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Dear Crafters,

Happy Thanksgiving! Every year, this day is sure to mean a few things: food, family, friends, and thanks. We are all alike on this day, unlike other holidays during the year. Each person grabs their plate, sits down with people they love, and remembers the best parts of life. While some people may be focused on the food they eat and the football they watch, there are also many ways to contribute to Thanksgiving celebrations through paper crafts and homemade decorations.

It can be easy to go buy a little stuffed turkey and call yourself decorative, but there are a lot more ways to show your holiday spirit that are just as cheap and a lot more fun. Thanksgiving paper crafts can also be a great way to bond with the kids and give them something to do while they are trying so hard to patiently wait for dinner to be ready. When that timer finally dings, start dinner off the right way with homemade Thanksgiving table decorations (pg. 5) that can add a cute surprise to everyone's place setting.

If you're trying to celebrate in the easiest way possible, you can still prepare for the holiday with free Thanksgiving printables (pg. 20). Be sure to write down all of the things you are thankful for so that you don't forget what this day is all about.

Sometimes it can be hard to fit a long drive or flight into your schedule, even though you know your family and friends are important. When this is the case for you, don't hesitate to send Thanksgiving greeting cards (pg. 26) that still have that special homemade touch. Everyone will know that you are thinking of them, especially since you took the time to create a special card for them instead of buying one at the store.

Even though Thanksgiving can seem like a pretty simple holiday, there are so many crafts to choose from that will make it decorative and fun. Be thankful for the talent you have to make special homemade decorations and cards that will impress your family and friends as they gobble down Thanksgiving dinner.

Happy eating (and crafting)!

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Thanksgiving Table Decoration Ideas



3D Pumpkin Placecard

By: [Erica Cerwin from Pink Buckaroo Designs](#)

For a fancy Thanksgiving dinner, make this 3D Pumpkin Placecard craft to impress your family and friends. It uses beautiful fall colors that are perfect for the season as a whole, so you can leave it out for months at a time. This DIY paper craft is great because you can personalize each pumpkin with your guests' initials so they know exactly where to sit at the table. You'll have so much fun around the holidays with friends and family when you place an adorable paper pumpkin on the table. When you make this holiday paper craft, you won't get the seating chart confused.

Materials:

- Circle Punch
- Oval Punch
- Tag Die
- Score Pal
- Bone Folder
- Ruler
- Hole Punch
- 1 Sheet Pumpkin Pie Card Stock
- Small piece of green DSP
- 1 Piece of Chocolate Chip Card Stock, 5" X 1 1/2"
- Twine
- Green Ribbon
- Sticky Tape
- Pop Dots
- Alphabet Stamps (Optional: Sweet Shoppe)
- Pumpkin Pie Ink
- Sponge
- Pearls
- Marker (any will work)

Instructions:

1. Punch out 8 Pumpkin Pie Circles. Use Stampin' Up's largest circle punch (2 1/2"). This will make your pumpkin about the size of a baseball.



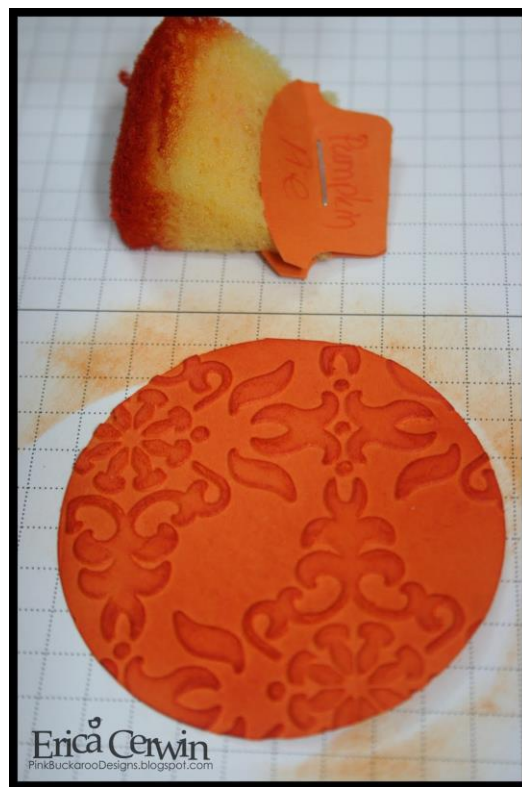
- Emboss your circles using your favorite method, such as with the Big Shot and the Vintage Wallpaper Embossing Folder.



- Score a line down the middle of 7 of the circles. If you have embossed them, you have to be careful because sometimes if you push too hard it will tear a hole in the embossed paper.



- Using Pumpkin Pie ink and a sponge, rub ink all over the raised edges as well as the round edges.



