4 Ombré Style Techniques



Welcome!

Ombré* is a French word meaning to shade. In art it means beautiful color gradation*!

Color is an amazing thing! It sets a mood, shares a feeling, and can even brighten your day. This tutorial is all about using a variety of ombré techniques along with some of your favorite stampin' supplies to make cards that will amaze your friends when you add this technique to you next card. It's an easy technique that offers impressive results. Let's dive into some color fun!

In this class, you will make:

- 3 Cards
- 1 Mini Note

This class includes:

- Ombré Tutorial
- Bonus Ideas
- Alternate Project Samples

Featured Products:

- From My Heart stamp set (#126555 wood, #126557 clear)
- Labels Collection Framelits (#125598)
- Aqua Painters (#103954)

Featured Techniques:

- Ombré – Card Stock Strips
- Ombré – Sponging
- Ombré – Watercolor
- Ombré – Punches

Thank you, and enjoy your tutorial!
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Supplies

Listed below are the supplies needed for the projects in this tutorial.

Stamps

- ☐ From My Heart stamp set (#126555 wood, #126557 clear)



Ink

- ☐ Night of Navy Classic Ink Pad (#126970)
- ☐ Marina Mist Classic Ink Pad (#126962)
- ☐ Baja Breeze Classic Ink Pad (#126960)
- ☐ Melon Mambo Classic Ink Pad (#126948)
- ☐ Pumpkin Pie Classic Ink Pad (#126945)
- ☐ Daffodil Delight Classic Ink Pad (#126944)
- ☐ VersaMark Ink Pad (#102283) *- or -*
- ☐ Whisper White Craft Ink Pad (#101731)

Paper



- ☐ Watercolor Paper 6” x 9” (#122959) – 1-5/6 sheets
- ☐ Whisper White 8-1/2” x 11” Card Stock (#100730) – 2-3/4 sheets
- ☐ Basic Gray 8-1/2” x 11” Card Stock (#121044) – 1/3 sheet
- ☐ Night of Navy 8-1/2” x 11” Card Stock (#100867) – 1/3 sheet
- ☐ Marina Mist 8-1/2” x 11” Card Stock (#119682) – 1/16 sheet
- ☐ Baja Breeze 8-1/2” x 11” Card Stock (#111352) – 1/22 sheet
- ☐ Melon Mambo 8-1/2” x 11” Card Stock (#115320) – 1/14 sheet
- ☐ Pumpkin Pie 8-1/2” x 11” Card Stock (#105117) – 1/20 sheet
- ☐ Daffodil Delight 8-1/2” x 11” Card Stock (#119683) – 1/34 sheet



Adhesives

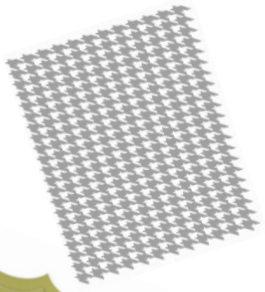
- ☐ SNAIL Refill (#104331) – 52”/set
- ☐ Stampin’ Dimensionals (#104430) – 36/set

Consumable



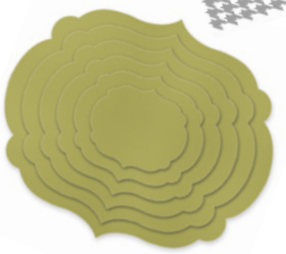
- ☐ Baja Breeze 1/2" Seam Binding Ribbon (#122331) – 14”/set
- ☐ Daffodil Delight 1/4" Stitched Grosgrain Ribbon (#126872) – 10”/set
- ☐ Linen Thread (#104199) – 30”/set
- ☐ Rhinestone Basic Jewels (#119246) – 2/set
- ☐ White Stampin’ Emboss Powder (#109132) – 1 use/set
- ☐ Medium Envelopes – Whisper White (#107301) – 3/set

Punches



- ☐ 1” Circle (#119868)
- ☐ Word Window (#119857)
- ☐ Modern Label (#119849)

Tools



- ☐ Big Shot w/ Multipurpose Platform (#113439)
- ☐ Houndstooth Textured Impressions Embossing Folder (#123134)
- ☐ Labels Collection Framelits (#125598)
- ☐ Stamp-a-ma-jig (optional) (#101049)
- ☐ Simply Scored Scoring Tool (#122334)
- ☐ Paper Snips (#103579)
- ☐ Paper Trimmer (#126889)
- ☐ Stamping Sponges (#101610)
- ☐ Aqua Painters (#103954)
- ☐ Heat Tool (#129053)
- ☐ Embossing Buddy (#103083)

Non-Stampin’ Up – Water for Aqua Painters & Paper Towel

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Instructions

Ombré Tutorial



Ombré is a French word meaning to shade.

