

Snowflake Card Number 2

I like using pre-printed papers on my cards but I like making my own backgrounds even more. You can get some really beautiful effects by creating your own backgrounds with inks and powders.

With today's project, we return to using the 'Nice to Snow You' template. This card is really all about making the background paper, which makes an ordinary design look really special, so you can use this for other designs, not just snowflakes!



The idea was to try and create a snow flurry effect with this background by creating depth.



I've chosen a dark blue paper as I want my snowflakes to stand out. I've then just stamped all over the page with my stamp and heat embossing with silver embossing powder.

This stamp was a cheapy one I found in a discount store but you can do this with any type of stamp you have in your collection. Don't forget that if you don't have any stamps, you can make your own by cutting a shape from foam and sticking it on a block. You could use the free snowflake templates available on this site for example.



The next step is to keep on stamping with your stamp all over the page using the clear embossing ink but instead of heat embossing, you need to brush over the flakes with Perfect Pearls. Keep building up the layers, using blues, purples and iridescent powders to get a lovely effect. I've gone with all the bluey/purple ones I have, as this was really an experiment.



I love the effect you get from the layers of stamped images, that give the paper real depth. It is difficult to really see on a photo but the picture above gives an idea.

I've finished the card with a glittered snowflake cut from the 'Nice to Snow' You template, with a greetings button and a piece of white glitter ribbon. If you have any spare paper, you can make some matching gift tags or cards. I think this makes a lovely matching set of cards for the festive season. What do you think?



I hope you are enjoying joining us in our Christmas Countdown Series. Please drop by again soon for more projects!