

Tropical Birthday Shaker Card (By Lisa Babitz; www.iplayedwithpapertoday.com)

Stamps Used:

Tropical Island (L-24219)

Birthday Flamingo (J-29905)

Let's Party (G-9610)

The tropical island image was stamped with Memento Tuxedo Black ink on white card stock and was colored with Copic Markers (G24, G28, E55, E57, E59, E42, E43, and E44). I masked the colored image and inked the background with Gina K Designs Powder Blue, Sweet Mango, and Ocean Mist inks.

The flamingo was stamped on the frame with Versamark ink and heat embossed with Ranger black embossing powder. (A portion of the image was lost when it was stamped over the cut-out portion of the frame.) I then created a cut file and die cut with my Silhouette Electronic Die Cutting machine for the body of the flamingo so it could hang over the shaker window. I stamped the body onto this die cut with Memento Tuxedo Black ink and colored it with Copic Markers (R14, R29, and BG18). Then, to make it bolder to match the embossed legs better, I stamped over the colored image again with Versafine Black Onyx ink. I was able to stamp over the image because I used my MISTI for all my stamping so it was easy to line up the image to stamp it a second time. The colored die cut was lined up over the embossed image on the frame.

The greeting was also stamped with Versafine Black Onyx ink.

The solid card stock is Gina K Designs Blue Lagoon and Ocean Mist, and the patterned paper is DCWV Green Woodland Stripe. The background panel was embossed with a Darice "Basketweave" embossing folder and my Cuttlebug to add some texture.

I cut the printed frame with my Silhouette, and I used a sizzix die (38-0163 Frame Rectangle) to cut fun foam (3 layers glued together) that I used to raise the frame up to create the shaker window. This window needed to be pretty deep to accommodate the thickness of the shells.

I also used a small piece of thick acetate for the shaker window, shells, sand (from the beach in Ocean City, NJ), and raffia ribbon to finish it off.