



Terri Marie Koszler

We are excited to feature Terri Koszler, the founder of [Altenew Fan Group](#) on Facebook! Please give her a warm welcome and enjoy getting to know her!

1. What motivated you to start making cards and begin stamping?

I was on maternity leave 14 years ago and had a case of baby brain as well as being overwhelmed by the amount of baby bottles, nappies and sick! I needed something to make me feel human again as well as destress and my husband had seen a craft show and suggested trying out card making. I started making cards which I now look at in horror as they are so bad, I then went to a craft show and discovered stamps and inks, this opened a new door for me as it meant I could be the designer and create what I wanted to in the colours I chose.

2. How did you first learn about Altenew?

I was watching some Youtube videos on colouring with Alcohol markers a couple of years ago and there was a suggested video for achieving realistic floral images with stamps and ink, I didn't think it would look realistic at all, (I'm a sceptic) What I saw was almost magical, 3 ink colours and 3 stamps layered onto each other and they made a vintage rose which I wanted to reach inside the screen and pick. My mind was totally blown. I did a little internet searching and found your website and that was it, I was sold on the idea of stamp layering.

3. Tell us about the Altenew Facebook Fan Group! What were some thoughts behind in starting this, how many members do you have, and what goes on there?

After falling in love with Altenew stamps and Inks I wanted to shout about it and share my love with others. I thought there must be others that like to share their projects too, I wanted for lovers of Altenew to be able to come together share their projects, give tips and find inspiration. We now have over 300 members and more being added each day!

4. What do you hope to see in this fan group? Anything you would like new members to know when they join?

I have so many ideas for the future of the group, from mini challenges to card swaps at Christmas. I would love for more people to come and join us and share in the inspiration and knowledge that we all give. We are a really friendly supportive group of like minded people and love to see everyone cards and scrapbook pages.

5. Let's talk about your cardmaking! Do you have a specific style that you are comfortable with or like to stick to?

I would say I am a CAS (clean and simple) card maker, I love simple, elegant designs. I used to be afraid of too much white space on a card but now I love it. I do at times try my hand at more colourful mixed media type cards but I really have to work at them as it doesn't come naturally for me.

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Oh wow now that's a hard question! I am going to say my box of Altenew stamps and inks.....is that cheating? There are in one container so surely they class as 1 item, lol then it would have to be white card and a really good pair of scissors. I would be able to craft forever with those items and still create so many different projects and styles.