In art the ombré style of color gradation can be created in many ways. It usually involves three shades or colors, but can use more.

Create ombré style with:

- Card stock strips
- Sponging
- Watercoloring (Aqua Painter)
- Punches
- Ribbon strips
- Stamping off several times
- Brayer
- Hand drawn (Stampin' Write Markers or Blender Pens)
- Buttons or other embellishments

Inks and colors ideal for ombré:

- Ink Refills
- Ink Pads
- Watercolor Wonder Crayons
- Watercolor Pencils



Ombré Color:

1. Ombré can gradate from a dark color to a lighter shade of the same color as shown above with the various blue shades of paper strips.

2. Ombré can also be a blending from one color to another color. Usually from a primary color to another primary color with their mixed secondary color in between. See photo below for an example.

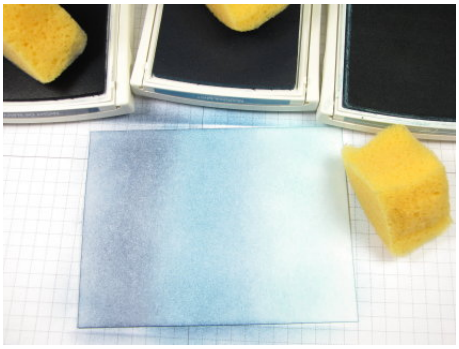
   Examples:
   - *Red to Orange to Yellow*
   - *Blue to Green to Yellow*
   - *Blue to Purple to Red*



Ombré Card Stock Strips:

3. Simple strips of card stock that shade from light to dark create a quick way to add ombré style.

   Add a bit of texture using Textured Impressions Embossing Folders.



Ombré Sponging:

4. Sponging strips of graduated color allows you to create ombré style in many different colors. Blend only slightly where the colors transition to keep the distinctive layered effect common to ombré style.

   Optionally, punch or die-cut the ombré sponged card stock. Use this as a background layer or stamp images over the top.



Ombré Watercolor:

5. Use an Aqua Painter to create the ombré effect on Watercolor Paper using ink refills, ink pads, Watercolor Pencils, or Watercolor Wonder Crayons.

   Begin by wetting the entire surface of the Watercolor Paper with water. This allows the color to flow evenly. Paint the lightest color over about 1/3 of the paper. Add the darker shades, blending only slightly where the colors change.



Ombré Punches:

6. Lines or columns of punched card stock or Designer Series Paper shapes make a bold graphic twist on ombré style.

   Create lines of punched circles, stars, hearts, butterflies, and more. Or use small die-cut images like the Beautiful Wings, Sweet Buttons, or Fashionable Hearts Embosslits.

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Card 1 – Ombré Card Stock Strips



Stamps: From My Heart
Ink: Night of Navy
Whisper White Card Stock
1 5-1/2" x 8-1/2" – Card 1
1 4" x 5-1/4" – Card 1
Scrap for punching (about 1" x 3") – Card 1
Basic Gray Card Stock
1 5/8" x 3-3/4" – Card 1
Night of Navy Card Stock
1 1-3/4" x 3-3/4" – Card 1
Scrap for die-cutting (about 2" x 2-1/2") – Card 1
Marina Mist Card Stock
1 1-1/4" x 3-3/4" – Card 1
Baja Breeze Card Stock
1 1" x 3-3/4" – Card 1
Other
30" Linen Thread
Punches: Modern Label
Big Shot
Labels Collection Framelits
Houndstooth Textured Impressions Embossing Folder (optional)
Adhesives: SNAIL (20") & Stampin' Dimensionals (12)



1. Gather supplies listed.

   Score 5-1/2" x 8-1/2" Whisper White card stock at 4-1/4" along the 8-1/2" side.