5. Make a tic mark exactly in the middle of each of the folded circles. Do this on the backside so it won't be seen.



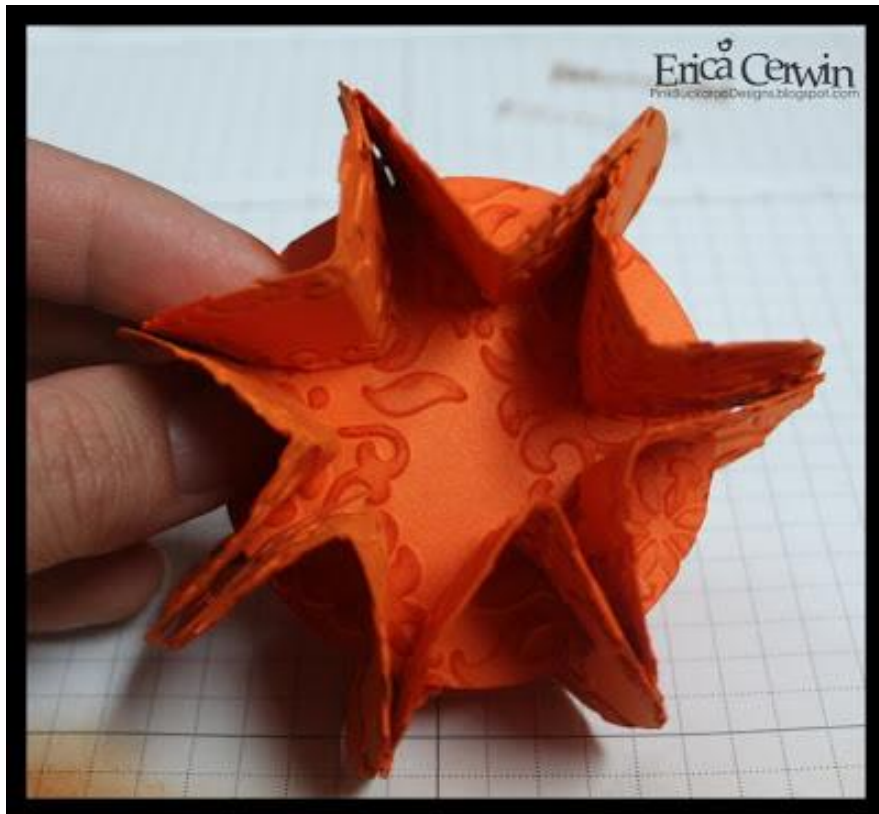
6. Using a ruler, measure about 3/4 of the way up and make another tic mark. In the picture it is exactly 1" up. With your scissors, snip from the bottom tic mark to the top tic mark. Do this on all 7 folded circles.



7. Take the folded circles and place them on the remaining flat circle as shown below.



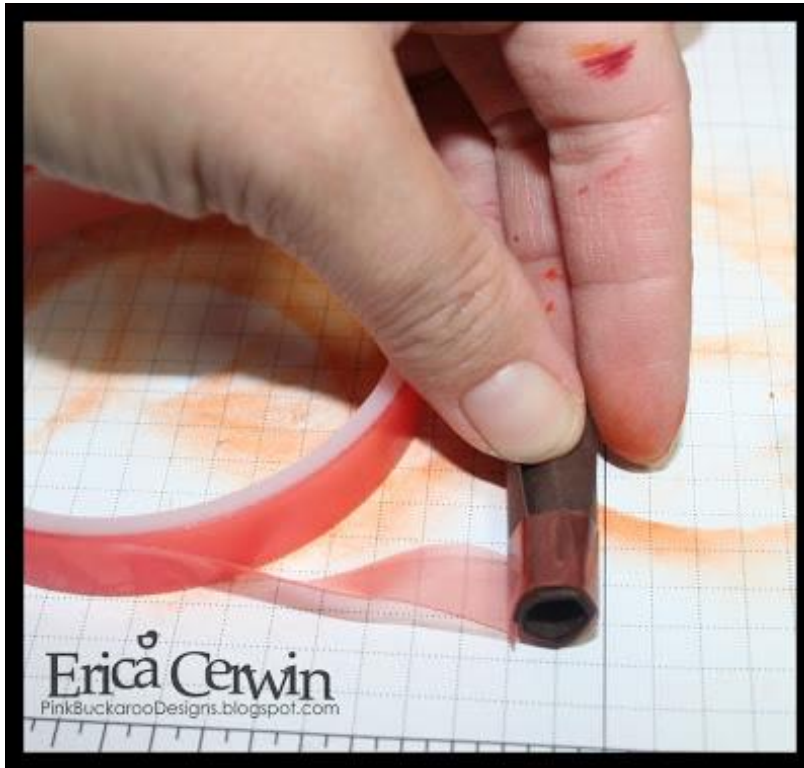
8. Start spreading them out so that they touch each other. This takes a little time and lots of manipulation to get them even. It doesn't have to be perfect, just get it "even enough!"



9. Take your Chocolate Chip CS and wrap it tightly around a marker. Slide it off (you may have to take the cap off to get it all the way off) holding it tightly rolled.



