

## **Sparkle Background Techniques**

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These are 4 techniques for making sparkly backgrounds for your cards. The background technique is described first and the card instructions follow.

### **#1 Brayered, Stamped & Glittered - Iris Fan Card**

**Background:**

Using a rainbow dye inkpad, apply ink with a brayer to glossy white cardstock. Let dry. With black pigment ink, stamp image onto brayered paper and emboss with black detail embossing powder. Cut out. Apply two-sided adhesive to the embossed side of image. Sprinkle transparent iridescent glitter onto adhesive and tap off excess. Turn face down and burnish back of stamped image to help adhere the glitter.



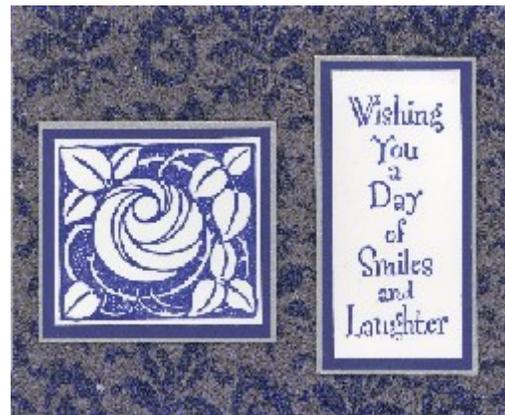
**Card:**

Cut a top fold card out of mint green card stock. Cover the card front with a piece of iridescent paper cut slightly smaller. Using a swirl background stamp, make a background as described above. Layer background image on to pink card stock then glue onto card front. On a piece of the same brayered paper used for the background, stamp Iris Fan with black pigment ink and emboss with black detail embossing powder. Cut out. Layer onto black glossy cardstock, then iridescent paper, then pink cardstock, cutting out closely. Using foam mounts, mount to glittered background.

### **#2 Glitter Lace – Rose Card**

**Background:**

Apply two-sided adhesive to a white cardstock panel. Press a piece of lace down over the adhesive. Sprinkle light colored glitter over the lace. Tap off excess. Remove lace. Sprinkle a darker shade of glitter over the panel. Tap off excess. Turn face down and burnish the back.



**Card:**

Layer glitter lace panel to a piece of metallic silver cardstock cut slightly larger, then attach cardstock to the front of a card. Using blue pigment ink, stamp rose and saying on pieces of white card stock and emboss with clear

embossing powder. Cut out. Layer on a piece of blue cardstock then onto a piece of silver paper. Mount onto glitter lace background with foam mounts

### #3 Stamped Scratch-off Paper – Fireworks Card

#### Background:

Using any color of pigment ink, stamp image onto a piece of black/holographic scratch-off paper. Use a heat tool to heat set the ink. Let cool, then wipe the pigment ink off the scratch-off paper. This will remove the black coating where the image was stamped and allow the holographic background to show through.

#### Card:

On a white card, stamp fireworks with black pigment ink in a random fashion, allowing images to bleed off the edge. Emboss with starry night embossing powder. Also stamp fireworks with silver pigment ink and emboss with holographic embossing powder. Using a fireworks stamp, make a background as described above. Tape black scratch-off background to stamped card front. On a scrap of white card stock, stamp Congratulations with black pigment ink and emboss with starry night embossing powder. Cut out and layer onto black glossy card stock, then onto metallic silver paper. Using foam mounts, mount to card front.



### Powdered Pigment Resist – Forget-me-not Sphere Card

#### Background:

On black matte cardstock, stamp crackle background with watermark ink and emboss with clear embossing powder. Using a blender pen, apply russet, copper, interference gold, sunset gold and gold sparkle powdered pigments. Blend slightly with paper towel. Let dry and cut out and glue to front of a 5”x 5” glossy black card.

#### Card:

On metallic gold paper, stamp Forget-me-not Sphere with watermark ink and emboss with black lame embossing powder. Cut out in circle. Layer onto a circle of glossy black cardstock. Mount onto crackle background (described above) with foam mounts for added dimension. Glue to card front.

