

# Heron in Flight with Watercolor Background

## Project Sheet

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This card sits on a watercolor background scene using only three colors - Tahitian Tide, Parakeet Party, and a small amount of Mossy Meadow (for contrast). The Heron Habitat Bundle was used for stamping and die cutting images. This gorgeous Heron is taking flight in search of new fishing grounds!

### 1. Card Cuts:

- Card Base - Cut 1 Tahitian Tide cardstock to 8-1/2" x 5-1/2", score at 4-1/4"
- Card Mat - Cut 1 Basic White cardstock to 5-1/8" x 3-7/8"
- Watercolor Panel - Cut 1 Fluid 100 Watercolor Paper to 5" x 3-3/4"
- Sentiment Label - Scrap of Basic White cardstock cut to 1-1/2" x 1-1/2"
- Sentiment Label Mat - Scrap of Tahitian Tide cardstock cut to 1-5/8" x 1-5/8"
- Scraps of Parakeet Party for die cut grasses
- Scrap of Basic White for stamping and die cutting of Heron
- Inside Card Panel - Cut 1 Basic White cardstock to 5-1/4" x 4"

### 2. Creating the Watercolor Scene:

- Prepare Tahitian Tide, Parakeet Party and Mossy Meadow inks for painting by either

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stamping the inks onto a stamp block, or using a drop of ink from re-inker bottles. You do not need much ink.

- Using a watercolor brush (I used a size 6 Round watercolor brush - but use what you have. If using the Water Painters you can use the medium or large brush.), completely wet the surface of the watercolor paper. **Tip: The more textured side of the watercolor paper is the side you will paint on.** The paper will absorb most of the first coat of water so apply a second coat of water to the entire paper surface. You want a sheen on the paper.
- **Note: You will initially lay down a light coat of these inks and later come back to darken certain areas and create the trees, shadows, etc.**
- Begin by painting in the sky with the Tahitian Tide ink using horizontal strokes. Dilute the ink so that it is lighter in color. Leave some white areas to indicate wispy clouds in the sky.
- Then paint the "ground" using Parakeet Party ink. Again, use horizontal strokes and a pale mixture of this ink. Leave small areas of white here and there. You will come back later to drop in small horizontal strokes of Tahitian Tide to indicate areas of water (think of a Marsh)
- As the paper loses its sheen but before it completely dries, switch to a Size 2 Round watercolor brush (or the small Water Painter brush) and add some trees on the left side of the scene, starting at about the horizon line and working up. Use a darker shade of Parakeet Party ink, but not full strength. You are just indicating that there are trees, they do not need to be detailed. Dab small amounts of color to indicate trees. You will come back later and add full strength Parakeet Party ink to indicate shadows which will give them a more life-like appearance.
- **Allow the watercolor panel to completely dry before moving on to the next steps!**
- Switch to a Size 0 watercolor brush (or use the very tip of the smallest Water Painter brush). Once the watercolor panel is completely dry, use full strength Parakeet Party ink and dab darker places on the trees. Use a small amount of Mossy Meadow ink and working horizontally, darken the area under the trees. Also use full strength Parakeet Party ink to darken areas of the marsh grass. Use Mossy Meadow ink to darken some areas of the marsh area.
- Using Mossy Meadow ink and a Size 0 watercolor brush (or use the very tip of the smallest Water Painter brush), paint in some marsh grass on the right side of the panel. I only dropped in two areas of Marsh Grass. Starting at the bottom, flick the tip of the paint brush upwards, using light pressure. This will help you achieve fine lines. If needed, practice on a small piece of scrap paper first to get the hang of it.
- Using full strength Tahitian Tide ink, paint in the distant water at the horizon line. Start at the right of the trees and work over to the right side of the panel. Drop in Tahitian Tide ink in the white areas you left in the Marsh Grass area to indicate pools of water. I used a more diluted mixture of Tahitian Tide to fill in the right, left and bottom edges of

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- the panel to indicate water.
- Allow the watercolor panel to completely dry.



1. Stamp the flying Heron onto a scrap piece of white cardstock using Gray Granite ink. Use Gray Granite Stampin' Blends to darken areas of the wings, top of head, legs and belly. Use the light shade of the Pool Party Stampin' Blend to color the Heron's face and neck and the one wing that is showing white, then come back with Color Lifter Stampin' Blend to lighten the blue areas. I used a Stampin' Write black marker to darken the Heron's eye, the underside of his beak, and the top of his head and back of neck (optional). Die cut the Heron.
2. On Parakeet Party cardstock, die cut 1 large grass and 1 small grass. Use the dark shade of Parakeet Party Stampin' Blends to darken the die cut grasses, then use the light shade of Mossy Meadow to darken parts of the leaves on the large die cut grass. Blend using the light shade of Parakeet Party Stampin' Blends.
3. Adhere the large die cut grass to the bottom left edge of the watercolor panel so that the grass is hanging half off the panel. Then trim the excess grass flush with the bottom edge of the watercolor panel.
4. Stamp the white sentiment label with the greeting using Parakeet Party ink, then adhere the label to its Tahitian Tide mat. Using Stampin' Dimensionals, adhere the sentiment label to the upper left corner of the watercolor panel.
5. Adhere the Heron to the upper right side of the watercolor panel using Stampin'

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Dimensionals. Trim Dimensionals as necessary to fit.

6. Adhere the watercolor panel to the white mat, then adhere this unit to the card front.
7. Glue the small die cut grass to the right side of the panel so that it is slightly hanging off of the watercolor panel.
8. Add a blue dot from the Glossy Dots Assortment to the sentiment label.
9. Stamp the image of water and grass onto the inside white panel using Parakeet Party ink, then use the Pool Party Stampin' Blend to color over the water. Adhere the panel to the inside of the card.
10. On the lower right front of the envelope, stamp the same image as used in Step #11 above. Place a scrap piece of paper inside of the envelope, and use Stampin' Blends to color the water using Pool Party. Stamp the image of the birds above the image you just stamped using Tuxedo Black Memento Ink.
11. On the envelope flap, stamp the small birds image twice using Tuxedo Black Memento Ink.

The card is complete. Creating a watercolor background scene for your cards is a great way to change up the look of your greeting cards. I hope you'll give it a try!



Products used to create this card are included on the next page.

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Heron Habitat Bundle (English) - 158897

Price: \$47.50

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Tahitian Tide 8-1/2" X 11" Cardstock - 159261

Price: \$9.25

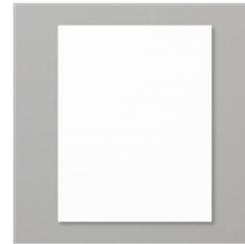
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Parakeet Party 8-1/2" X 11" Cardstock - 159259

Price: \$9.25

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Basic White 8-1/2" X 11" Cardstock - 159276

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Fluid 100 Watercolor Paper - 149612

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Tahitian Tide Classic Stampin' Pad - 159210

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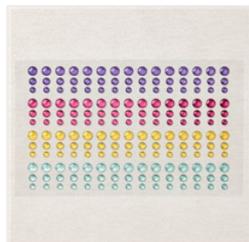
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Glossy Dots  
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