

How to make a... King of the Castle

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Shopping List:-

Creative Expressions Singles Stamps:

Treasure Seeker

Sandcastle In The Sun

Pronty MDF Crown 14cm

Creative Expressions White Crystal Sparklers

Cosmic Shimmer Polished Silk Glitter:

Golden Sands / Sahara Gold

Cosmic Shimmer Flake & Glitter Glue

Cosmic Shimmer Specialist Acrylic Glue

Cosmic Shimmer Acrylic Drawing Ink:

Skin Tones / Jewels / Soft Velvet

Cosmic Shimmer Misting Ink Spray:

Warm Hue Set - Sunflower

Cosmic Shimmer Pearlescent PVA:

Berry Red/ Olympic Gold

Foundations A4 Card: Coconut White

Ranger Archival Ink Pad: Jet Black

Ranger Adirondack Alcohol Ink:

Red Pepper

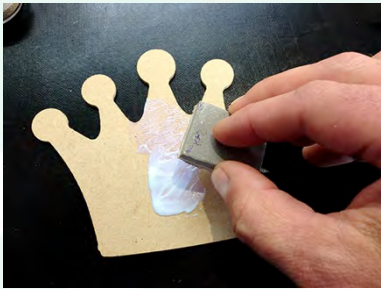
Ranger Inkssentials Cut 'n' Dry Foam





Step 1

Firstly, prepare the crown as the background to the project. Cut a piece of the Cut'n'dry foam to use for the Cosmic Shimmer Flake & Glitter Glue – you can keep it sealed in a bag and use it for future projects needing the glue.



Step 2

Squeeze a generous amount of the CS Flake & Glitter Glue directly onto the MDF crown and with a dabbing motion with the foam, spread it evenly over the surface, remembering the edges of the MDF. Set aside for the glue to dry – it goes clear, but remains tacky.



Step 3

Cover the bottom half of the crown with Sahara Gold glitter.



Step 4

Rub over the glitter with your finger to burnish it into the glue layer. If necessary, add more glitter to rub in. Remember to do the sides and bottom. Tap off the excess. Rub the very last loose flakes upward into the top section to help blend with the next colour.



Step 5

Repeat Step 4, this time working on the top section using Golden Sands glitter.



Step 6

Next, using the Archival Ink, ink up and stamp both of the Single stamps onto a piece of Coconut White card. Allow the ink to dry so that it becomes waterproof and won't smudge later.



Step 8

Colour the large crystals in the Sparkler using dots of Red Pepper alcohol ink. The drops need to fill the recess and dome over each crystal and be allowed to dry naturally to ensure a good colouring.



Step 8

Once the archival ink is dry, start colouring the image using the Drawing Inks. Add layers of the same colour to a previous dry layer to create darker shades. Use the hatching on the drawing to guide you where shadows need to go.



Step 9

For the sand/castle, open the bottle of Sunflower Misting Ink and use it as a watercolour. Add layers to build up shadows and finally add deep shadows using the Rich Honey Drawing Ink.

Suggested colours:

Hair: Caramel Blush
Skin: Warm Delight
Skin Shadows: Rich Honey
T-shirt: Blue Lace
Shorts: Blue Cotton
Spade: Summer Haze
Flags: Jewels Set

Sand – see step 9
Sand Shadows: Rich Honey



Step 10

Cut out the completed images. Stick down the castle to the crown using the Cosmic Shimmer Specialist Acrylic Glue. Mount the child onto the piece using foam pads. Stick down the 'King of the castle' text onto a piece of card, cut out and stick to the castle. Add the coloured embellishment with the same glue and allow to dry. Add pearlescent PVA dots as desired – leave a gap between dots to make a chain and wait until adjacent dots are dry before filling the gap.

Colour close up to show shading:

