

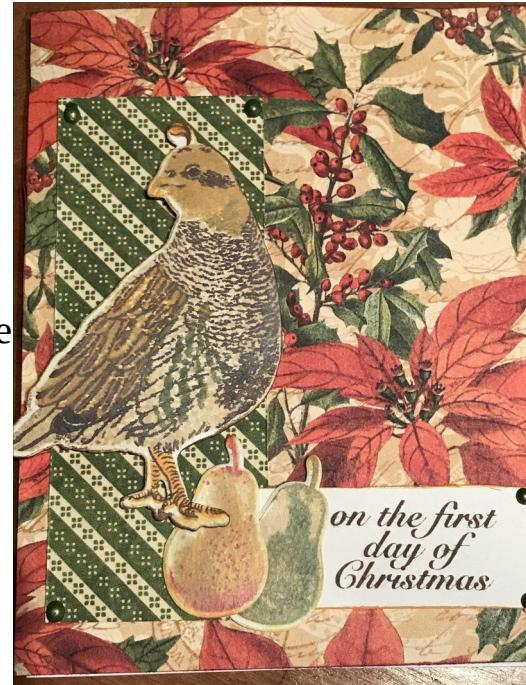
# Scrapbooks Forever

## November Project of the Month

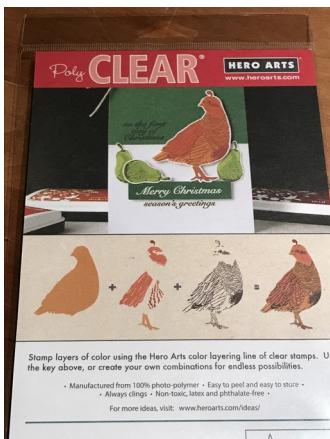
### Color-Layer Stamping for Christmas

#### With Hero Arts and Distress Oxide Inks

If you haven't tried stamps created for the technique called 'color-layering,' some of the new sets from Hero Arts may convince you, and this little tutorial aims to provide you with some tips to make even a challenging design as easy as 1-2-3. I also wanted to show this stamp set using Tim Holtz Distress Oxide Inks as an option for colors, as these inks have a great opacity and unique layering ability.



In this panel you could use for a card, I have used Hero Arts new Partridge stamps and dies, Ranger Distress Oxide Inks, Graphic 45 Winter Wonderland paper as a background, and Nuvo Crystal Drops as an embellishment.



You will want to use a stamping platform, if you have one, and you can use a die-cutting machine and the matching die set to cut around your images. I used Northwoods watercolor paper for stamping on because it takes the ink so well.



