



ABOUT CARD MAKING SKETCHES

I have been intrigued with card making sketches for a while, wondering how they can work. I had taken part in Mojo Monday sketch challenges but still did not fully understand about them. I had been struggling with coming up with designs for my cards. I would sit down to create something but couldn't work out where to begin. When I bought Melanie Stewart's book, 400 Scrapbook Cardmaking Sketches, I found my answer and I have been using sketches successfully and enjoyably as a part of my card making for a while now.

Megan Kapma, Better Scrapbooking Ltd, says in her introduction to Melanie's book, *"The detailing is good, there is enough for a beginner to have a gorgeous page and for an advanced scrapbooker to take the sketch and add more, such as matting, extra embellishments, to make it their own."* And that is what I love above sketches! The finished project is mine, fully!

Melanie says in her introduction, "If you've ever wanted to easily create beautiful scrapbook pages or cards while saving time and **expressing your personality** you will love this book", and I do love it. She wrote her book after years of frustration scrapbooking and card making, I bought the book because I had the same frustration Melanie had. I found her description of why sketches work and how to use them uplifting and encouraging and it gave me the inspiration I needed.

1. **Spend more time expressing yourself**, rather than chewing up your creative mojo deciding where to place each embellishment and elements on the page.
2. Get inspiration instantly and start creating pages and cards without delay.
3. **Use the same sketch over and over** by simply **rotating the sketch or changing** your photos and the supplies you use. (No two cards will be ever alike).
4. Anyone can start using these sketches immediately, even if you have never created a card or page before.

What is a Scrapbook or Card Sketch?

A sketch is an outline or plan that allows you to map out your design, materials and embellishments for your scrapbook page or card. Having a plan before you sit down will help you save time and avoid the dreaded inspiration block. You will find this invaluable. You will be more likely now to take a favourite photo and start a scrapbook page as soon as you have a few moments to yourself. You will have the confidence to make a start on a favourite photo and quickly let your creativity blossom.

Having a pre-prepared sketch removes one of the many hurdles we face in getting our scrapbooks and cards finished. The sketches are still flexible enough however for you to personalise and add your own special touch.

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