

## "Have a Hoot" card

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You will need:

Fluffy Owl stamp - FH116  
Versafine ink pad - Vintage Sepia  
Distress ink pads - Faded Jeans and Dusty Concorde  
Ranger foam blending tool  
DL card blank  
White cardstock  
Black cardstock  
Marvy Le Plume pens - assorted colours  
Glossy Accents  
Zig two way glue pen  
Ranger non stick Craft sheet  
Paintbrush and water  
3D foam squares or silicone glue

1. Cut a piece of white card to a little smaller than the DL card blank. Punch, or cut out, a circle of thin white card and scribble the two way glue over its; surface. Allow the glue to dry (it will turn from blue to clear) so that it becomes repositionable, then stick it to the top left of the white card rectangle, with the card in a landscape position.
2. Attach a foam blender to the velcro surface of the applicator tool and press lightly to ensure that it is held in place properly. Place the white card onto the craft sheet. Dab the foam onto the surface of the Faded Jeans ink pad and wipe it in a small circular motion onto the craft sheet and then across onto the card. Working in this way will ensure that there are no harsh edges to the colour. Keep moving the card around and work from the edges inwards. Now begin to add the Dusty Concorde ink in the same way so that the colours blend smoothly. Carry on until you are happy with the amount of colour.
3. Carefully lift the circle to reveal the white "moon " below. If you have been a little heavy handed and have pulled away any of the card surface, simply disguise this by smearing a little Diamond Sticks over it! From the black card, cut a stylized branch shape - refer to the finished card for an idea as to the shape. Lightly tack this down across the centre of the white card using the Zig glue and just applying it at the ends of the branch. Trim any excess black card that may be overhanging and then stick the whole piece to the front of the card blank.
4. Stamp the Fluffy Owl five times onto thin white card using the Versafine ink

pad. Allow to dry and then colour the owls using the Le Plume pens and paintbrush - scribble the pens onto the craft sheet and then water the colour down with the paintbrush and a little water before painting the images. Add darker areas of colour to give shading around the eyes, neck, wings and tail. Use a black pen to intensify the pupils and use the micro point of the pens to colour the Irises with undiluted colour.

5. Cut out each owl and then carefully cut around their feet so that they are only held in place at the top. This will allow you to slip their feet over the front of the branch whilst sliding their tails behind so that they appear to be perching. Use 3d foam or silicone glue to stick behind each owl's head so that it is raised whilst the feet and tail remain flat to the card. Now carefully use the Zig glue pen to apply glue under the unstuck areas of the branch to keep it in place.

6. Use the micro point of a blue or purple Le Plume pen to write your greeting across the bottom of the card - use "stick and dot" writing...write the letters quite boldly and then add a dot to the end points of each one. Or could use "Have a hoot on your special day", "Hope your birthday is a hoot!" or something with a similarly bad pun! Finally, apply Glossy Accents to each owl's eyes, beak and feet and allow to fully dry whilst kept flat - overnight preferably.