



Sara Naumann

This month we are thrilled to have [Sara Naumann](#)! (She also taught a mini class, [Irresistible Inking Techniques](#), in September for Altenew Academy.) We hope you enjoy getting to know her a bit better in this month's newsletter.

1. Tell us your story! How did you start making cards and get into crafting?

I've been crafting since I was a little girl, thanks to my mother, who is an avid crafter, sewer and artist. I really got into card making when I graduated from college and started working at my first "real" job as a receptionist...I didn't have a lot of money, so I thought I could make my Christmas gifts a bit more special and personal with handmade gift wrap, tags and cards. I bought a little elf stamp, a black inkpad and some colored pencils and had so much fun I kept stamping waaaay after the Christmas holidays! That was back when I kept *all* my stamping supplies in a shoebox under my bed.

2. Do you have a favorite technique to use all the time? Why is that your favorite?

Ink is one of my favorite mediums because you can do so many different techniques with it. One of my favorites is to roll a brayer across an inkpad, then roll it across a piece of white cardstock. You'll have an instant background! You can do just one roll to make a stripe, or cover the entire cardstock piece with a single ink color. Or, combine several ink colors in a pattern or layered color. See? There are so many possibilities!

3. This is for the newbies! What advice would you give to those who are just starting with stamping and cardmaking?

So often we worry over the little details—is this the right shade of blue cardstock, or did I stamp this perfectly?—and it's easy to forget that simply giving someone a handmade card is one of the kindest things you can do. We can always spot the imperfections in our own designs, but the recipient of a handmade card is just delighted that you put so much into making something just for them.

4. Do you have a specific style that you are comfortable with or like to stick to?

While I love cards that are loaded with different papers and embellishments, but my own style is a bit more minimalist. I like having a clear focal point on my piece, with the color and embellishments working to support that.

5. Can you share a favorite card you made previously using Altenew products?

This is my favorite card using Altenew products!



6. This is just for fun - if you can only choose 3 crafting items to take with you to a remote island, what would you choose?

We're back down to my shoebox, aren't we? :) I'd have to go back to my stamps, pencils and a simple black inkpad! Can't go wrong there!