

Technique Tuesday: Stretch Your Cover-Plate!

Project Spotlight: "You're as Sweet as Honey"

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This technique is called [Stretch Your Cover-Plate \(#TLC1041\)](#) and that came from the [SplitCoastStampers!](#)

Measurements:

- **Base Card (Basic White):** 5-1/2" x 8-1/2" (scored at 4-1/4")
- **Mat #1 (Daffodil Delight):** 5-1/2" x 4-1/4"
- **Mat #2 (Basic Black):** 5-3/8" x 4-1/4"
- **Mat #3 (Basic White – Textured):** 5-3/16" x 4"
- **Mat #4 (Basic Black):** 4-1/4" x 2-7/8"
- **Mat #5 (Basic White):** 4-1/8" x 2-3/4"
- **Label:** Any label shape you prefer (used: Beautiful Butterflies DieCut)

Note: The Honeycomb Embossing Folder and Vellum are RETIRED. Swap with your favorite texture folder or medium!

Supplies:

- Die-cutting machine (your choice)
- Embossing folder (your choice)
- Blending brushes
- Inks: Daffodil Delight, Crushed Curry, Pecan Pie, Early Espresso, Tuxedo Black Memento

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- Background stamp (sketched plaid or similar)
- Embossing paste + palette knife
- Masking Tape (I used the Purple Tape)
- Craft Heat gun
- Sandpaper or foam distressing block (or even can use the fine grit nail buffer!)
- Green glue (it is actually called the multi-purpose adhesive but I called it the green glue because of the tips)
- Seal Adhesives (or your choice)
- Stampin' Dimensionals
- Foam Strip

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Instructions:

Ink Edges: Distress ink the edges of ALL mats and your label using Tuxedo Black Memento ink.

Ink Blending: With blending brushes, softly blend Daffodil Delight, Crushed Curry, Pecan Pie, and Early Espresso on Mat #3 to your liking.



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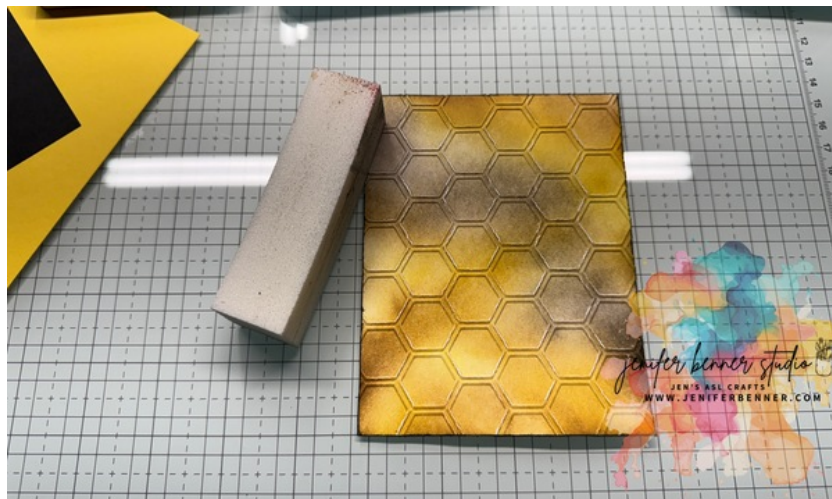
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Texture Time: Emboss Mat #3 (Basic White) using the Honeycomb EF (or alternate EF).



Distress for Depth: Use sandpaper or foam block to gently reveal the white core on Mat #3.



