JND522 - Florentine - Clean & Simple Card - by John Lockwood



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John has created a 'You Tube Video' dated 2nd May 2025, using the new JND522 Florentine Slimline Die set, where he demonstrates how to make a card. I would advise that you visit it as well as following these instructions.

Information:



Materials

3¾" x 7¼" handmade, side folding, White Card Blank JND522 Florentine Slimline Die set (3) JND508 – Handy Sentiment Stamps CT Precision Press Stamp Block Versafine Smokey Grey Ink Pad Essential Coconut White Card Canvas Card – Lilac, Deep Pink and Light Green Crafts Too – Mini Die Cutting Machine Double Sided Adhesive Sheet Glue Glaze 2mm Foam Tape Craft Kit

Method:

• Cut a piece of Coconut White card to $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x 6". Then take the 2 corner dies and tape down one in the top left corner and the other on the opposing bottom right corner. Then run this through your Mini Die Cutting Machine. Then when you take the die out it leaves you with that negative Florentine space,

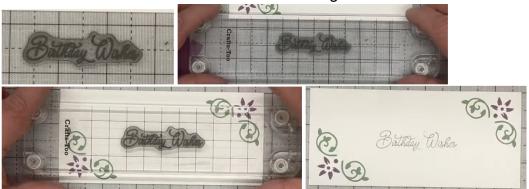
just poke the pieces out. You could add a little bit of green card behind, or you can paper piece it, which is what we will do next.



- Take a piece of double sided adhesive sheet which has been cut just slightly smaller than the white piece, use your pokey tool to peel the shiny side down a little bit and if necessary use it to press back the sticky side so you just peel off the shiny piece. Turn the die-cut piece face down onto your mat and add the sticky sheet over it, then press down, if you are using the multi-media mat it will not stick through the gaps and you can turn the card over easily to see the sticky side through the die cuts, hopefully you can just see the sticky part in the photo below.
- Place the piece evenly onto your mat. John has partly done the bottom corner. Take your corner dies and tape them down onto a scrap of the green canvas card and run through your mini die cutting machine. This will give you the Florentine leaves, so use the pick-up end of your 4 in 1 tool to paper piece the leaves onto the sticky corner of your card. Then repeat this process to cut out the flower from the canvas mulberry/plum colour and poke the pieces out onto your mat, these are very small but once in the flower they look stunning.



 Lay the piece evenly onto your mat, then add the 'Birthday Wishes' stamp face down evenly on one of the lines. Then line your CT Precision Press Stamp Block over the top and you can line up the lines on the block with the lines on the mat, then press down and up, you can then add your Smokey Grey ink pad onto the stamp and position the block along the lines until you are in the correct position and simply press down the block. This is one of the most useful tools around for getting your stamping even on your work. I will let you into a secret I used to dread stamping because I always got it wrong, but since I have had the block I am loving it.



 Bring in your pre-made side folding card blank and add a layer of the Plum, Green and Coconut White card onto it, then turn your main piece over and add wet glue onto the back, then adhere this onto the layers and you have this beautiful card.



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