

# Brayer Ink Blending Technique & Slimline Christmas Card

Technique: Heat Embossing/Ink blending    Level: Beginner/Intermediate

TIME: 20 minutes



## STAMPS:

Simon Says Stamp Slimline Scene Builder Christmas

## INKS:

VersaMark (for embossing)

Gina K Designs:

### Purple and Blue Card:

Wild Lilac  
Powder Blue  
Blue Denim

### Green Card:

Grass Green  
Key Lime  
Lucky Clover

### Turquoise Card:

Tranquil Turquoise  
Ocean Mist  
Blue Lagoon

**ACCESSORIES:**

Stamping Platform  
White Embossing Powder  
Brayer  
Simon Says Stamp Slimline Marquee dies  
Foam Tape  
Wow Embossing Powder:  
Sugared Almond, Oceanic and Montserrat  
Photo copy paper to clean brayer

Heat Tool  
Anti-Static Pouch  
Die Cutting Machine  
Tape Runner  
Paper Trimmer

**CARD STOCK AND DESIGNER PAPER:**

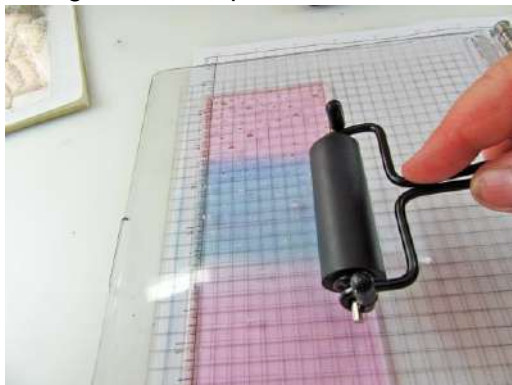
Hammermill #100 White  
  
Simon Says Stamp Lavender

4-1/4 x 8-1/2 – art piece  
4-1/4 x 11 – die cut the Slimline Marquee Mat  
7 x 8-1/2- score on the 7” side at 3-1/2

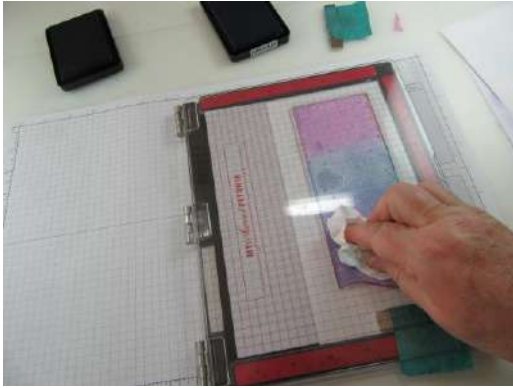
**DIRECTIONS:**



1 – Using a stamping platform, place the 4-1/4”x 8-1/2” white card into the base and line up the long slimline background stamp. Close the lid to secure it then open the lid.



2 – Use the brayer to add the three inks to the stamp. Go back with the center light color and blend over where they join to eliminate the solid line.



3 – Close the lid and press firmly on the stamped image to transfer the ink to the card stock.  
TIP – I use a Kleenex or paper towel for smooth rubbing on the lid.



4 – Gently open the lid to reveal the color blend.  
TIP – I usually do these steps twice for a nice cark colored background.



5 – Heat the art piece until it's dry as we are going to heat emboss over it.



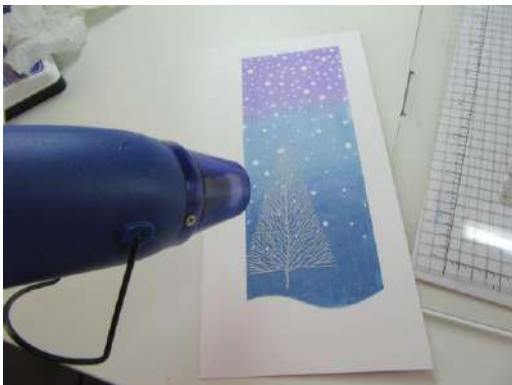
6 – Place the large tree stamp on the left side of the art piece with the stamp hanging off slightly.



7 – Ink the stamp in VersaMark Ink.



8 – Cover with white embossing powder and then shake off the excess.





9 – Use the heat tool to heat emboss the image.



10 – Place the art piece back into the stamping platform and stamp the ornament stamp over the tree also in VersaMark Ink. Cover with Purple Glittery Embossing Powder. Shake off the excess and heat set.

11 - Use a paper trimmer to trim the three straight sides and scissors to trim the curve at the bottom.



12 – Die cut the mat with the Simon Says Stamp Slimline Marquee die (the largest one in the set).



13 – place the art piece at the top of the mat (DO NOT ATTACH), to use as placement for stamping the sentiments at the bottom. Stamp the sentiments in the Wild Lilac Ink.



14 – Use a tape runner to attach the mat die cut to the card base.



15 – Use Foam tape on the back of the art piece and attach it to the card front.



This is a great card for mass producing as you can do each of the step's multiple times and by the end of a few hours, you will have 10 – 15 completed artful Christmas Cards.

Simon Says Stamp also sells coordinating [Slimline Envelopes](#) that match their inks and card stocks and as this card is reasonably flat, no extra postage is required to mail them. (unless it's out of country of course).