Campology Masculine Birthday Card with Watercolor Background

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For today's card I used the lovely, stamped image of pine trees from the **Campology Stamp Set** and sentiments from the **Heron Habitat Stamp Set**. I love this image of the pine trees so much! I created a watercolor background for the trees using only two ink colors - Starry Sky and Early Espresso for the mountains and ground. Evening Evergreen was used for the trees and the sentiments were stamped in Early Espresso. This makes such a great masculine card!

1. Card Cuts:
    - Card Base - Cut 1 Early Espresso cardstock to 8-1/2" x 5-1/2", score at 4-1/4"
    - Watercolor Panel - Cut 1 Fluid 100 Watercolor Paper to 5-1/4" x 4"
    - Sentiment Label - Cut 1 Basic White cardstock to 2-1/8" x 5/8"
    - Sentiment Label Mat - Cut 1 Early Espresso to 2-1/4" x 3/4"
    - Inside Panel - Cut 1 Basic White cardstock to 5-1/4" x 4"
2. Creating the Watercolor Background:
    - Start at the top of the watercolor panel and wet the paper with a water painter or paint brush in the shape of a mountain (peaks and valleys along the top). Using Starry Sky ink watered down significantly, drop the color in along just the top of the mountain area

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that you wet. Rinse your brush completely and blot onto a paper towel. Do not remove all of the water from the brush! Then spread the watercolor ink towards the bottom of the mountain area that you previously wet. This fades out the color and when dry will look like mist at the base of the mountain. **Important: Allow the paper to dry before moving on to the next step!**

- As you did in the previous step, paint in water, creating a second mountain just below the first. This second mountain is smaller in height than the previous one you painted in. Drop in a watered down mix of Starry Sky, dropping in the color just along the top of this second mountain. Rinse your brush completely and blot onto a paper towel but do not remove all of the water from the brush. Spread the color downwards with water to fade out the color at the base of the mountain. **Important: Allow the paper to dry before moving on to the next step!**

- Create a third mountain just below the last mountain that you painted in. This mountain will be smaller in height than the last and will be darker at the top than the other two so the Starry Sky watercolor should be a slightly darker mix. Follow the same steps as above and allow the panel to completely dry.

- Using a paper towel, cover up the mountains that you just painted and protecting your work surface, splatter the Starry Sky watercolor over the watercolor panel. You can use a high concentration of ink for this. Mix some Early Espresso ink with water and splatter over the area below the mountains while keeping the mountains covered with a paper towel.

- With the Early Espresso watercolor and a somewhat dry brush (not too much water in the brush) paint in streaks below the mountains to give the appearance of ground. It's okay if you paint over wet splatters...this will help provide some interest to the ground. Also paint in some areas here and there with the Starry Sky watercolor towards the base of the pine trees.

- Allow the panel to completely dry.

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1. Using the pine tree image from the Campology Stamp Set, ink the stamp in Evening Evergreen ink, then stamp the pine trees at the ground level and to the left of the dry watercolor panel. Because the watercolor paper is porous, the image will not completely stamp. That's okay. Using the smallest water painter brush or a small paint brush, use a mixture of Evening Evergreen ink and water, and dot in some color on the pine trees. The trees in the back should use a stronger concentration of Evening Evergreen watercolor while the trees in the front will use a lighter mixture. Use a weak mixture of water and Early Espresso ink to paint in the tree trunks. Use a stronger mixture of Evening Evergreen ink and water to darken the area at the base of the trees. Allow the panel to completely dry.
2. Adhere the completed watercolor panel to the front of the card base.
3. Stamp the "Happy Birthday" sentiment from the Heron Habitat Stamp Set onto the sentiment label. Adhere the sentiment label to its Early Espresso mat, then adhere the label to the card front using Stampin' Dimensionals.
4. On the inside panel, stamp the sentiment "Enjoy your day" from the Heron Habitat Stamp Set in Early Espresso ink. Stamp the image of the pine trees from the Campology Stamp Set in Evening Evergreen ink. Use a Soft Succulent Stampin' Blend to dot in some additional color on the pine trees if desired. Use a Crumb Cake Stampin' Blend to color in the tree trunks of the pine trees. Adhere the inside panel to the inside of the card.

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5. Partially stamp the pine tree image onto the envelope front and envelope flap. Use a Soft Succulent Stampin' Blend to dot in some additional color on the pine trees if desired. Use a Crumb Cake Stampin' Blend to color in the tree trunks.

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6. Adhere Rustic Metallic Adhesive-Backed Dots to the sentiment label as shown in the photo.

This completes the card! If you're nervous about trying this watercolor background, I recommend practicing on some inexpensive watercolor paper first. It's easier than you think!

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

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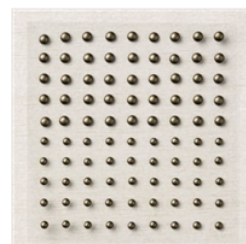Heron Habitat Cling Stamp Set (English) - 158889

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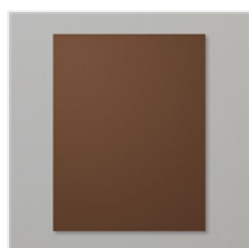Rustic Metallic Adhesive-Backed Dots - 159082

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