

# Botanical Wreath blackout Technique

Technique: Ink blending/blackout technique

Level: Beginner/Intermediate



**TIME:** about 20 minutes

**STAMPS:**

None

**INKS:**

Simon Says Stamp:

Honey, Taffy, Sage, Amethyst, Night

Splatter White Opaque paint

Yasutomo Pale Gold Paint

**ACCESSORIES:**

Platinum 6 Die Cutting Machine

Natures Botanical Wreath 3/D

Embossing Folder.

Nature's Botanical Garden

Sentiments BetterPress Plates and dies.

2-sided adhesive

Tape runner

Foam Squares

Paper Trimmer

11 x 17 Grid Paper

Best Ever Craft Tape

Paint brushes

Mighty Mister Spray Bottle

Swedish Sponge Cloth

Blending Brushes

**CARD STOCK AND DESIGNER PAPER:**

White Cardstock (Hammermill)

7 x 10 – score and fold at 5” – card base.

4-1/2” x 6-1/2” – embossed card front

Pink cardstock

5” x 7” (2) – card front and sentiment piece

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Start with a piece of white cardstock 4-1/2” x 6-1/2”. Spritz both sides with water; this helps break down the paper fibers and reduces tearing when you emboss. Place the piece inside the embossing folder and run it through the Platinum 6 die-cutting machine.



2. Next, when the paper is dry, use the ink and blending brushes to add color to the flowers and leaves on the INDENTED SIDE of the embossed image.
3. Start by lying the art piece flat on a protected surface. Ensure the ink pad you are using to “blackout” is well-inked.
4. Pull the ink pad across the entire surface of your art piece. Don’t press so hard that the ink goes down into the embossed flowers and completely covers them. Just hard enough that it colors the background; and highlights the embossed image. This takes a few swipes to get solid coverage. Watch the video for this step.
5. Once you are happy with the blackout coverage, create your card base.
6. White cardstock 7" x 10", score and fold at 5". Then, cut a pink card front 5" x 7" and attach.
7. Next, attach the art piece to the card front.
8. Then, while the paint is drying, create the sentiment using Nature’s Botanical Garden Sentiments and your BetterPress System.
9. I used the same pink cardstock and Navy Ink for the blackout. I die-cut the sentiments with the coordinating dies and attached them to the center of the wreath.
10. Finally, place it inside a splat box, and splatter it with white and gold paint.
11. Grab your embossing folders and give this fun technique a try.

## Happy Stamping

