



Keeway Tsao

This month, we are featuring the amazing [Keeway Tsao](#)! Her projects are striking, elegant, and always seem to have her signature “Kiwi” flair! Let’s learn more about her...

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

I have always grown up with lots of arts and craft in my life, but as life got busy, it slowly phased out. But 4 years ago, I received this beautiful hand-painted birthday card from my friend that inspired me to look into making my own cards and started browsing YouTube videos that introduced me to stamping and die cutting. So impressed with the cards I saw in the videos, I soon bought my first Big Shot and everything exploded from there. ‘Til this day, I have not stopped making cards, and continue to enjoy every minute of it.

2. How did you fall in love with Altenew?

I don’t remember where I saw it, but the very first time I discovered Altenew, I fell in love with the [Vintage Roses stamp set](#). It was my first time seeing a layering stamp set and I was so mesmerized by how beautiful the roses were. I immediately bought this as my very first Altenew set. It is still a beautiful and classic set that I love and consider one of the best stamp sets to this day. Altenew has continued to blow my expectations release after release.

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

My favorite coloring medium is alcohol markers, but watercolors are a close second! Learning to use alcohol markers was more of a trial and error process for me, followed by watching lots of coloring tutorial videos and having lots of practice. I highly recommend understanding the marker's numbering system first, before using them. It will definitely help you figure out what markers blend well together. Next, practice your blending and see how the markers blend differently on different types of white cardstock, some may blend easier, but they may also cause bleeding. Others may be more precise, but take more effort to blend. Every person may use the markers slightly differently, so if someone's recommended materials aren't working out for you, don't worry - just try something different. There's so much potential with alcohol markers!

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

I tend to stick to clean layouts with soft colors. I love to pair an image colored with markers with an effervescent watercolored background. While the alcohol marker colored image remains sharp and clean, the background is a contrast with some softness and spontaneity.

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

Funny enough, my favorite card is one that took me less than 15 min to make, and one that I decided to mass re-produce for my wedding thank you cards. It's simple, but because of the wet stamping technique used, every card is always unique, and I truly love the watercolor-like look.



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

Oh my, this is quite difficult! I would have to choose my precision scissors, a hybrid black ink pad, and my watercolors. Gosh, I hope I still get stamps to use!