Watercolor 101

How to Watercolor:
- Use Watercolor Paper for best results
- Select a medium and applicator for your project
- Stamp outline images using Staz-On or heat emboss to create images that won’t run when wet
- Use ink refill or hug an ink pad to put ink on the inside cover of the ink pad
- Dip an Aqua Painter in the ink and paint, or color image with Watercolor Pencils or Watercolor Wonder Crayons and use an Aqua Painter to blend the colors.
- When using watercolor paper the color will go on more evenly if you wet the paper first then add the color
- Allow water colored image to dry then add to cards, 3-D items, scrapbook pages and more
- To clean Aqua Painters squeeze the barrel and brush tip onto tissue, paper towel, or rag until clean

Watercolor Techniques:
- Basic – Paint on a single or multiple colors and blend together for a soft look.
- Highlighting - Areas of watercolored images are colored in or highlighted with a White Signo Gel Pen
- Resist – Color a highlighted area with white or wax crayon. When the image is watercolored, the areas with the crayon resist the watercoloring and remain the background color
- Wash Background – Sunset or faded backgrounds are created by washing a light color across the paper, and then darker layers are added to create a background that fades from light to dark
- Bleed – Two or more colors are allowed to bleed together to create multicolored images
- Wet Paper – Images are stamped onto wet Watercolor Paper for an abstract effect

Watercolor Tools & Materials:
- Applicators
  - Aqua Painter
  - Blender Pens
  - Watercolor paintbrush
- Mediums to watercolor with
  - Outline with Staz-On ink
  - Watercolor with Classic or Craft ink pads and refills
  - Watercolor Pencils
  - Watercolor Wonder Crayons
  - Pastels
  - Blender Pens
  - Aqua Painters
- Materials to watercolor on
  - Watercolor paper is 100% cotton cold-pressed slightly textured, perfect for our stamps and water coloring mediums
  - Watercolor paper is the best surface for watercoloring as it designed for lots of layers of color and water without pilling
  - Whisper White and Very Vanilla card stock work with Blender Pens which are not as wet, but card stock can pill if over colored.
Detail Photos

Basic Watercoloring  Watercolor Highlighting

Watercolor Resist & Wash  Watercolor Bleed

Wet Paper Watercoloring
More Samples


**Card 2:** Certainly Celery card stock, Tangerine Tango and Pacific Point Textured card stock, Certainly Celery 5/8" Grosgrain ribbon, Ticket Corner Small Punch, Silver Brads.


**Card 4:** Certainly Celery, Baja Breeze, and Soft Suede card stock, Certainly Celery 5/8" Satin ribbon, Scallop Oval Extra Large and Modern Label Punch, Silver Brads.