



**Laurajane**

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

I've been making handmade cards for friends and family for as long as I can remember, and I've always been frustrated with my own drawings to color. Being a naughty child, I often feigned a tummy ache to stay home from school so I could craft. :) However, finding the happy world of acrylic stamps in 2011 was a life changer for me!

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

I absolutely fell in love with the beautiful Henna Elements and Painted Flowers Stamp Sets from Altenew back in 2014 and literally cheered, "HOORAH!" with the release of Vintage Roses and Watercolor Wonders. Finally, a company that truly understood my need to create floral patterns like those found in the fabrics of my favorite skirts and dresses! Having glorious layers for a stamp image to go along with an outline is the BEST! That's also the year I started sharing my cards on my blog: [After Hours Ink & Flowers](#).

**3. Your coloring and use of color are amazing! Do you have a favorite technique to do? Please share some tips on them!**

My favorite way to color is to stamp an image, plus one or two of the coordinating layering images, (to help me know where shading for dimension would be), then add more details with markers. The Artist Markers make it so easy to color with because coordinating shades are

already in a set. That's not to say that I don't mix things up and 'color pluck' for that surprise and delight of unexpected pops of color!

Tips I've learned about coloring:

- First, enjoy the process.
- Learn as you go by watching your favorite colorists/cardmaker on YouTube.
- Practice what you like to create to improve your own style of coloring.
- Walk away from a troubled piece and come back with fresh eyes, most any "ooops!" can be fixed. :)
- The Colorless Blender marker is your friend.

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

My coloring is more on the sketchy, not fully blended style, with MANY colors in a small area for more interest. A one-layer card with masked images is my favorite card style to create. However, I LOVE admiring all card styles and often try my hand at freestyle collage.

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

[Card Re-do](#)

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

Quality paper, Crisp Dye Inks and Floral stamps!



Products Used: [Fabulous Floral Stamp Set](#), [Crisp Dye Ink Collections](#) (Cherry Blossom, Shades of Purple, Pocketful of Sunshine, and Sea Shore), [Artist Markers](#), [Mandala Die Set](#), [Crown Bloom Stamp Set](#), and [Just Because Stamp Set](#)