



Rubeena Ianigro

This month, we are featuring Rubeena Ianigro!

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

I am sure many people thought that instead of buying greeting cards, they could save money and just make their own! I was naive like that too. Thousands of dollars later, here we are! I discovered paper crafting very accidentally and I have no regrets. It's been four years since I started and I am still bursting with creative energy. It is a really fun and addictive hobby, especially when you have the confidence to explore different styles, mediums, and methods.

2. How did you fall in love with Altenew?

I am a huge fan of floral stamps and Altenew makes some of the best! One of my all-time favorite stamps is [Sketchy Rose](#). It's perfect for practicing coloring. Their product line has expanded since then and I really love a lot of what they carry including their ink pads, ink sprays, stencils, washi tape, and stamps and dies, of course.

3. Your use of techniques is amazing! Do you have a favorite technique to do? Please share some tips on them!

I love paint splatters! My favorite combination to do is black and white. I feel like it will change the look of colored images or backgrounds for me. It's like it adds the perfect touch (for me). For white, I use acrylic white paint. I dip

a clean wet brush into the bottle, remove excess and just tap away on my project. For black, I use either black ink spray or black watercolor (liquid or pan). Needless to say, I always end up with some paint on myself when I get splatter-happy! I clean all my brushes immediately and I try to use one of my cheaper brands so I do not ruin my quality watercolor brushes.

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

I am happy to say that I love to try different styles, but I do find myself going back to loose or messy watercoloring. I love outline images and just making my watercolor brush dance on paper! Detail watercoloring takes a lot of patience and I do not have that kind of patience (or time) to do it as often as I'd like. So I find myself doing quick, messy watercoloring. I have to say that each time I sit down to watercolor, I feel like I'm a newbie. I love that I won't really know how my piece will end up.

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

Have you seen my craft room? I need everything! I was going to say black ink pad, stamps, and markers, but then I realized that I need an acrylic block and cardstock so that makes it five. If I really had to pick three, I'd say a black pen, my heavy white cardstock, and markers. If I can't stamp, I will doodle and color! I really love my coloring mediums!

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



Products Used: [Build-a-Flower Magnolia](#), [Everything About You](#)

I love that I used non-traditional colors and I love the big, bold sentiments. Also, splatters! Perfection.