

In The Country Watercolor Thank You Card

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I pulled out the paint brushes and my ink pads and colored this image from the **In The Country Stamp Set** which is a free Sale-A-Bration item with a \$50 purchase. I used the Something Fancy Dies to die cut the sentiment label and its mat. I used the Hydrangea Haven Stamp Set for the sentiment. Although you can use whatever sentiment you choose. This image would be pretty stamped in a single color and displayed as-is, use watercolor pencils to color the image, or go the watercolor route and color the image using ink. No matter the method you choose, the **In The Country Stamp Set** makes for some lovely cards.

Helpful Tips Before Water Coloring:

- If you are new to water coloring, practice on inexpensive watercolor paper before painting on your Fluid 100 paper.
- Practice diluting inks (with water) and strengthening colors (adding more ink).
- Control the amount of water in your brush before apply paint to the paper surface. Watercolor painting is all about water control. If there is too much water in your brush, you may get unwanted results. Quickly blot your loaded paint brush on a paper towel to help control the amount of paint in the brush.

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- Allow each application of watercolor to dry before working over the same area with a different color or darker color. This helps you avoid blotchy results or "color blooms".
- It is always best to paint a pale shade of color first, then strengthen the color as you go. Once you put the color down you can't take it away! Work on darkening colors gradually.
- Dye inks do not behave exactly like watercolor paints, and they can be harder to blend out or soften with water. That's why it's helpful to wet the watercolor paper with plain water before applying color.

1. Card Cuts:

- Card Base - Cut 1 Soft Suede cardstock to 8-1/2" x 5-1/2", score at 4-1/4"
- Mat - Cut 1 Evening Evergreen cardstock to 5-1/8" x 3-7/8"
- Watercolor Panel - Cut 1 Fluid 100 Watercolor Paper to 5" x 3-3/4"
- Sentiment Label - Cut 1 Very Vanilla cardstock to approximately 2-1/2" x 1/2"
- Sentiment Label Mat - Cut 1 Evening Evergreen to approximately 2-1/2" x 1/2"
- Inside Panel - Cut 1 Very Vanilla cardstock to 5-3/8" x 4-1/8"

2. I started by stamping the image onto the watercolor paper using Smoky Slate ink. Smoky Slate is a light shade of gray so when I watercolor over this color it tends to "disappear".

3. Preparing to Paint:

- I squeezed my closed ink pads together to deposit ink onto the inside lids of the ink pads, but you can use your ink refillers and drop ink onto a paper plate or dab your ink pad colors onto large stamping blocks.
- Use Water Painters, or use several small, round watercolor brushes. For the small details such as grasses and shading on the trees I used a No. 0 round paintbrush. For the sky area I used a No. 6 round brush to wet the sky area, then used a No. 2 round brush to blend in the blue of the sky. The No. 0 and No. 2 round brushes were used on the road. If using Water Painter brushes, used the small and medium sized brushes to complete this project.
- Have a few paper towels on hand to blot brushes. Paper towels are also handy to test the strength of a color before applying to your watercolor paper. Also use the paper towels to control the amount of water that is in your brush.
- You will need a clean container of water to rinse brushes. I use an old glass jelly jar.

4. Water Coloring the Grass and Trees:

- I pulled out quite a few green inks for this project including Granny Apple Green, Mossy Meadow, Old Olive and Evening Evergreen. Use the smallest brush to paint the trees.
- Dilute Granny Apple Green ink to a very light shade then paint this mixture on all of the grass areas, including the middle strip of grass in the middle of the road. When painting near the edges of the stamped image, I left the edges around the perimeter jagged, rinsed the color from my brush, then came back in with just clean water to smooth out the color around the edges of the image as best as I could.

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- Paint the trees on the horizon first in Granny Apple Green then in Old Olive and the pine trees in Mossy Meadow. Be sure to leave some "white" or unpainted areas on the trees. I came back in with a darker concentration of Old Olive to drop in a few shadows on the trees. I used Evening Evergreen to drop in shadows here and there on the pine trees. I darkened the area of the horizon line where the trees meet the field.
- Using Mossy Meadow and Evening Evergreen inks, I painted in small tufts of grass using my No. 0 round brush. You can use the very tip of the smallest Water Painter brush.
- Allow the watercolor panel to completely dry before moving on.

