

Trees a crowd!

ARRANGE SILKY RIBBONS
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The choice of designs for ribbons has really exploded in recent years and can provide the crafter and card maker with a new world to explore. Collage is also a perennial favourite for us and this project designed by Jenny Higham combines these two elements to create textured Christmas tree toppers. The technique uses simple loops of ribbon arranged in a layered style and adhered to a shaped card base. Think traditional with red, white and green, or try your own favourite colour combinations.

What You NEED

Card, A4 plain white; off-cuts, white
Paper, patterned
Ribbon: grosgrain, assorted; satin, 5-10mm wide; glitter/ricrac
Borders, holograph
Embellishments: star brad; sequin snowflake, silver; gems, red
Message tags, Christmas
Adhesives
Scissors

funky tree card

1 Fold the A4 white card in half and trim to 14cm square. Cut a panel of patterned paper slightly smaller than the card size and stick to the front. Create a second square from darker paper, 12cm square, and stick on top. Outline both panels with a red holograph border.

2 Draw a large funky tree shape onto scrap card and cut out; this will be the tree base. Cut each piece of ribbon to 5cm, fold in half and stick to the card base. Work up the tree

shape, overlapping the loops of ribbon and using a different colour for each row. Trim away any pieces of white card showing.

3 Cut a length of gold glitter ribbon 5cm and stick onto the card front to make the trunk. Attach a gold star brad at the top of the tree. Stick the tree onto the card base using foam pads, then add a sentiment to finish.

someone special

1 Fold the A4 white card in half and trim to 10.5cm x 20cm. Cut a panel of patterned paper slightly smaller than the card size and stick to the front. Outline with silver holograph border. Create another panel of red paper, 9.5cm x 15.5cm, and stick to the centre. Trim a final layer of dark green paper, 9cm x 14.5cm, and fix on top. Outline the red paper with a red border.

2 Draw a tall curved tree shape onto scrap card and cut out. This will be your tree base.



top TIP

Cut, fold and glue a number of ribbons before starting to cover the card tree - it's surprising how quickly you can fill the shape



Cut each length of ribbon to 5cm, fold in half and stick to the base. Work up the tree overlapping the loops and using a different colour for each row.

3 Cut a strip of silver glitter ribbon, 5cm long, and stick to the card for the trunk. Fix the tree in place with spacers. Stick a silver sequin snowflake and a clear gem at the top of the tree. Add your message at the base of the card as shown.

make Christmas merry

1 Make a tent-fold card, 10.5cm x 20cm. Cut a panel of light green patterned paper slightly smaller than the card and stick to the front. Trim red paper the same size and cut a curvy rectangle, then fix to

front. Create a slightly smaller curvy shape from dark green paper and stick on top so the tip of the red curved panel can be seen. Outline with red border.

2 Copy the two small tree shapes onto scrap card and cut out for the bases. Cut each ribbon to 3cm, fold in half and stick to the card base. Work up the tree overlapping the loops of ribbon as you go. Trim any small pieces of white card showing.

3 Cut two strips of silver glitter ricrac, 4cm long and stick to the card for trunks. Stick the trees in place with spacers. Add a red star, or flower gem at the top of the tree and some self-adhesive gems or pearls in red as shown. Add the message to the bottom right corner of the card. **CB**



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