



## Taheerah Atchia

This month, we are featuring [Taheerah Atchia](#)! She has been a friend of Altenew's from the beginning, and her creativity/clever use of stamps never ceases to amaze us. Let's learn more about her...

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

I have always been creative as a child, particularly with paper, so it's no real surprise that I ended up designing cards! What actually spurred me was being home from work one day, browsing shopping channels, and seeing one of those simplistic card 'kits' (the ones where you just stick things together). I thought I'd give it a try and make some Christmas cards.

Of course, I very quickly got bored of limited options and lack of challenge, so I started looking around for other alternatives. I found stamping not long after and the rest, as they say, is history!

### **2. How did you fall in love with Altenew?**

I actually fell in love with the two geniuses behind Altenew! Tasnim and Jen are two very good friends of mine, and when I saw that they were starting a stamping company I was an instant fan. I just knew from their creativity that they would come up with some amazing designs for stamps, and from the first release, I knew that was the case! It was as easy to fall in love with the company as it was the people behind it. :)

**3. The softness you add to your cards is gorgeous! Do you have a favorite medium? Please share some tips on using them!**

Thank you! I'm not sure I have a single favorite medium, but if I had to pick one, watercolor would be very high up there. I love finding different supplies to watercolor with, so that would be my tip - experiment with smooshing down some ink or mists or something else onto a non-stick craft mat, add some water, and see if you can watercolor with it. :) I love using mists to watercolor with - the shimmer gives a great additional touch to the finish, and you can always mix a couple of colors of mists to create new ones, just like with traditional watercolors!

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

I'm a bit of a style chameleon - I like to mix it up quite frequently! However, I gravitate most towards modern styles that have a bit of quirk. That, or layered, more complex designs. Whatever I'm doing I like to be challenged, so I actually don't like being comfortable!

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

That's a bit like picking a favorite child! However, I am really partial to this geeky game controller card I made using the Building Blocks stamp set!



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

You people are tough! How can I pick just three?! Okay, I'll go with stamps, inks in a range of colors, and thick white cardstock. Gotta have the basics, right? :D