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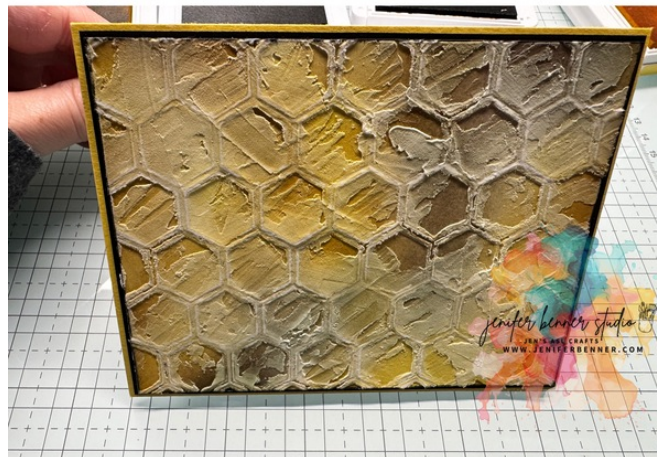
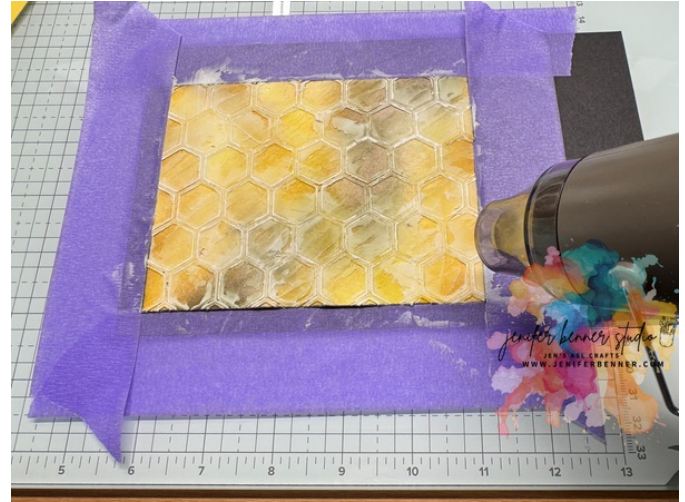
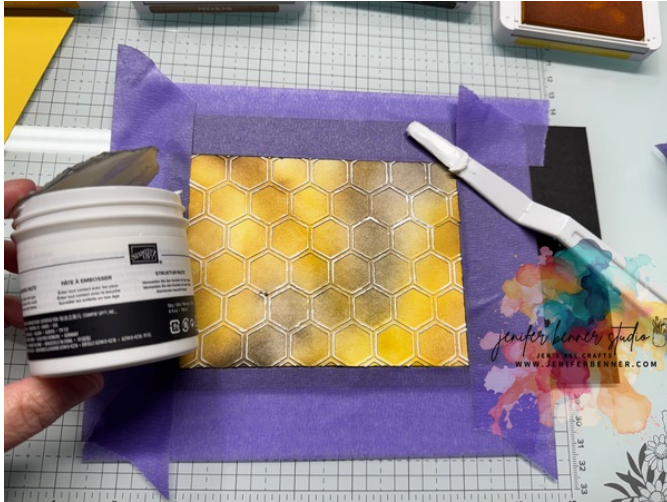
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Add Texture Paste: Tape Mat #3 down and apply embossing paste with a palette knife—add thick and thin areas for visual interest. Dry completely with a craft heat gun.



Layer it Up: Adhere Mat #3 to Mat #2 (Basic Black).

Stamp Background: Use your background stamp and favorite ink on Mat #5.

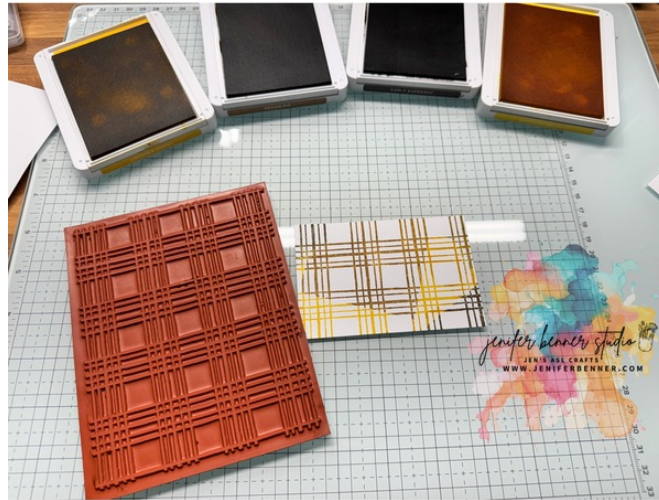
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Blend Again: Mute the white of Mat #5 using soft ink blending.

Mount Layers: Attach Mat #5 to Mat #4 (Basic Black).

Pop It Up: Use Stampin' Dimensionals and foam strips to pop Mat #4 up on top of the textured Mat #3.

Bee Time! Stamp the bee body using Daffodil Delight & Crushed Curry. Use Tuxedo Black for stripes and the smiley face.



Wings: Stamp wings on vellum or scrap cardstock. Fussy cut if needed or use the die cut.

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Assemble the Bee: Attach wings and head using green glue. Pop the body onto Mat #5 with Dimensionals.



Sentiment Label: Stamp your sentiment in Tuxedo Black on your chosen label shape.

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Final Touch: Adhere the label to the front of the textured background. Done!



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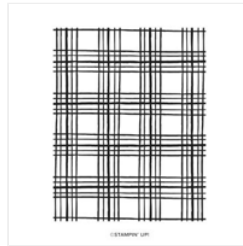
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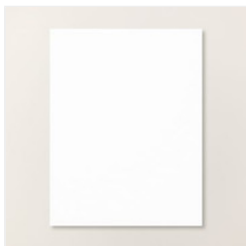


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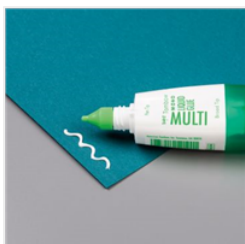


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