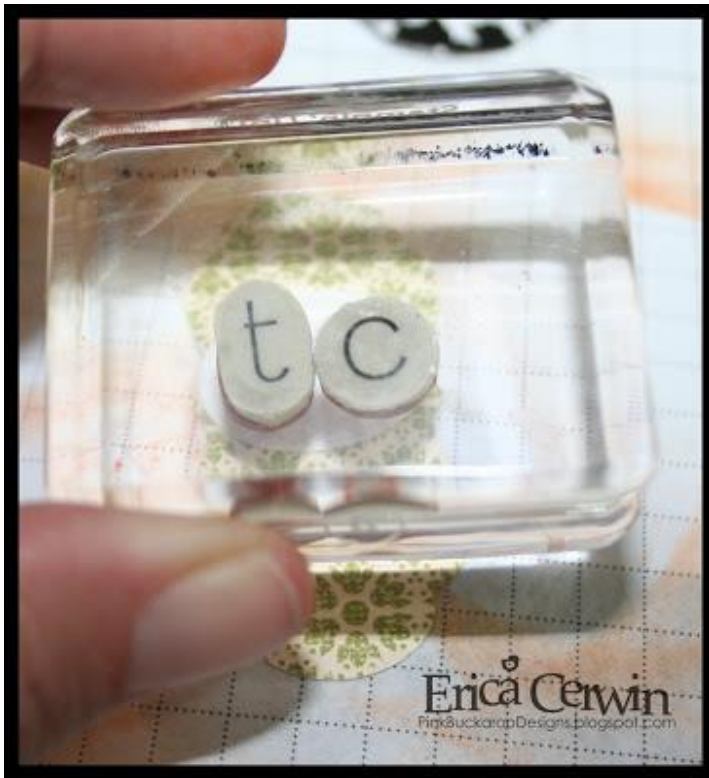
10. Take your red Sticky Tape and wrap it around the bottom. You can also put a strip above this one for extra strength.



11. Place the stem down in the middle of your pumpkin. Make sure the embossed side of the circle in the middle is facing up. Otherwise, it will be upside down!



12. Pinch the folded pumpkins until they are all stuck to the stem.
13. Make your tag and add your guests' names or initials. You can use the Sizzlet Die Lots of Tags and Autumn Spice DSP, and punch a Very Vanilla Oval using the Medium Oval.
14. Add the oval to the tag with pop dots or Stampin' Dimensionals. Tie the tag around the stem with twine. Tie a bow with your green ribbon and voila! A super cute place card!



Thanksgiving Table Centerpiece Banner

By: [Angie Holden from The Country Chic Cottage](#)

If your home could use some sprucing up for the holidays, get started on crafting the Thanksgiving Table Centerpiece Banner. This easy paper craft is a great way to show your holiday spirit this Thanksgiving. If you have a festive bowl of gourds or pumpkins and feel like something is missing, it's this Thanksgiving paper craft. Inspired by the style of bunting, this paper craft will complete the look of your Thanksgiving table while reminding everyone who is there to give thanks.



Materials:

- PSA Essentials Stamps
- Recycled Scrapbook Paper
- Twine
- Skewers
- Hot Glue
- Scissors
- Pencil

Instructions:

1. First, you will need to cut your paper into rectangles. Then make them into triangles.
2. Stamp your letters onto the triangles. Use orange for a nice holiday theme.



3. On one end of the skewers, hot glue them together.



4. On the other end of the skewers, tie two pieces of twine. You can hot glue the knots to the skewers after tying them to prevent them from slipping down.



- Hot glue your little triangles onto the twine.



- Stick the skewers down into a bowl or hang them up to create a festive paper bunting sign!





Pumpkin Napkin Rings

By: [Jenny Barnett Rohrs from Craft Test Dummies](#)

Make your table as beautiful as the colorful leaves on trees during the fall. These Pumpkin Napkin Rings are a perfect and crafty way to get your family in the autumn spirit. Each paper napkin ring features a small paper pumpkin and is made in fall colors like orange, yellow, and red. Follow along with the tutorial to learn how to make DIY napkin rings that are guaranteed to be a hit with your whole family. This is a great fall craft to make for Thanksgiving dinner especially. You can also use this tutorial to design cuffs for juice boxes.

Materials:

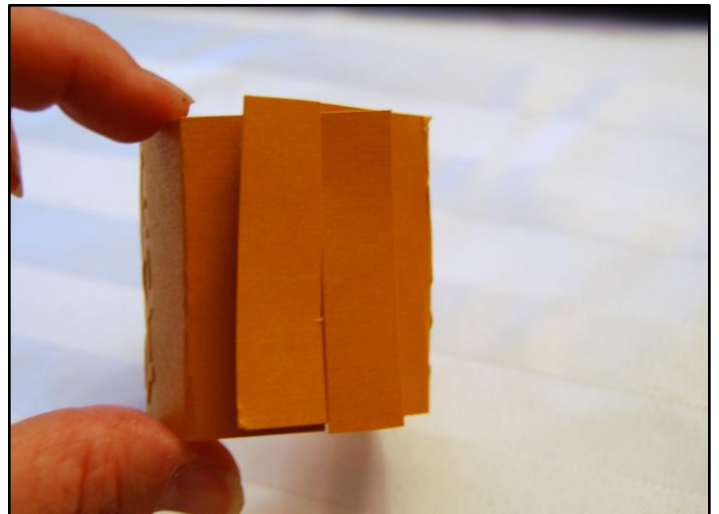
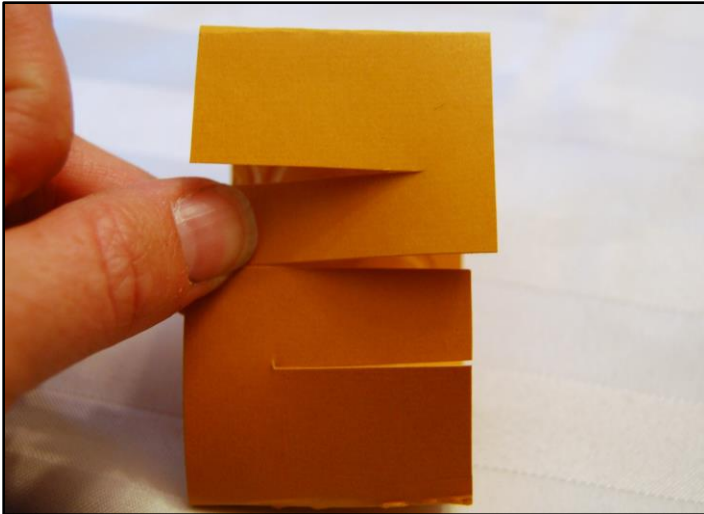
- Core'Dinations Cardstock
- Cuttlebug and Embossing Folder
- Sandpaper
- Foamiie Pumpkin Shapes (and/or leaf stickers)
- 3-D Glue Dots
- Bic Mark-Its

Instructions:

1. Start off by measuring the napkins you'll use, then add 1 inch for overlap. Cut your strips 2" by this number.
2. Using your Cuttlebug, emboss the middle of the strips. Using your sand paper, lightly sand the top of the embossed Core'Dinations paper to reveal the color underneath.



3. Next, cut the slits in the edges. About 1/2 inch in from one end, cut a slit halfway from the bottom to the top.
4. On the other end of your paper cuff, cut it half way from the top to the bottom. They'll notch together perfectly.



5. If your pumpkins and leaves are plain, use your Bic Mark-it to embellish them a little. They work great on Foamies and are low-odor.



- Next, you need to attach these to the cuff. The 3-D Glue Dots add dimension and are a great adhesive.



- Wrap them around your napkins and reuse them over and over!



Stunning Pressed Leaves Fall Artwork

By: [Anne Hurst from An Elegant Artist](#)

Decorate your home for autumn with pressed leaves! The Stunning Pressed Leaves Fall Artwork is a beautiful piece of fall home decor. This project is so easy to make and so beautiful! Learn how to press leaves and use them in your next paper project. When framed alongside a printable "Welcome" script, this artwork will look marvelous atop a fireplace mantel or even hanging on the front door. Don't forget to welcome fall with this fantastic home decor craft.

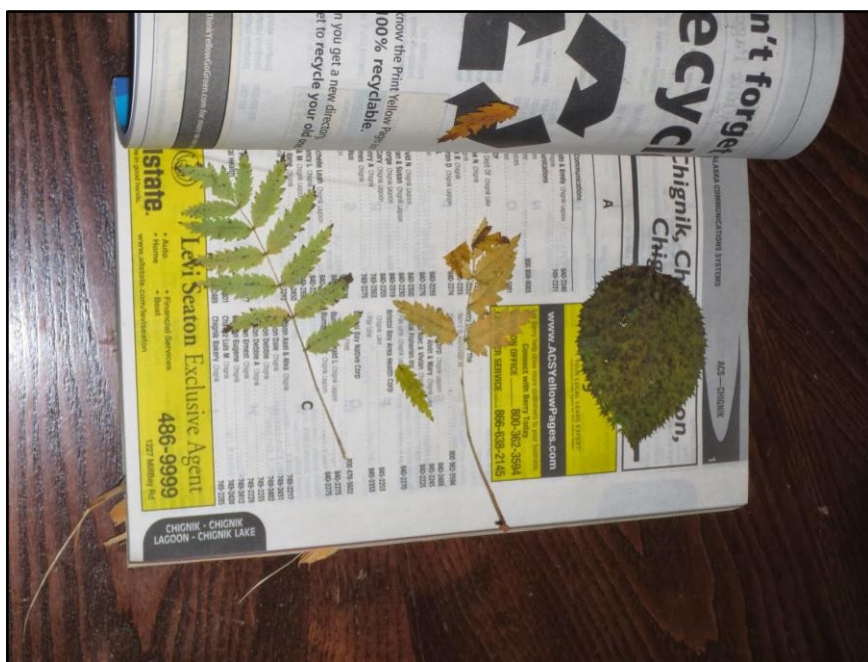


Materials:

- Free "Welcome" Printable
 - [Berry](#)
 - [Gourd](#)
 - [Maize](#)
 - [Moss](#)
 - [Acorn](#)
 - [Black](#)
- Several Leaves of Varying Sizes and Colors
- Phone Book (or something similarly heavy)
- Double Faced Tape or Household Glue
- An 8" x 10" Frame
- Tweezers
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Find leaves that are not spotted or torn. You also want them to be pliable; it is okay if they are even a bit wet. Tuck your leaves and grasses in between the pages near the back of the phone book in a single layer. Close the book and leave your items to dry for 24-48 hours. (If you don't have a phonebook, just find something heavy.)