2. Die cut scrap Night of Navy card stock using the Big Shot and the smallest Labels Collection Framelit.



3. Line card stock strips from largest to smallest in the Houndstooth Textured Impressions Embossing Folder.

   Carefully close the folder and place it on the Multipurpose Platform with no tabs.



4. Crank Embossing Folder through the Big Shot to emboss strips.

   Optional: If you don't wish to use an Embossing Folder crumple the card stock, stamp it, or use a Stampin' Around Wheel to add interest and texture.



5. Adhere the largest strip 1/8" from the left, top, and bottom edges of the 4" x 5-1/4" Whisper White card stock.

   Adhere the smallest strip 1/8" from the right, top, and bottom edges.



6. Center the two remaining strips between with even spacing.



7. Stamp greeting on scrap Whisper White card stock with Night of Navy ink.

   Punch out with Modern Label Punch.



8. Randomly wrap a 30” piece of Linen Thread around the die-cut Night of Navy label. Hold ends behind label with Stampin’ Dimensionals.



9. Adhere layer with ombré strips to Whisper White card front with Stampin’ Dimensionals.

   Adhere label to bottom right corner with the attached Stampin’ Dimensionals.

   Adhere punched greeting over, and off the left edge, of the Night of Navy label using Stampin’ Dimensionals.



10. This stylish card is ready for any occasion. Change the colors to create a wide variety of ombré options. Or use a different Textured Impressions Embossing Folder for each strip to add even more texture.

Card 2 – Ombré Sponging



Stamps: From My Heart
Ink: Night of Navy, Marina Mist, Baja Breeze, & VersaMark or *Craft* Whisper White

Whisper White Card Stock
1 4-1/4" x 11" – Card 2
2 3-3/4" x 5" – Card 2

Night of Navy Card Stock
1 3-7/8" x 5-1/8" – Card 2

Other
14" Baja Breeze Seam Binding Ribbon
2 Rhinestone Basic Jewels
White Stampin' Emboss Powder
Heat Tool
Embossing Buddy
Big Shot
Labels Collection Framelits
Stamping Sponges
Adhesives: SNAIL (8") & Stampin' Dimensionals (12)

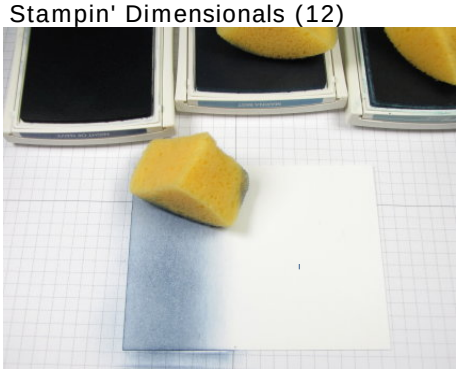


1. Gather supplies listed.

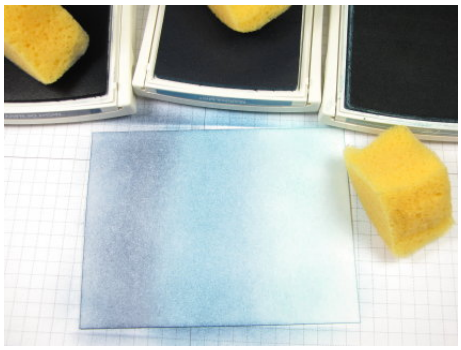
   Score 4-1/4" x 11" Whisper White card stock at 5-1/2" along the 11" side.



2. Layer Whisper White card stock onto Night of Navy card stock using SNAIL. Adhere layers to Whisper White card front with Stampin' Dimensionals.



3. Sponge left third of Whisper White card stock with Night of Navy ink and a Stamping Sponge.



4. Sponge the center 1/3 with Marina Mist ink and the right 1/3 with Baja Breeze ink.

   Only blend slightly between colors to keep the distinctive layered colors of ombré style.



5. Gently rub Embossing Buddy over sponged card stock. This is especially important to keep embossing powder from sticking to any ink that is slightly wet.

   Stamp greeting at the center of the ombré sponged card stock with VersaMark or *Craft* Whisper White ink.

   Cover with White Stampin' Emboss Powder, tap off excess, and emboss with the Heat Tool.



