

Elegant Gift Box

A BEAUTIFUL GIFT BOX FULL OF HOMEMADE HANDCRAFTED CARDS

Today's shadow box took a bit of time to design. I wanted to make a beautiful box with matching cards that you could recreate and give as gifts for Christmas and birthdays. All you really need to do is change the design or the cover if you wanted to switch it up for each person. Giving cards as a gift is awesome!!!

Who doesn't need "Thank You" or "Birthday" cards? Make cards for the inside of your box so that they compliment the outside of your design. For example, my most favorite feature of today's shadow box is how the butterfly flutters outside of the top cover. It really highlights the beauty of the present inside!

DIRECTIONS - BOX:

1. Cut a 6-5/8" x 8" piece of chocolate chip card stock
2. Score all four edges at 1"
3. Bend and prepare score lines
4. Create flaps but cutting up one inch to the score line on two of the sides of your box. Note: You can choose to make flaps on the short side or the long side... whichever you choose make sure you do it on both the long or the short side only.

Tip: After you cut and create a flap you can then cut the flap again creating a diagonal. This just helps the box to appear more even.

5. I cut some extra chocolate chip card stock pieces to reinforce the box. For example I cut two 5-3/4" x 7/8" pieces for the long edge. I glued them in the inside.
6. Do the same thing for the short edge. Cut two 4-1/2" x 7/8" pieces that will reinforce the short edge of the box.
7. Glue the box to the bottom inside of the cover.

Tip: You want the base to NOT be flush with the inside seam. Instead you want to move it about a 1/4" from the inside seam. This gives your box better mobility



DIRECTIONS - BOX COVER:

1. Cut two 6-1/4" x 6-1/2" pieces of chocolate chip card stock. These two pieces will be your cover.
2. Score both pieces at one inch down the long edge or 6-1/2" side and set aside.
3. Cut a 6-1/4" x 4-1/2" piece of Very Vanilla Cards Stock.
4. Cut a 6" x 4-1/4" piece of Chocolate Chip Card.
5. Match your very vanilla card stock to the top of your box so that it is approx. 1/4" from the top, bottom and right. Glue your very vanilla card stock to the top of your box. Looking at your cover after you layered but not glued your very vanilla and chocolate chip card stock you will have approx. 1/2" of space. These two pieces will not center evenly and that's OK. You will cover this space later using a crumb cake trim and fabric bow. Go ahead and glue your very vanilla card stock to the top of your box. Do NOT glue the chocolate chip piece down.
6. Place and center (DO NOT GLUE YET) your chocolate chip piece on top of the very vanilla card stock.

Tip: It is VERY important that you cut out your label before you emboss your chocolate chip card stock. If you emboss first your texture will flatten when you go to cut out your label.

7. With your chocolate chip card stock not glued and centered on the very vanilla card stock place your framelit in the center and run it through the Big Shot.

Tip: Use a shim or extra sheet of card stock on the top of your sandwich. This will give you more pressure and will ensure it cuts through all three layers.

8. Now emboss your 6" x 4-1/4" piece of chocolate chip card stock.

Tip: I used the Fancy Fan embossing folder for this project. Feel free to use any of the Stampin' Up! textured embossing folders.

9. Center and glue your embossed chocolate chip card stock on top of the very vanilla.
10. The frames for the top cover were designed by layering two pieces of very vanilla card stock on top of one another. Then place a larger label in the center... now add the next size smaller label in the middle of the larger one. This will create two very vanilla frames. By doing them at the same time this ensures they are identical.

Tip: You'll take a label framelit and put the next size smaller label inside before you run them through the big shot. This creates your frame.

11. I glued one framelit to the top of my box cover.
12. On the second frame use a two-way glue pen to add dazzling diamonds glitter.
13. Using stampin dimensionals, I popped the second label frame up off the first one.
14. Cut a 6-1/2" x 1-3/4" of crumb cake. Score the long edge or 6-1/2" edge at 3/4"
15. Pick up your two 6-1/4" x 6-1/2" chocolate chip box covers and glue the 1" scored edge together.
16. Glue your crumb cake so that the 1" seam matches and 3/4" off the crumb cake is on the top of the box.
17. Tear a piece of Stampin' Up! Deck the Halls fabric and tie it around the cover of your box. Add a bow if you'd like!

Tip: You want the fabric piece to be approx. 1/2" wide.

18. Punch a hole in the top of the box and add your brad and circle clasp. The circle clasp I used for this box was purchased in the jewelry aisle of my local craft store.
19. I used another piece of chocolate chip to hold the twine down behind my box.

ITEMS USED

- Chocolate Chip Card Stock
- Very Vanilla Card Stock
- Crumb Cake Card Stock
- Soft Suede Ink
- Labels Collection Framelits
- Big Shots
- Beautiful Butterflies Bigz Die
- Fancy Fan Embossing Folder
- Sponge
- Dazzling Diamonds Glitter
- Chocolate Chip Button
- Box Clasp
- Twine
- Deck the Halls Fabric