

Layered Snowflake Number One



Today we are making a very simple layered snowflake card, which uses both the snowflake template mentioned yesterday and a larger snowflake design taken from another card template that will be posted soon. You could of course just use the free snowflakes and make smaller gift cards by layering the different sizes and I'll post some examples of those on the blog soon too.



The key to this very simple but effective card is the stunning background, which no photo can capture but it has a lovely shimmery effect. I'm using a square of white card to make my background. Don't worry if your piece of card is quite big, as you can trim it down later and use the leftovers to make some gift tags.



The background is formed from brushing around snowflake template shapes with Perfect Pearls and stamping snowflakes with clear ink and brushing over them, again with Perfect Pearls. This gives depth and interest to your background. I'm using every Perfect Pearl pot I have in my collection that is blue or violet, to gradually build up colour and depth.



For the first part, you will be using a shape as a template to brush around. Do this part first, so that the white background card will show up to create the snowflake shape. You can use either punched snowflakes as I have done here or use one of the smallest snowflakes from the free template, cut from card as a template to brush around.

Place them randomly and brush around the outside of the shape with Perfect Pearls (there will be enough moisture or grease on the card for the powder to stick to, without needing to use

embossing ink). You can also use some chalk at this point if you prefer, which will produce a much deeper colour. Make sure you place some of the snowflakes off the edge of the card (so only part of the edge is showing). This creates a more natural look.



For the stamping part, just stamp your snowflake image with a clear ink and the fine powder of the Perfect Pearls will easily stick to it. Go for a solid image like this one, rather than an outline stamp.



Tip: If you don't have a stamp, why not cut a snowflake from foam using the template and stick this to either a small piece of wood or use some glue to stick it to a plastic block to make a temporary stamp.



Here I have cut around my background with deckle edged scissors and mounted it on some silver mirror card, before attaching to my white base card. Next, you can cut out your snowflakes and layer them up. For my card, I have run the white shapes through an embossing folder to get some texture, then used a light covering of glue to the front, before dipping them in holographic glitter.



Use foam pads to layer the snowflakes, to create a 3D effect. I've added a simple stick on gem in the centre but you could use a larger embellishment if you have one.