



## Amber Rain Davis

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

I fell into the magical world of card-making by way of Zentangle®. After becoming a Certified Zentangle Teacher (CZT), a friend of mine asked me to design some Christmas cards for her. I had never made a card but was intrigued by the request. So I did a bit of searching on YouTube and was blown away! There may have been some crafty video binge watching involved.

I made my first set of cards in August 2017 and jumped at the chance to learn all the things from the Altenew Educator Certification Program. This card-making journey has been spectacular and I'm loving every minute of it!

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

One of my first introductions to Altenew was Marika Rahtu's [No-line Coloured Altenew Magnolia video](#). I learned so much from Marika about coloring flowers in that one video. The stamps were beautiful and Marika was so inspiring that I immediately ordered Magnolias for Her and colored a card for my mom. It's still one of my favorite stamp sets.

### **3. Your cards have always been eye-catching and innovative! Do you have a favorite technique to do? Please share some tips with us!**

One of my favorite techniques is to experiment with layer stamp sets to stretch their use. Most often, I omit the base layer to preserve bright white highlights. I use detail layers as a single stamp to create the hint of a floral background or even an abstract pattern. I've been known to turn die-cut flowers into petals to create mega blooms and even incorporate stamps into my Zentangle® designs.

I encourage everyone to look at their stamp sets in a different light and think outside the box. Layer stamp sets aren't just for layering!

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

Up until this point, I would say my style was varied. Now, as I'm coming into my own, I'd say my style is clean, layered, and graphic. I love high contrast, bold colors, and for each element to have its place.

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

My all-time favorite card that I've made with Altenew products was for the 5th Anniversary Blog Hop. I normally design multiple cards for a hop, but for this hop, I decided to focus on just one. I challenged myself to color the Beautiful Peony Stamp Set with the Sea Shores Artist Markers Set.

When I finished this card I thought, "OMG, I'm a colorist!" This card also showcases my love of high-contrast graphic designs.



Products Used: [Beautiful Peony Stamp Set](#), [Gradient Stripes Stamp Set](#), [Artist Markers Set D](#), [Signature Words Die 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?**

Ok, this is a tough one. If I could choose only three crafting supplies for the rest of my life they would be:

- 1) A floral stamp set. Don't make me choose which one! I can hear all my stamp sets crying, "Pick me, pick me!"
- 2) Altenew's [Rainbow Prism Mini Cube Set](#). Is it cheating to pick a set? The rainbow satisfies my color craving, allows me to mix more shades, and you can do all the techniques with ink pads.
- 3) A #4 Round Black Velvet Silver Brush. I've really gotten into no-line watercolor recently and that brush is my jam!