6. Center the 3rd largest Labels Collection Framelit over the embossed greeting and die-cut with the Big Shot.



7. **Optional:** Keep the outside area of the die-cut sheet for other projects or to use as a mask.



8. Adhere die-cut sponged ombré label to center of card front with Stampin' Dimensionals.



9. Wrap a 14" piece of Baja Breeze Seam Binding through the card and knot at the front. Trim off ends with sharp Paper Snips.

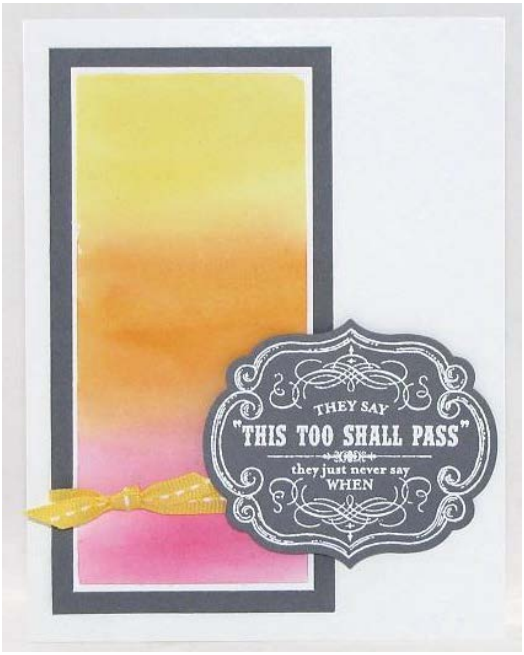


10. Add 2 Rhinestone Jewels to accent the heat embossed greeting image. Paper Snips work well for removing the self-adhesive Rhinestone Jewels from the backing sheet and placing them on your project.

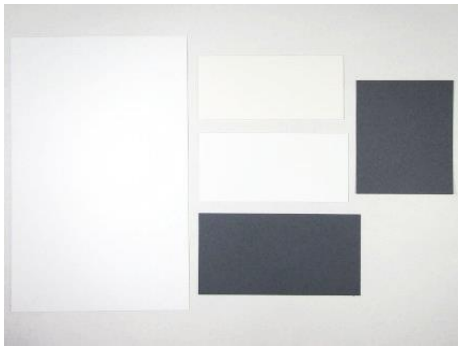


11. This elegant card is perfect for many occasions. Easily change the ombré effect from blues to a variety of other colors for and almost endless number of possibilities from one layout!

Card 3 – Ombré Watercolor

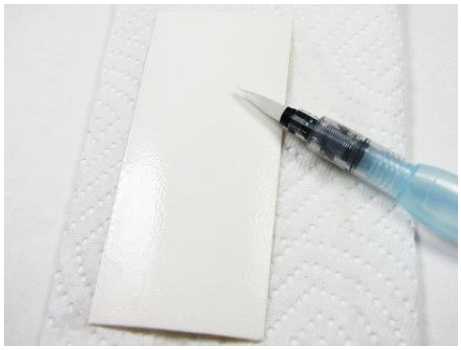


Stamps: From My Heart
Ink: Melon Mambo, Pumpkin Pie, Daffodil Delight, & VersaMark or *Craft* Whisper White
Watercolor Paper
1 2" x 4-1/2" – Card 3
Whisper White Card Stock
1 5-1/2" x 8-1/2" – Card 3
1 2-1/8" x 4-5/8" – Card 3
Basic Gray Card Stock
1 2-1/2" x 5" – Card 3
Scrap for die-cutting (about 3" x 3-1/2") – Card 3
Other
10" Daffodil Delight 1/4" Stitched Grosgrain Ribbon
White Stampin' Emboss Powder
Heat Tool
Embossing Buddy
Aqua Painters
Big Shot
Labels Collection Framelits
Adhesives: SNAIL (16") & Stampin' Dimensionals (8)
Non-Stampin' Up!: Water and Paper Towel



1. Gather supplies listed.

   Score 5-1/2" x 8-1/2" Whisper White card stock at 4-1/4" along the 8-1/2" side.



2. Place the Watercolor Paper on a folded paper towel to absorb excess water and ink.

   Wet the entire surface of the Watercolor Paper with water using the Aqua Painter. This allows the color to flow evenly.



