

Creativity Now – Merry & Bright Card



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Items Used

- Bundle: Sweet Candy Canes Bundle (includes Sweet Candy Canes Stamps & Candy Canes Dies)
- Ink: Sweet Sorbet, Polished Pink, Parakeet Party, Garden Green, & Versamark Pads, and Real Red & Garden Green Stampin' Write Markers
- Paper: Sweetest Christmas 12" x 12" Designer Series Paper (DSP), Real Red, Polished Pink, Basic White, Fluid 100 Watercolor Paper
- Ribbon and Trim: None
- Accessories: Basics Stampin' Emboss Powder (white and clear), Adhesive-Backed Seasonal Sequins, Stampin' Spritzer, Water Painters, stapler
- Adhesives: Stampin' Dimensionals, Stampin' SEAL, Mini Glue Dots
- Tools: Stampin' Cut & Emboss Machine, Heat Tool, Stampin' Trimmer, Paper Snips Scissors

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5-1/2" x 4-1/4"

1. Cut Real Red card base to measure 5-1/2" x 8-1/2" and score at 4-1/4". Burnish fold.
2. Cut Sweetest Christmas DSP (candy cane stripe pattern) to measure 5-1/4" x 4" and distress edges with Paper Snips.
3. Cut watercolor paper to measure 5" x 3-3/4". Spritz front and back with water to prevent curling. Use large Water Painter to paint a thin coat of water over the top. Squeeze Sweet Sorbet and Polished Pink ink pads to pool ink in the lids. Add a couple drops of ink refill to the Sweet Sorbet lid. Mix a little water with the Polished Pink ink and use a large Water Painter to paint a light wash in the center of the paper, avoiding the edges. Tip: Use a paper towel to dab the paper and control the flow of ink. Use medium Water Painter to add concentrated Sweet Sorbet ink where the sentiment will go. Set aside to dry. When dry, distress edges with Paper Snips
4. Use your fingers to roll and break down the fibers on the top/right and lower/left corners of the background DSP and watercolored layer. Adhere together with SEAL, add two staples to the top/right corner, and then adhere to the card base with SEAL.
5. Candy Canes: Cut three pieces of Basic White Cardstock measuring 2" x 4". Ink up the left facing candy cane with Polished Pink ink and then use the brush end of a Real Red Stampin' Write Marker to color the small stripes directly on the red rubber. Huff on the stamp and stamp on one of the Basic White pieces. If needed, make any corrections with a Blender Pen dipped in Polished Pink ink. Repeat the process to stamp both a right and left facing candy cane with Parakeet Party ink and stripes colored with a Garden Green Stampin' Write Marker. Dry thoroughly.
6. Press a Versamark Pad over the stamped candy canes to completely cover the images with ink. Cover with clear embossing powder and heat set. Repeat the process to add a second coat of clear embossing. Cut out all three candy canes with the coordinating dies.
7. Adhere candy canes on watercolored background with SEAL.
8. Take watercolored background from Christmas Cheer card and heat emboss a couple leaves in white. Cut out with coordinating dies. Grab a few of the extra watercolored leaves from that project as well.
9. Stamp two leaf images with Parakeet Party and one with Garden Green ink on Basic White Cardstock and cut out with the coordinating dies. Tip: Use a plastic spoon to prepare the ink pads by pushing the ink to the outside edges. This allows the distINKtive style to stamp better.
10. Stamp sentiment with Versamark ink on Real Red Cardstock and emboss in white. Fussy cut sentiment.
11. Cut a 1/2" strip of Polished Pink Cardstock and a 1/2" strip of Sweetest Christmas DSP. Adhere the DSP behind the Polished Pink so that just a little DSP shows on top. Adhere sentiment with SEAL and then tear ends at an angle.
12. Use SEAL to adhere 6 leaves under the area where the sentiment will go, and then adhere the sentiment strips with Dimensionals. Tuck one additional leaf under the sentiment layer.
13. Add Seasonal Sequins as shown.

