

# When Creativity Knocks

All-Star Designers Summer Series



## Tropical Themed Gifts

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Materials:

- DecoArt® ([www.decoart.com](http://www.decoart.com))
  - Americana® Acrylics
    - Sea Breeze
    - Carousel Pink
    - Desert Turquoise
    - Bright Yellow
    - Sizzling Pink Neon
  - Triple Thick Glaze
- Loew-Cornell brush ([www.loew-cornell.com](http://www.loew-cornell.com))
- Watercolor paper
- Envelopes
- Water
- Paper towels
- Plate
- JudiKins ([www.judikins.com](http://www.judikins.com))
  - Bold Hibiscus stamp
  - Philodendron Monstera
  - Hawaiian Cube
  - Retractable Pen Knife
- Makin's Clay® ([www.makins-usa.com](http://www.makins-usa.com))
  - White Clay
  - Ultimate Clay Machine™
  - Ultimate Clay Extruder™
  - Sepia inkpad

## **Instructions:**

### Tropical "Color-Washed" Note Cards

1. Place small amount of DecoArt acrylic paint into a plate. Use Loew-Cornell brush to add water to paint to create a color wash. Apply to watercolor paper and/or envelopes, allowing colors to overlap to create new shades. Let dry.
2. Ink stamps with sepia ink and stamp onto watercolored papers and envelopes. If desired, ink edges of cards.

### Clay Ring Bowl and Vase

1. Roll white clay to approximately 1/8" thick (#2 in Ultimate Clay Machine™)
2. Stamp with un-inked Hawaiian Cube to make texture.
3. Use craft knife to cut round shape from textured clay. Place clay circle on a ball, bowl or other curved surface.
4. Place white clay into Ultimate Clay Extruder, using half circle disc extrude enough clay to place in a ring on base of bowl. Fresh clay will stick to fresh clay without additional adhesive. Beacon Adhesives Tacky Glue or 3-in-1 are great for adhering dry clay pieces. Let bowl dry 24 hours.
5. You can also create freeform vases with rolled textured sheets of clay.
6. Mix small amount of Neon Sizzling Pink paint with Triple Thick Glaze to create tinted glaze. Use Loew-Cornell brush to paint bowl with the glaze. Let dry.