3. Squeeze closed ink pads to transfer ink from the pad to the inside of the lid.

   Pick up ink from the lid with an Aqua Painter.



4. Starting at one end, paint the lightest color, Daffodil Delight, over about 1/3 of the Watercolor Paper.



5. Add Pumpkin Pie and then the darkest shade, Melon Mambo, to the center and end thirds. Blend only slightly where the colors change to keep the distinctive layered ombré effect.

   Set aside to dry.



6. Rub Embossing Buddy over Basic Gray scrap card stock.

   Stamp greeting in the center with VersaMark or *Craft* Whisper White ink.

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7. Cover generously with White Stampin' Emboss Powder, tap off excess, and emboss with the Heat Tool.



8. **TIP:** Keep Framelits from moving when you have them centered over stamped images by using the sticky edge of a sticky note to hold the Framelit to the card stock.



9. Die cut heat embossed greeting with the 2nd smallest Labels Collection Framelit using the Big Shot.



10. Adhere Whisper White card stock layer to Basic Gray card stock layer with SNAIL.

    Once the ombré watercolored paper is dry adhere it to the layers with SNAIL.



11. Knot a 10" piece of Daffodil Delight Stitched Grosgrain Ribbon towards the bottom of the layers at the left side. Trim off excess.



12. Adhere ombré watercolored layer 1/4" from left, top, and bottom edges using Stampin' Dimensionals.

    Add 2 Stampin' Dimensionals behind the right edge of the die cut greeting, and a bit of SNAIL behind the left edge.

    Adhere to bottom right of card front overlapping the ombré watercolored layer.

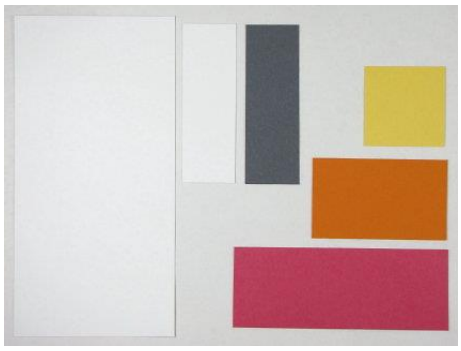


13. Simply beautiful! Imagine this card using the ombré effect in shades of blues, purples, or greens. So many possibilities!

Card 4 Mini Note – Ombré Punches



Stamps: From My Heart
Ink: Basic Gray
Whisper White Card Stock
1 3" x 6" – Card 4
Scrap for punching (about 1" x 3") - Card 4
Basic Gray Card Stock
Scrap for punching (about 1" x 3") - Card 4
Melon Mambo Card Stock
Scrap for punching (about 1-1/2" x 4") - Card 4
Pumpkin Pie Card Stock
Scrap for punching (about 1-1/2" x 2-1/2") - Card 4
Daffodil Delight Card Stock
Scrap for punching (about 1-1/2" x 1-1/2") - Card 4
Other
Punches: 1" Circle, Word Window, Modern Label
Adhesives: SNAIL (8") & Stampin' Dimensionals (4)

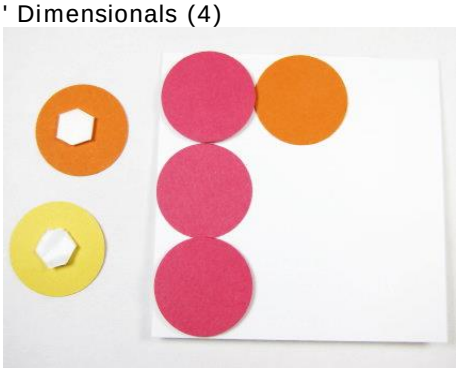


1. Gather supplies listed.

   Score 3" x 6" Whisper White card stock at 3" along the 6" side.



2. Punch 3 circles from Melon Mambo scrap, 2 circles from Pumpkin Pie scrap, and 1 circle from Daffodil Delight scrap using the 1" Circle Punch.



3. Place Stampin' Dimensionals on the back of 2 Melon Mambo, 1 Pumpkin Pie, and 1 Daffodil Delight circles.

   Place Melon Mambo circles with the Stampin' Dimensionals at top left and bottom left corners of the mini note card front. Center the last Melon Mambo circle between with SNAIL.

