

Class Title: Handmade Greeting Cards with Stamps, Dies & More with Tamara

Class Length: 3 hours

Audience: Beginner Crafters

Class Type: Hands-on Workshop

Goal: Students will leave with 3 completed cards and a solid understanding of cardmaking techniques using stamping, embossing, die-cutting, and inking.

Class Outline

I. Welcome & Introduction

- Instructor introduction and background
 - Student introductions (brief)
 - Overview of what students will learn and create
 - Safety notes (e.g., using die-cutting machines, heat tools)
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II. Overview of Tools & Materials

A. Rubber & Clear Stamps

- Types of stamps (rubber vs. clear)
- Using acrylic blocks and stamping platforms

B. Ink Pads

- Dye-based vs. pigment inks
- Specialty inks (e.g., distress inks, archival inks)

C. Embossing Folders & Heat Embossing

- Dry embossing with folders and embossing machines
- Heat embossing with powders and heat tools

D. Metal Dies & Die-Cutting

- Types of dies: examples that some have embossing
- How to use a manual die-cutting machine

E. Other Essentials

- Cardstock types and sizes, # of papers
- Different folds

- Adhesives: glue, foam tape, glue dots
 - Embellishments: sequins, ribbons, enamel dots
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III. Technique Demos

A. Basic Stamping Techniques

- Centering and pressure
- Stamping layered images

B. Dry Embossing

- Running embossing folders through machines

C. Heat Embossing

- Using embossing ink and powders

D. Die-Cutting Techniques

- Cutting shapes and sentiments
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IV. Hands-On Cardmaking Session

Guided time to make 3 greeting cards

- Instructor support and feedback
 - Students encouraged to use various techniques
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V. Wrap-Up

- Q&A session
 - Tips for sourcing tools and supplies affordably
 - Resources for continued learning (blogs, YouTube channels, local shops)
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Suggested Supply List (Per Student or Table) Optional

- Paper trimmers and scissors
 - Adhesives (glue runner, foam tape, Elmers's craft bond glue pens)
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