foam Tape
Craft Kit

Method:

- Cut out a set of the green leaves. Then cut out the flower die plate from Coconut White Card, Ivory Card, or other variety of colours. We will be using one each of the three different types of petals to make one flower. Take a finger dauber and ink the tips of the white petals with some Vintage Sepia Ink and brush around the tips of the flower petals.
- To make up the flowers we need to mould them first, John is using a small ball tool and a foam mat for the smallest centre petal – just go around the centre of it and the outside comes up, it is so easy to do. For the middle ivory colour petals, you will see a slit down each piece, this makes it easy to just fold over like a mountain fold, or under like a valley fold, then bring all the sides up towards the middle. Finally for the largest petal we just bring up the outsides to the middle using a larger ball tool and foam mat. Then using a little dab of glue glaze onto the centre of the layers and make up your flowers, finally adding a small white pearl gem into the middle. You can see a variety of different flowers below, just by changing the colours, or mix and matching different layers. Why not have a go yourselves.



- Now take your moss green leaves, to mould these just use a pair of tweezers to hold the middle stem of each leaf and fold the sides up towards you, repeat all the way around, repeat this process for all the leaves.
- John has created a card base using a combination of the new Infinity dies, there are 3 sizes in the sets, 5", 6" & 7", but John has only used the 5" & 6" for this card base. There is a separate YouTube and set of instructions on how to make some cards using these new dies, this is within the group.
- Squeeze a blob of Super Tacky Glue onto your work surface, then using your tweezers pick up one of the leaves and dip the end of the stem into the glue and add this onto your card, repeat this for all the leaves arranging them in a display on the bottom right and top left of the card (see photo below). Then repeat this process adding the different flowers onto the leaves at the bottom left, then finally adding just one flower onto the 2 leaves at the top right just inside the circle.



You have now created your card; I hope you have enjoyed these instructions.