



## SO YOU SIT DOWN TO MAKE A CARD

### What do you need?

- A card base : Can be white, neutral, or colour
- Patterned paper : Often the colour scheme will come from the paper you choose
- Layers : The layers can be determined by the sketch
- Embellishments : Gems, ribbons, lace, die cuts, flowers
- Adhesives : Flat tape, and dimensional dots or tape to 'lift' a layer or embellishment to give a 3D look to the project
- Stamps and/or dies : Determined by the idea for the card
- Ink pads : Black and coloured determined by the colour scheme
- Sketch : This is the inspiration for getting started and knowing where you are going
- Colour scheme : Can be determined by the patterned paper you chose

### An idea or reason for the card :

- \* Feminine
- \* Floral
- \* Whimsical
- \* Christmas
- \* Sympathy
- \* Friend
- \* Just Because
- \* Birthday
- \* Masculine
- \* Anniversary
- \* Baby
- \* To inspire
- \* To encourage
- \* Child
- \* Other

### NOTES ABOUT SKETCHES

A sketch can be something you design yourself, or from a card you have seen that you like, for instance something on Pinterest.

You can 'deconstruct' the card by noticing where the layers are, what the elements of the card are, what the focal point is, what drew you to the card in the first place, the colours used, where the elements and layers are placed, and the size of the layers and elements.

You can sketch it out on a piece of paper, and note the measurements, and keep it for another card in the future.

There are plenty of sketches on Google and Pinterest to print off and keep. They are a great starting point for inspiration.

### KNOW YOUR STYLE :

It is also very helpful to know your style, i.e. what you like to work with (flowers, butterflies, lace), the colours you love, whether you like vintage, shabby chic, clean and simple, feminine.