



Vicky Papaioannou

We are so happy to feature [Vicky Papaioannou](#) this month! Her projects are innovative, colorful, and she creates fantastic tutorial videos. Let's learn more about her...

1. What motivated you to start papercrafting and begin stamping?

Since I was a little girl I was always drawing and painting. I also loved anything crafty and tried everything I could from pottery to jewelry. When my first child was born I didn't want to do oil paint anymore due to the smell and I couldn't do jewelry since hammering was waking up the baby! So I turned into internet to find something crafty but safe and silent! And then I discovered cardmaking and mixed media. My world had changed ever since! I was hooked for good!

2. How did you fall in love with Altenew?

The first time I saw Altenew designs I loved how different they look. They are very elegant and sophisticated. Plus they have such a big selection of flower stamps, which make the perfect card for any occasion in my opinion. Another thing I love about Altenew stamps is that they have layering sets. I love the fact that you get the choice of making a card in just minutes without spending hours coloring open spaces.

3. Your coloring is amazing! Do you have a favorite coloring medium? Please share some tips on using them!

I use anything from colored pencils, to alcohol markers, to watercolor and

love them all. But my favorite technique of all is ink blending. I like to use a couple of ink pad shades for each area and use finger daubers to control the ink better. If you try this technique and practice you will find out that you end up with beautifully blended results in no time. Your images will look as if you spend hours blending with alcohol markers!

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

I like elegant and clean looking cards. And I love dimension on my cards. I am incapable of making a flat card... there is always something sticking out... I can't help it!

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

My favorite of all is the card I made for my mom on mother's day. I can't think of a more elegantly looking stamp than the "best mom" stamp and die.

6. This is just for fun! If you can choose only three crafting supplies for the rest of your life, what would you choose?

Only 3?! This is a nightmare considering that one of the joys in crafting is collecting stamps, hoarding papers, buying new tools etc! But if I had to choose I would go with a blending tool, water based ink pads and a paper trimmer. I could then draw my own designs, color them with my inks either with the dauber or a simple brush and use my trimmer to turn them into cards... I think I would survive with those....