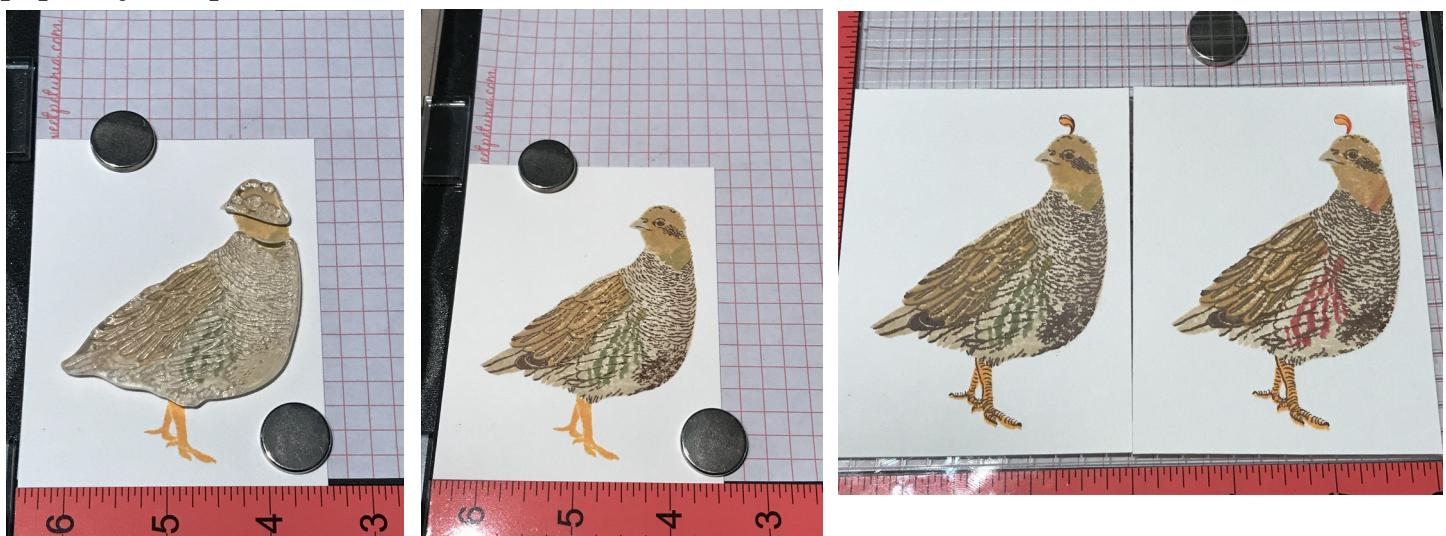
First, since the Partridge stamp has a matching die and more than the average number of stamps for his details, I used the die to help me position my first stamp in the bottom corner of my stamping platform. Then, I inserted my stamping paper and inked my stamp with Antique Linen ink. After making sure this layer was fully dry (use a hairdryer or heat tool to speed up drying), I then positioned the second layer of details on top of my first image and lined them up in the opposite

corner of my stamping tool. By doing this, I made sure I could make multiple images easily by simply shifting my next papers step-by-step from one corner to another. To line up the images for the feet and head feather to match where the die will cut, I pulled out that die each time to make sure the stamp would lay in the right position.



In the second layer of stamping, I used Wild Honey for the feet, Fossilized Amber for the head/face and wing, and Peeled Paint for the chest. The third layer of stamping, I used Walnut Stain for the fine detail stamps for body and feet. And for the final details, I used Wild Honey for the beak and top knot feather background, with Walnut Stain for the feather outline.

Again, make sure that the layers of ink are dry before adding your next layer to keep them as crisp as the Distress Inks allow for. Since I wanted a little blending, I did allow some colors to overlap as I applied them to the stamps to see what effects I could get. These inks are fun to experiment with, and I thought they resulted in a nice matte, vintage look that coordinates nicely with the background paper by Graphic 45.



To add detail to this card, I used the color-layering pears from this stamp set, which also have a matching die. I used the same colors as in the partridge, and added the Fired Brick red to one of them.

For the final steps of this project, take your stamped images and matching dies to your cutting machine. Using a magnetic plate or some stencil or washi tape to align your die to the border of your image, cut the images from the paper. After cutting, I used a damp finger to activate the ink near the edges of the partridge image. Since the ink is water-reactive, I was able to blend to ‘ink the edges’ of my paper in this way.

In our sample, the background paper is layered with a rectangle of the reverse side of this double-sided card stock, and then the stamped greeting, and pears are layered using glue, while the bird is popped up using a few foam pop dots/squares.



As a final addition, I used a clean finger to rub a little Distress Microglaze over the top of my stamped images. This adds a fine sheen to the top of the image, and it also seals it to prevent water/moisture from further interacting with the Distress Oxide Inks. Using a coordinating Nuvo Crystal Drop, I then added a few dots of color as an embellishment. The whole card panel is then fixed to the front of a pre-folded A2 size card.

We hope you have enjoyed this tutorial, and we wish you happy crafting!  
Additional new color-layering stamp sets at our store include Penguin, Fox, Squirrel, JOY, Holly and Berries, Sea Turtle, Whale, Parrot and MANY more!!