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# A Year Of Flowers: Creative, Stamped Cards For Every Occasion



## **Synopsis**

Â one-of-a-kind set containing realistic floral elements for building arrangements and blooms to fit every season; tulips in spring, sunflowers for Thanksgiving, poinsettias for those festive winter months; this guide enables crafters of all skill levels to create handmade floral cards utilizingÂ a single stamp set by Gina K. Designs. Organizing 36 projects by month and holiday, the book features detailed, step-by-step instructions for both simple and multilayered designsÂ in a variety of color palettes and layouts, from whimsical to vintage. With its built-in calendar and address book, A Year of Flowers will not only allow crafters to grow and perfect their card-making skills over the course of the year but also help them sit down, plan, create, and get cards out on time.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Melanie is the reason I got so deep into stamping again!! Her stamp sets are fabulous... whimsical, timeless and realistic!! A Year of Flowers is by far one of the best stamps sets I own and the accompanying set with verses is the most versatile and "every occasion" set you MUST have in your inventory. The possibilities are endless and is something that never goes out of style! There is always a need for flowers no matter what you're creating! A MUST have book that will inspire and excite you to use it over and over!

Whether you're an accomplished card maker or just beginning, A Year of Flowers has something for

everyone. It includes step by step instructions and color photographs of the projects. I had never attempted 'masking' before but with the help from this book, my first attempt was successful and resulted in a card that I was proud to give to someone. I also purchased the matching stamp set and am just thrilled with the quality of the stamps that produce crisp, clear images that have been fun to either color in with my copic markers or to use the paper piecing technique. There's even a handy little guide at the back of the book that lets you record all your birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions that you will need to make cards for. This book won't disappoint and will be an never ending resource for you to refer to. Lastly, a very good value for this must have!

I have made 38 cards from this book, playing happily from page 10 (January) to page 49 (October). And yes, some of the 38 are multiples. The cards are exquisite, and at first I couldn't resist making sets of 4. I've learned how to mask, make an easel card, and reverse mask. I've become proficient at cutting images and sponging backgrounds. Both of those simple techniques add a lot of punch to a card. Most of the designs are instantly appealing, and indeed, they made up beautifully. The blue roses sympathy card is truly remarkable, as are all the lily cards. The surprises were in several cards that I wasn't as enthusiastic about from viewing the page but which turned out to be show-stoppers up close and personal: February's "Sunflower Hello," April's "Sponged Scenes," June's "You're a Blessing, Dad," and October's "Irresistible Daisies." Last week, I hosted a group to make the dramatic easel card, "For You." These were experienced card makers and designers, and the card knocked their socks off. What fun. Ok, I want to start October's "Sunset Spectrum" before I start cooking dinner, so I'll say goodbye.

Any card maker from a novice (me) to an expert could benefit from this book. It's so creative and the stamp set is incredibly versatile. A home run!

This is THE best book I have seen in awhile! As a card maker myself, I'm always looking for inspiration. This book definitely has that and you get the bonus of step by step instructions on so many techniques! AND the bonus of having such an excellent and accomplished artist, Melanie, the author! Well done! When is volume 2 coming out, , Lol!

Melanie Muenchinger has been an inspiration to me for years and her new book, A Year of Flowers, provides even more inspiration. Great projects, beautiful photography and wonderfully written easy to understand instructions make this book a must have. A Year of Flowers stamp set is one of the

most versatile I've ever worked with and Melanie showed me uses for it that I'd never thought of. With so many project ideas and techniques to choose from, this book will inspire beginners and even the most seasoned crafters. Not only does it show you the versatility in the stamp set featured in *A Year of Flowers*, but it will also help you see the versatility in all your stamps!

I absolutely love this book. The graphics are beautiful, the text is so easy to read, and the instructions are clear, and easily understood. Melanie has made it easy for anyone to become inspired without being intimidated. The stamp sets she designs are versatile and easily obtained, but her book makes it possible to adapt any stamp sets to her projects. No matter how long you have been stamping, this book is a must-have.

Whether you are a novice or advanced stamper, you can create each card in Melanie's book with the precise and easy-to-follow directions and this book is jam-packed with ideas that will springboard you to completely different designs of your own creation. I've been stamping over 20 years and I still had some great "ah-ha" moments and ideas! Anyone who wishes to be a versatile card-maker should have this book as a resource, and I also recommend the companion stamp set with the same name, *A Year of Flowers*. Bravo!

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