

# Perched in a Tree Holiday Card

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This pretty little card was made using the **Perched in a Tree Stamp Set** and the **Aspen Tree Dies**, along with an easy watercolor background. The aspen leaves were die cut using **Distressed Gold 12" x 12" Specialty Paper**. It's hard to see the details in the photo but the dies that cut the aspen leaves also emboss the leaves at the same time, creating beautiful veins in the leaves!

## 1. Card Cuts:

- Card Base - Cut 1 Basic White Thick cardstock to 8-1/2" x 5-1/2", score at 4-1/4"
- Panel - Cut 1 Basic White cardstock to 5-3/8" x 4-1/8"
- Watercolor Panel - Cut 1 Fluid 100 Watercolor Paper to 5-1/4" x 4"
- Sentiment Label - Cut 1 Basic White cardstock to 2-1/4" x 1-1/4"
- Scraps of Basic White cardstock for stamping and die cutting the bird and tree limb
- Scraps of Distressed Gold Specialty Paper for die cutting leaves and greenery sprig
- Inside Mat - Cut 1 Old Olive cardstock to 5-3/8" x 4-1/8"
- Inside Panel - Cut 1 Basic White cardstock to 5-1/4" x 4"

## 2. Start by creating the background watercolor panel.

- Using a large stamp block, open the ink pads and dab each color onto the stamp

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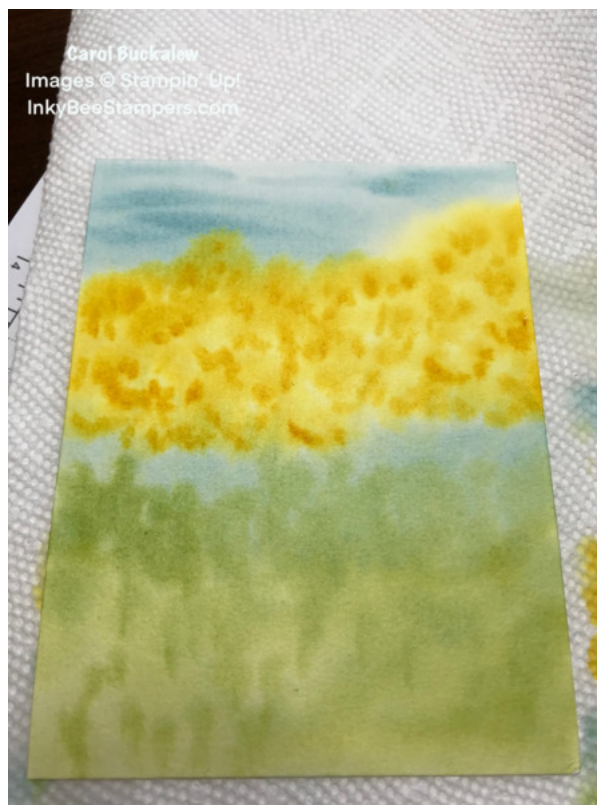
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block. I used Old Olive, Mango Melody, Daffodil Delight and Balmy Blue as my background colors.

- On a piece of Fluid 100 Watercolor Paper, use a Water Painter or watercolor paint brush and completely wet the surface with clean water. You will need to wet the surface twice to completely saturate the paper. You don't want water dripping off of the paper, but rather you want the water to fully absorb into the paper. This is called the wet-in-wet watercolor technique.
- Begin painting in patches of Balmy Blue ink onto the watercolor paper, concentrating on the very top of the watercolor panel. Next, add Daffodil Delight ink below that (think about where the aspen tree leaves would be. **Note: Do not mix the blue and yellow inks on the watercolor surface with your brush, otherwise you'll end up with green!** Next, paint in Old Olive for the ground. As the paper starts to dry, dot in Mango Melody ink where you painted the Daffodil Delight. This adds some interest to the all yellow area and provides some depth. Also add some extra Old Olive ink in short vertical strokes to indicate grass. Once the die cut tree panel is put over top of the watercolor panel, you won't see a lot of these details so your watercolor panel does not need to be super realistic...just a suggestion of sky, leaves and ground. **Allow the panel to completely dry.** Once the panel is dry, come back with the "spotted" stamp and stamp in Old Olive ink over the ground area of the watercolor panel (not shown in photo below).



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3. From the white panel measuring 5-3/8" x 4-1/8", use the largest die from the Aspen Tree Dies set to die cut the oval tree cut out. Once the piece is die cut, use a sponge dauber to lightly blend Smokey Slate ink along the edges of the tree trunks. Using liquid glue, glue the die cut panel over top of the watercolor panel, then adhere this unit to the card front.
4. From Distressed Gold 12" x 12" Specialty Paper, die cut 2 large leaves, 1 small leaf and 1 tall greenery sprig.
5. From the Perched In A Tree Stamp Set, stamp the bird onto a scrap of Basic White Cardstock using Smoky Slate ink. Color in the bird using Stampin' Blends in Crumb Cake, Smoky Slate, and Petal Pink. Refer to photo below for a detailed view.
  - Use a Stampin' Write marker or fine point black marker to define the bird's eye and beak, being sure to leave a white highlight in the bird's eye.
  - Color in the birds head, chest and wings using the lightest shade of Smoky Slate. Come back with the dark shade of a Smoky Slate Stampin' Blend and darken the top of the bird's head, and neck, and use the dark shade to define the wing and tail feathers. Leave a lighter area (streak) behind the bird's eye. Use the dark shade of the Smoky Slate Blend multiple times to create a darker shade on the birds head, neck and back. Blend with the lighter shade of Smoky Slate where needed.
  - Color in the bird's lower chest, belly and under the wing with Petal Pink, then blend with the light shade of a Crumb Cake Stampin' Blend.

