

Lynda Piper is one of the UK's leading professional craft demonstrators and is regularly seen on Ideal World Craft programmes. Here are a few cards created by Lynda for you to try yourself at home.

You Will Need:

1. Art-Kure rubber stamps: Castle Coombe, Lower Slaughter and Trees x 2
2. Christmas greeting rubber stamp
3. Silver embossing powder
4. White smooth A4 Card Stock
5. Icy blue card stock
6. Scrap of white card stock and silver mirror card
8. Art-Kure Colour Sketch Brushes: Dull Blue 34, Lilac 83
9. Art-Kure Water Sketch Brushes (WSB): Medium, Chisel
10. Ice stickles glitter glue
11. Double sided tape
12. Versamark Watermark Pigment ink
13. Silver embossing powder
14. Heat Gun

Step By Step:

- Step 1.** Using the A4 Smooth card Landscape, lightly wet straight across the card with the Chisel (WSB), about 2" deep and about 2" from the top of the card stock. With Dull Blue paint a wiggly line and then blend with the Medium (WSB), touch here and there with Lilac and blend again with the Medium (WSB). Leave this to dry. The result will be a lovely soft and misty background for your stamped landscape.
- Step 2.** Colour the 'Lower Slaughter' stamp with Dull Blue (a beautiful winter colour). Stamp to the left hand side of the prepared A4 smooth card. Repaint and stamp again on the right hand side of the card. With Dull Blue stamp Castle Coombe in the centre of the card in between the two other images. Now fill in the gaps with the two 'Trees' stamp also painted in Dull Blue.
- Step 3.** Take the Chisel (WSB) and drag it straight across the bottom of the stamped images pulling the Dull Blue paint right across the card two or three times to give some depth. Without adding any more paint turn some stamps upside down and lightly stamp under the matching image. Then with the Chisel (WSB) pull down some vertical strokes in the reflected area. With the Medium (WSB) paint some shadows in the rooftops - do not add more paint. Fold the sides in to meet the centre fold, neatly dividing the artwork into four equal sections.
- Step 4.** When all your artwork is dry, lightly add a little glitter with the Ice Stickles. When the glue is dry, take a ruler hold it firmly right across the top of your artwork and rip to give a torn edge look. Do the same at the bottom. Your finished artwork should measure 5.5"

Blue Christmas by Lynda Piper



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- Step 5.** Now cut your icy blue card stock - you will need two pieces exactly the same size, 6" x 3.25". Use one of the 'Trees' stamp, paint it with Dull Blue and stamp onto a piece of white card stock, drag a little water across the bottom with the Medium (WSB), and when dry add a little ice stickle glitter.



- Step 6.** Cut out the tree image and mount onto a piece of silver mirror card. Mount onto one of the pieces of icy blue cut card. Using the silver embossing powder, stamp a Christmas greeting below and dry with a heat gun. I also embossed the edges of this card by patting Versamark Watermark pigment ink just of the edge and dipped these in powder and embossed in silver
- Step 7.** With double sided tape mount your folded art work to the back card, and then carefully mount the front of the card to the folded art work, fasten some silver cord to the back of the card and tie. There you have made a concertina card!

HINTS & TIPS

If you want stronger colour then you can apply the colour brush to the stamped image or use the tipping technique and increase the colour strength bit by bit.

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