2. Print out one of the free "Welcome" PDF printables in the material list above. You can choose between berry, gourd, maize, moss, acorn, and (not pictured) black. They are already sized and formatted for you, but you must choose the landscape option when printing.



3. Carefully arrange your brittle leaves and grasses, but handle them as little as possible. Try to slide the pieces around instead of grabbing them by the brittle edges. This is where the tweezers may come in handy to cut down on breakage.



4. When you are satisfied with your arrangement, use a small piece of double faced tape, or even a dot of household glue, to attach your items onto the "Welcome" printable.
5. Tuck away in the frame and you have your very own piece of fall artwork!



Free Thanksgiving Printables



Give Thanks Journal

By: [Mollie Johanson from Wild Olive](#)

Thanksgiving is a time to gather around and say what you are thankful for. This is a great sentiment, but it only lasts for one day. If you want to continue this wonderful tradition, then craft a Give Thanks Journal. You can record everything you are thankful for each day in this easy paper project. All you need is a few sheets of paper and a pen to think and reflect on your life. This paper craft is a great gift for a friend or family member. DIY paper crafts mean more when you make them yourself.

Materials:

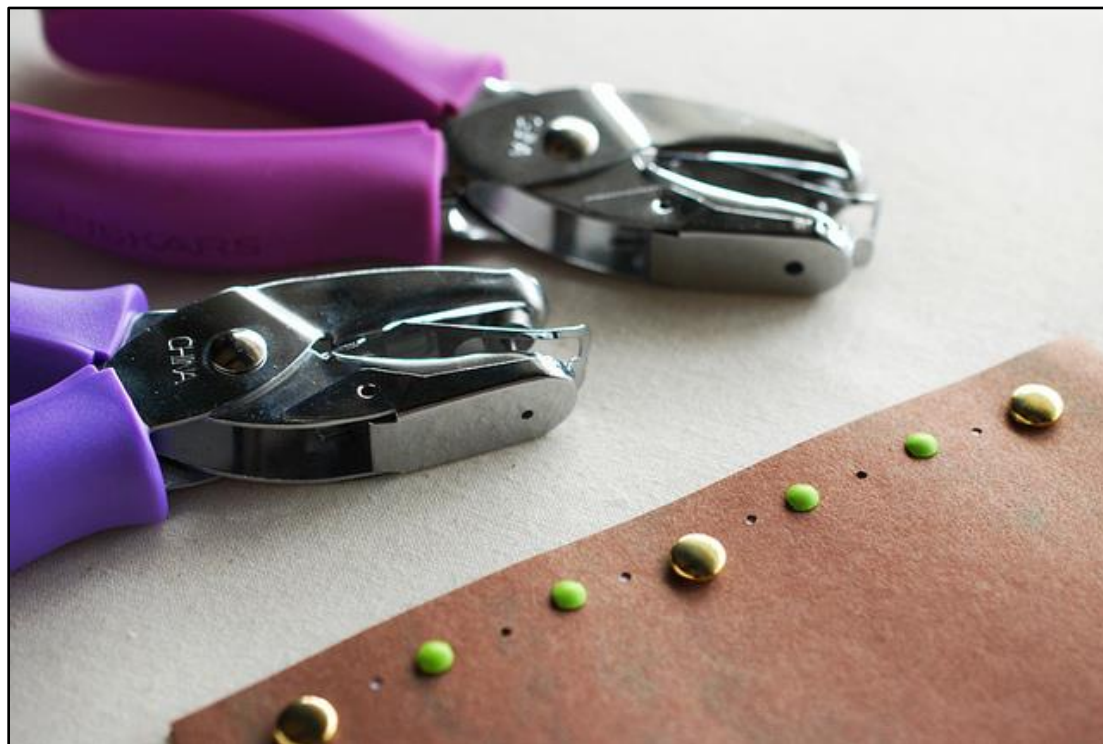
- 1 Piece of Construction Paper
- 6 Copies of the [Give Thanks Printable](#)
- Brads (Paper Fasteners) in Both Standard and Tiny Sizes
- Hole Punch(es) – such as Fiskars 1/8 inch and 1/16 inch

Instructions:

1. Cut the construction paper and [Give Thanks pages](#) in half.
2. Trim about 2.5 inches off the end of one piece of construction paper.
3. Stack all the pages with the construction paper at the front and back, and with the Give Thanks message showing.