5. Water Coloring the Fence and Roadway:

- Use a pale mix of Crumb Cake ink to paint in the fence posts and rails and the dirt roadway. Allow to dry.
- With water only, use your brush to wet the rear and left edges of the dirt roadway, then use Soft Suede to darken these areas. Applying just water first helps this darker color to be applied more evenly. Allow to dry.
- Using the smallest brush, dot in Soft Suede to indicate rocks and darker patches of dirt on the roadway.

6. Water Coloring the Sky:

- With a slightly larger brush, paint in water only onto the sky area, being careful not to wet any of the trees. You may need to wet the watercolor paper several times to get it completely wet...but not so wet that the water is running!
- Mix a pale shade of Balmy Blue and paint this over the entire sky area.
- While the paper is still wet, mix a darker shade of Balmy Blue and drop in darker patches of blue, leaving some areas light. Your watercolor paper should still be wet while dropping in the darker shade of blue!

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7. Adhere the dry watercolor panel to its Evening Evergreen mat. Use a length of Old Olive Twill Ribbon and wrap the ribbon vertically around this unit on the left side, securing the ends to the back of the panel using a small amount of Stampin' Seal. Use a second length of twill ribbon and tie a bow around the vertical piece of ribbon. Adhere the watercolor panel to the card front.
8. Using the sentiment "I appreciate all the little things you do" from the Hydrangea Haven Stamp Set, stamp the sentiment using Old Olive ink onto the sentiment label.
9. Use the small, angled banner die from the Something Fancy Dies set and die cut the sentiment label out, then cut a second banner from a scrap of Evening Evergreen cardstock using the same die. Adhere the sentiment label to its mat, slightly offsetting the mat so that it shows below and to the left of the sentiment label. Adhere the sentiment label to the card front using Stampin' Dimensionals.
10. On the inside panel, use the same landscape stamp from the In The Country Stamp Set and stamp only the top portion along the lower left of the panel. Adhere the panel to the inside of the card.

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9. Stamp the same partial image onto the lower left of the envelope front.

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The card is complete! I hope you found this tutorial helpful, and you'll give it a try!

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Cling Stamp Set -
160828**

Price: \$0.00

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**Something Fancy
Dies - 160424**

Price: \$28.00

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**Hydrangea Haven
Photopolymer
Stamp Set -
158210**

Price: \$26.00

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**Old Olive & Sahara
Sand Twill Ribbon
Combo Pack -
158955**

Price: \$8.00

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**Fluid 100
Watercolor Paper -
149612**

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**Water Painters -
151298**

Price: \$13.00

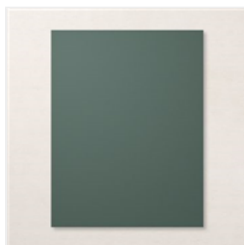
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**Soft Suede 8-1/2"
X 11" Cardstock -
115318**

Price: \$9.25

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**Evening Evergreen
8-1/2" X 11"
Cardstock -
155574**

Price: \$9.25

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**Very Vanilla 8-1/2"
X 11" Cardstock -
101650**

Price: \$10.25

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**Very Vanilla
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- 107300**

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**Smoky Slate
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Pad - 147113**

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**Granny Apple
Green Classic
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147095**

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**Mossy Meadow
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**Old Olive Classic
Stampin' Pad -
147090**

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**Evening Evergreen
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Crumb Cake
Classic Stampin'
Pad - 147116

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Soft Suede Classic
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147115

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Balmy Blue Classic
Stampin' Pad -
147105

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Stampin' Seal -
152813

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110755

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Stampin'
Dimensionals -
104430

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Paper Trimmer -
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Stampin' Cut &
Emboss Machine -
149653

Price: \$125.00

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