

Valentine Roses

What you will need to recreate this project:

- 22.2 x 14.8 cm card - white
- 2 x 14.8 cm squares paper - contrasting monochrome designs
- Scrap handmade paper - red
- 2 x punched/die cut leaves
- Length satin ribbon - silver
- 10 cm square holographic foil card - silver
- 2 small & 2 large acrylic gems - red
- 2 x hat pins topped with silver beads



How to assemble this project:

With the card in landscape position, measure & mark a point, both top & bottom at approx. 7.4 cm. Score in this line & fold firmly.

Cover the inside back of the card with your chosen adhesive & using one of the two monochrome paper squares, completely cover this panel. Trim edges as requires.

On the wrong side of the second square of paper, faintly mark a central cross. With the paper face down, take one corner of the paper & fold to meet this cross, repeat with all four corners.

Fold each corner back to form a 1.7 cm 'frame' around the central core. Finally fold the tip of the corner back upon itself - so the right side of the paper is visible once again. (See main picture). Repeat on all four corners.

Slip the square of holographic card inside the frame, & with a little adhesive, fix the inside of the 'frame' to the holographic card.

Wrap the silver ribbon beneath the fold of the frame - use small 3D adhesive foam squares under the fold to hold the ribbon in position, tie off the ribbon with a bow at one corner. Finish off the frame with the acrylic gems positioned in the visible corners.

Turn the frame to form a perfect diamond (with the ribbon bow at the base) & affix the right hand side onto the front panel of the card, positioning the centre of the diamond down the open edge of the flap.

Creating the 'tatty roses' -

Roughly cut out five circles from the scrap of handmade paper then, cut each one individually into a spiral - like a peelings from an apple. Beginning at the outer point & trying to keep the inside edge level, roll up the spiral tightly. Allow to unfurl a little & the turn upside down & fill the inner core with tacky glue. Fold over the final piece to cover the hole & hold until partially set. Repeat with the other four.

Use gel glue to arrange the flowers & the two punched/die cut leaves into the lower corner of the diamond - but within the frame.

Finally, before the glue gel sets, gently slip in the two hat pins & then put aside to until the glue gel has set.