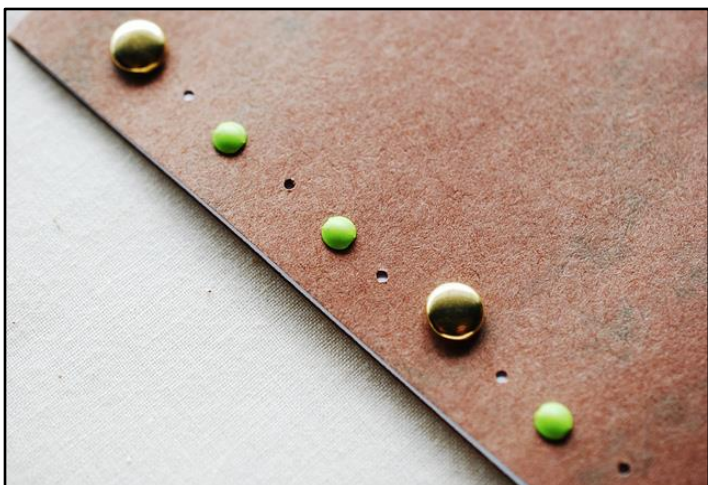
4. Punch three 1/8-inch holes, evenly spaced, through all the papers. (Clip your pages together with binder clips to punch them all at one time.)



5. Punch additional 1/16-inch holes between the first set of holes.



6. Slide decorative brads through some of the small holes and spread the prongs to hold them in place.



7. Slide standard brads through the holes going through all the layers and spread the prongs to hold them in place.

8. Now you're ready to grab a pen and start journaling your thanks!



Festive Fall Project Life Cards

By: [Mollie Johanson from Wild Olive](#)

Document any autumn season with pocket pages when you print your own Festive Fall Project Life Cards. This adorable free printable for Project Life cards is a cute way to embellish your next scrapbook. The images have subtle patterns in the background that add even more personality to the smiling cards. Add any messages you like to your cards. Perhaps use them to document your Thanksgiving holiday, as one of the cards reminds everyone to always give thanks.



Materials:

- [Project Life Cards Printable](#)
- Paper or Cardstock
- Scissors
- Optional: Spray Mount
- Optional: 110 lb. cardstock

Instructions:

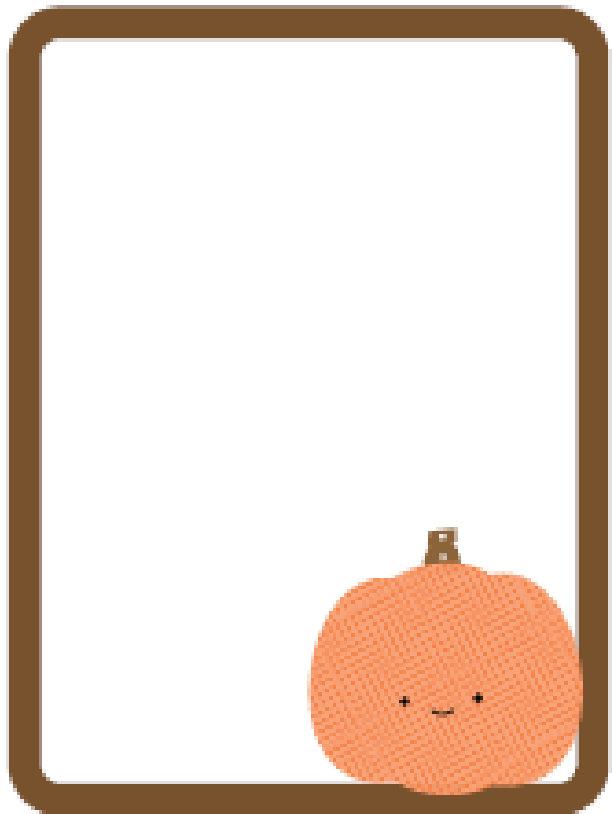
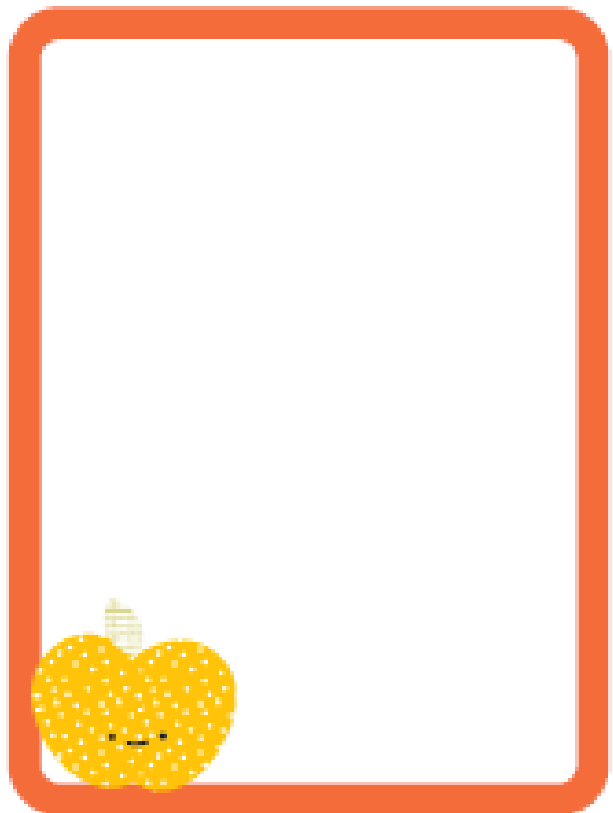
1. Download and print out the [Project Life Cards](#) on white card stock. Plain paper would work fine, too.