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6. On a scrap of Basic White cardstock, stamp the tree limb in Smokey Slate and die cut using the coordinating die from the Aspen Tree Dies set.
7. On the sentiment label, stamp the sentiment "Let heaven and nature sing" in Old Olive ink. Stamp the sentiment more towards the right.
8. You're ready to assemble the card components for the card front.
  - Adhere the tree limb across the panel pointing up and at an angle.
  - Adhere the tall greenery sprig on the upper left side of the die cut oval.
  - Apply a small amount of Stampin' Seal and adhere two short pieces of Gold Shimmer Ribbon just to the right of the greenery sprig and have the ribbon pointing up and slightly to the right.
  - Adhere the sentiment label to the card front in the lower 1/3 of the card and to the right, lining up the right edge of the sentiment label with the right edge of the die cut panel.
  - Adhere the small leaf over top of the die cut tree limb and just above the top left of the sentiment label.
  - Adhere the bird over top of the ribbon ends using Stampin' Dimensionals.
  - Adhere the large leaf to the card front, placing the top of the leaf over the bird's feet and partially over the left edge of the sentiment label and adhere using Stampin'



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- With the second large leaf, cut just the top of the leaf off and tuck behind the bird on the top left.
9. On the inside white panel, stamp the sentiment "Wishing you abundant joy & peace" in Old Olive ink. Use the "watercolor" stamp from the Perched In A Tree Stamp Set to stamp Old Olive ink across the bottom of the panel, then come back with the "dotted" stamp and Stamp in Old Olive ink. Adhere the inside panel to its Old Olive mat, then adhere this unit inside of the card.
  10. Use the same stamps as in Step #9 above, and stamp across the bottom of the envelope front and the edge of the envelope flap in Old Olive ink.
  11. Adhere several blue Glossy Dots onto the card front.



This completes the card! This card was a bit more involved but so much fun to put together! With the sentiments used, this could be a Christmas card, a friendship card or a thinking of you card.

Products used to create this card are included on the next page.

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Perched In A Tree  
Bundle (English) -  
159799

Price: \$53.00

Add to Cart



Fluid 100  
Watercolor Paper -  
149612

Price: \$9.00

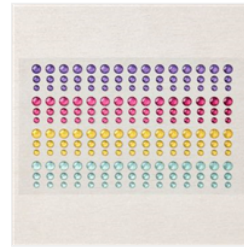
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Distressed Gold  
12" X 12" (30.5 X  
30.5 Cm) Specialty  
Paper - 159237

Price: \$5.00

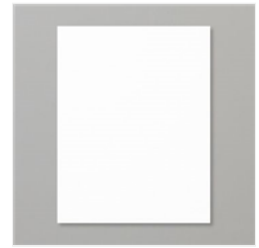
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Glossy Dots  
Assortment -  
158827

Price: \$8.00

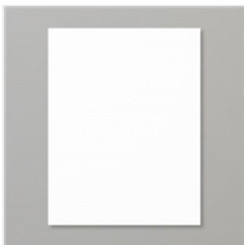
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Basic White 8-1/2"  
X 11" Thick  
Cardstock -  
159229

Price: \$8.75

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Basic White 8-1/2"  
X 11" Cardstock -  
159276

Price: \$10.25

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Old Olive 8-1/2" X  
11" Cardstock -  
100702

Price: \$9.25

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Old Olive Classic  
Stampin' Pad -  
147090

Price: \$8.00

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Mango Melody  
Classic Stampin'  
Pad - 147093

Price: \$8.00

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Daffodil Delight  
Classic Stampin'  
Pad - 147094

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Balmy Blue Classic  
Stampin' Pad -  
147105

Price: \$8.00

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Smoky Slate  
Classic Stampin'  
Pad - 147113

Price: \$8.00

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Crumb Cake  
Stampin' Blends  
Combo Pack -  
154882

Price: \$9.00

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Smoky Slate  
Stampin' Blends  
Combo Pack -  
154904

Price: \$9.00

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Petal Pink  
Stampin' Blends  
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Basic Black  
Stampin' Write  
Marker - 100082

Price: \$3.00

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Sponge Daubers -  
133773

Price: \$5.00

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Stampin'  
Dimensionals -  
104430

Price: \$4.25

Add to Cart



Multipurpose  
Liquid Glue -  
110755

Price: \$4.00

Add to Cart



Stampin' Seal -  
152813

Price: \$8.00

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Paper Trimmer -  
152392

Price: \$25.00

Add to Cart



Stampin' Cut &  
Emboss Machine -  
149653

Price: \$125.00

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