   Adhere a Pumpkin Pie circle to the top middle with SNAIL.



4. Adhere Pumpkin Pie circle with the Stampin' Dimensional to the center of the Mini Note.

   Adhere the Daffodil Delight circle to the top right with the attached Stampin' Dimensional.



5. Stamp greeting on scrap Whisper White card stock with Basic Gray ink.

   Punch out with the Word Window Punch.



6. Punch scrap Basic Gray card stock with the Modern Label Punch.

   Adhere punched Word Window to punched Modern Label with SNAIL. Adhere greeting at an angle at the bottom right of the Mini Note with SNAIL.

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Bonus Ideas

Keep these instructions and have fun re-creating with new color combinations, themes, and stamp sets.

Try these ideas or some of your own:

- **BIRTHDAY** – Create a fast set of birthday cards and gift tags using the Ombré Punches and Ombré Paper Strips techniques. It's a great way to use up left-over card stock and Designer Series Paper scraps. Change out the colors to match the party theme (or a holiday or season). Make the Mini Notes into gift tags using a whole rainbow of colors and shapes. Try using smaller circle punches, and other shapes like the Small Heart Punch, Itty bitty Shapes Punch Pack, Bitty Butterfly Punch and more!

- **GIFTS** - Make several of these sets and give them to your neighbors as thoughtful holiday gifts or to teachers for end-of-year gifts.

- **WEDDING** – Create a bridal Shower invitations and thank you cards using the bride's color scheme and the Sponged Ombré or Watercolor Ombré techniques. Then make your own stepped up version as your wedding card to the bride and groom!

- **COLOR CHALLENGE** – Try these color combinations for even more ombré fun!



Lots of possibilities! ***Enjoy and keep creating!***

TIP*:* *If you are having trouble coming up with color combinations, consider purchasing the* **Color Coach** *- it puts all the answers at your fingertips!*

Alternate Project Samples

Color your world with even more ombré fun! These stepped-up alternate samples add extra layers, die-cuts, and textures along with soft pastel colors. Enjoy this additional inspiration!



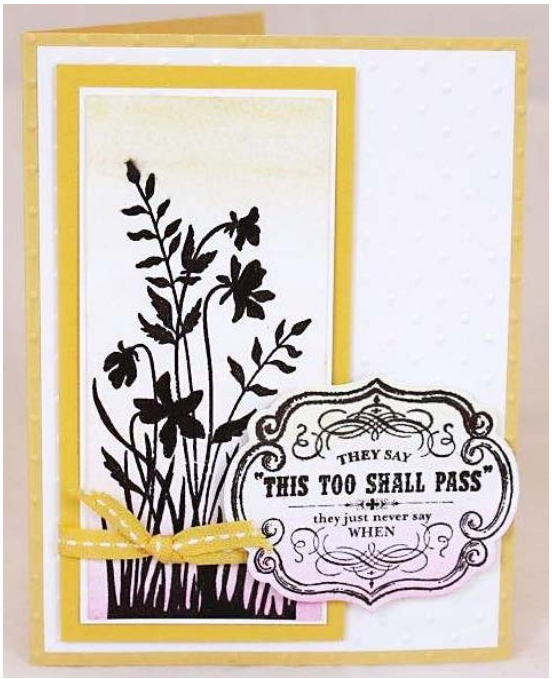




Additional Supplies Used:

Stamps: Just Believe & From My Heart
Ink: Early Elegant Eggplant, Early Espresso, Primrose Petals, Raspberry Ripple
Colors: Daffodil Delight, So Saffron, Baja Breeze, Pool Party, Wisteria Wonder, Perfect Plum, Elegant Eggplant, Primrose Petals, Pink Pirouette, Rich Razzleberry, Pretty in Pink
Accessories: Card Stock Vellum, Primrose Petals 3/8" Stitched Satin Ribbon, Daffodil Delight 1/8" Taffeta Ribbon, Baja Breeze 1/2" Seam Binding, Wisteria Wonder 3/8" Ruffled Ribbon, Textured Impressions Embossing Folders (Perfect Polka Dots, Elegant Bouquet, Cloudy Day, Vine Street), Brights Watercolor Wonder Crayons, Paper Doily Sizzlits L Die, Bitty Butterfly & Elegant Butterfly Punches





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