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2. Cut out each card.
3. If you want stronger cards, print on as thick of paper as your printer can handle. Then take a sheet of thick card stock, spray it with spray mount, and apply the card on top of the sticky side. Smooth it out to decrease bubbles and folds, and you'll have amazingly thick cards.



Thanksgiving Greeting Cards and Embellishments



Bushel Basket Leaf Card

By: [Brenda Quintana from Qbee's Quest](#)

You won't find an autumn card more seasonal than this. The Bushel Basket Leaf Card is a fantastic greeting card craft for the fall season. Whether you have a loved one who was born in the fall or you have another reason to send an autumn greeting, this handmade card is a beautiful way to send well-wishes! From the fall colors to the leaves in the basket and even down to the adorable little acorn, this craft will bring a surge of warmth to the heart of the loved one that receives it.

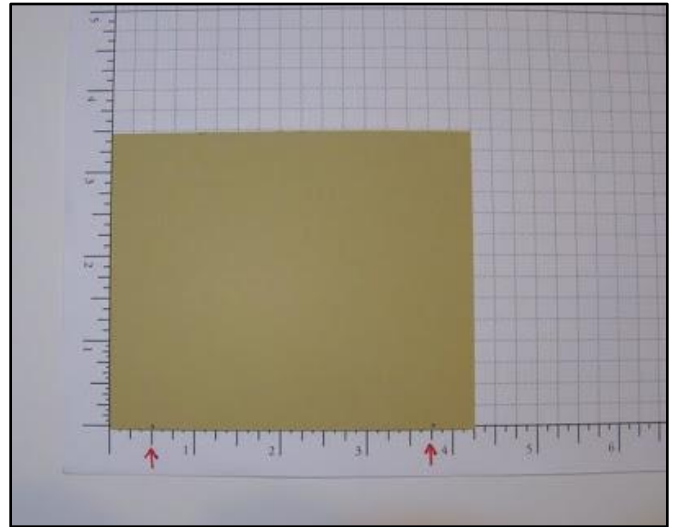
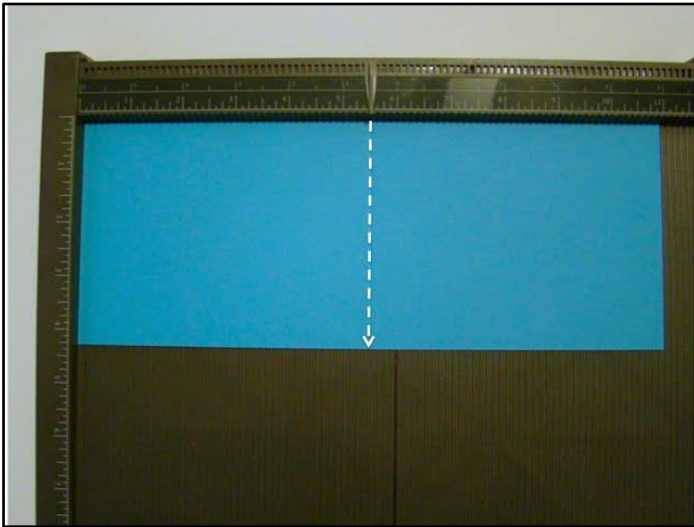
Materials:

- Teeny Tiny Wishes Stamp Set from Stampin' Up
- Cardstock
 - Tempting Turquoise
 - River Rock
 - Riding Hood Red
 - Daffodil Delight
 - Calypso Coral
 - Lucky Limeade
 - Crumb Cake
 - Early Espresso
- Ink
 - Early Espresso
 - River Rock
 - Riding Hood Red
 - Daffodil Delight
 - Calypso Coral
- Tools
 - Word Window Punch
 - Modern Label Punch
 - Piercing Mat
 - Piercing Tool
 - Simply Scored
 - Sponge Daubers
 - Big Shot
 - Autumn Accents
- Embossing Folders
 - Stripes
 - Elegant Lines
 - Vintage Wallpaper
 - Houndstooth
 - Square Lattice
 - Perfect Polka Dots
- Embellishments
 - Mini Brads Silver
 - Calypso Coral Ruffled Ribbon
 - Basics Glimmer Brads

