Poinsettia Card (Free Template)

This is the first in a series of projects which we will feature on the blog up to Christmas. Read about it below!

'The 24 days of Christmas' Projects.

We'll be featuring card and chipboard projects, with lots of free templates, some free papers and digital images!

There is even a special album in the Photo Gallery, where you can view the projects we feature, as well as upload any projects you make using the freebies, or even Christmas projects using our other templates and digitals!

Please, please take the time to upload your photos, as we love to see them and there will even be some special prizes for the best uploads.

Those of you who have followed this blog for a while, will know that I quite like my flower cards and what better flower to represent Christmas, than the lovely Poinsettia.

This card was pretty quick to make but you could make it more elaborate if you wanted to. Each petal is cut out and then shaped with a embossing tool, to curl it up and add some veins.You could add some leaves behind your flower, by just cutting some of the petals in green, but I wanted to just keep mine as a simple more stylised design.

Tip: Do your shaping on a soft surface, like a mouse mat or stamping mat, to make it much easier to get a good shaped effect.

I've added a simple punched daisy in the middle, using a piece of glitter paper and finished it off with a adhesive gem. The dots around the outside are just Perfect Pearls.

Using Cuttlebug folders without a Cuttlebug Machine - yes it can be done!

The background piece was a bit of an accident and there is a story behind it. I had originally intended to just run my paper through a Cuttlebug embossing folder but as my machine is in storage, I had to improvise and use a rolling pin.

I had wondered if it would work and was pleased that it did. I have used this on lots of cards I have made since my Cuttlebug machine disappeared. The problem is that you have to lean on it very hard and go over the piece lots of times. Even then, the pattern can be a bit sporadic Patience is the key to this.

The solution was to dampen the card a bit first, either with a spray bottle or with a paper towel, which was the method I chose. This seemed to work well. However, the downside, was that the card I used, wasn't particularly colour fast and so it became pretty patchy.

In an effort to hide the patchy effect, I ended up brushing over the pattern with some green ink. Another example of a 'happy accident', as I was quite pleased with the slightly more dramatic outcome of this background, which seems to work well with the bright red of the flower.

Here is a sheet of petals/leaves to make a similar card. We'd love to see your creations, if you make a card. (note: check the free pages for the link).

Please leave any comments on this or any other projects below. We love to hear from you!

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Tip: Print direct to your paper and cut out the petals/leaves, rather than using as a template.

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