

## Making a silhouette background with peel-off stickers and ink pads

### a step-by-step guide

#### Materials Required:

Card stock

Ink pads (3 or 4 different shades of the same colour work the best)

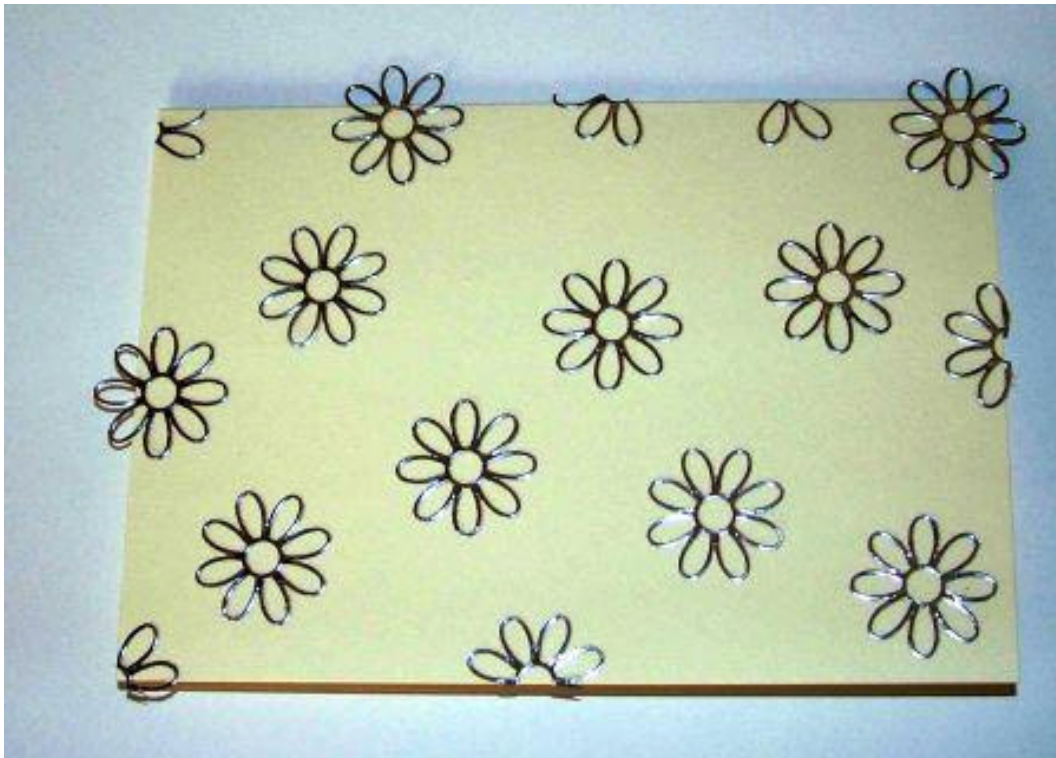
Cotton wool / cotton bud

Peel-off stickers



#### Instructions:

1. Arrange your peel-off stickers over your card stock until you are happy with the arrangement (see picture below). Remember to partly overlap some stickers over the edges. This will improve the end result of your card. If you wanted to save on your peel-offs you could use one and reposition it as you go. I personally find this fiddlier.



2. Now you need to use the cotton wool and the lightest shade of ink pad you are planning on using. Load the cotton wool with ink. Dab off the excess on some spare paper and then gradually start to add ink over the peel-offs and onto the card stock.





3. Keep repeating this process with clean pieces of cotton wool and gradually darker and darker shades of ink.



- Remember to blend the colours into the spaces between the peel-offs too. Finally use a cotton bud to run a little of the darkest shade of ink used along the edges of the card to form a border to your card.



- Let the ink dry, and then carefully remove the peel-off stickers. You will see that a silhouette has formed. Do NOT throw out your peel-offs. Stick them back onto the original backing sheet as they may be reused (crafters waste nothing...).





6. Voila, your card is now complete. If you like, you can now add a greeting or embellishment to the front.



I hope you have enjoyed this little lesson.

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