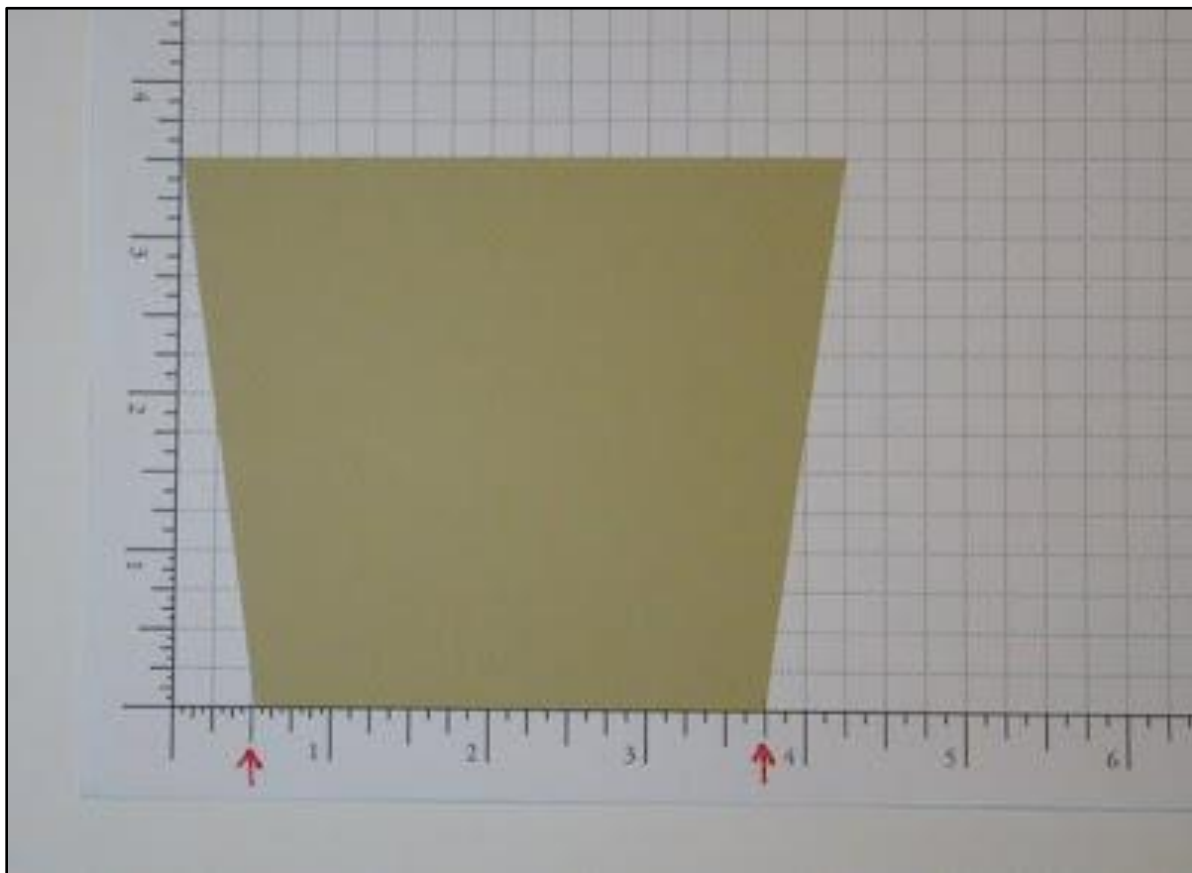
Instructions:

1. Start with a piece of 11" x 4- 1/4" Tempting Turquoise card stock. On the long side, score the card stock at the 5- 1/2" mark. Fold in half along the score line and set aside.

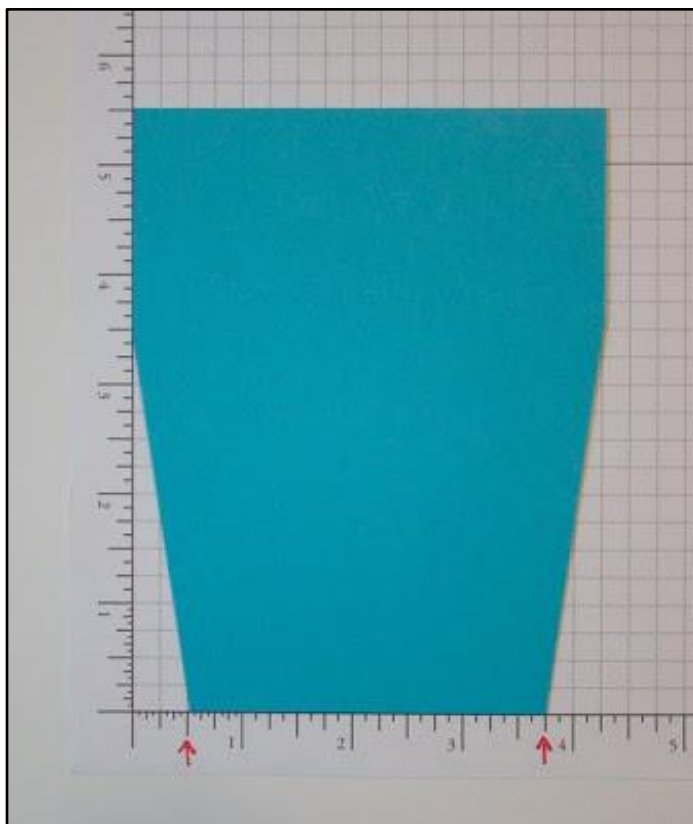
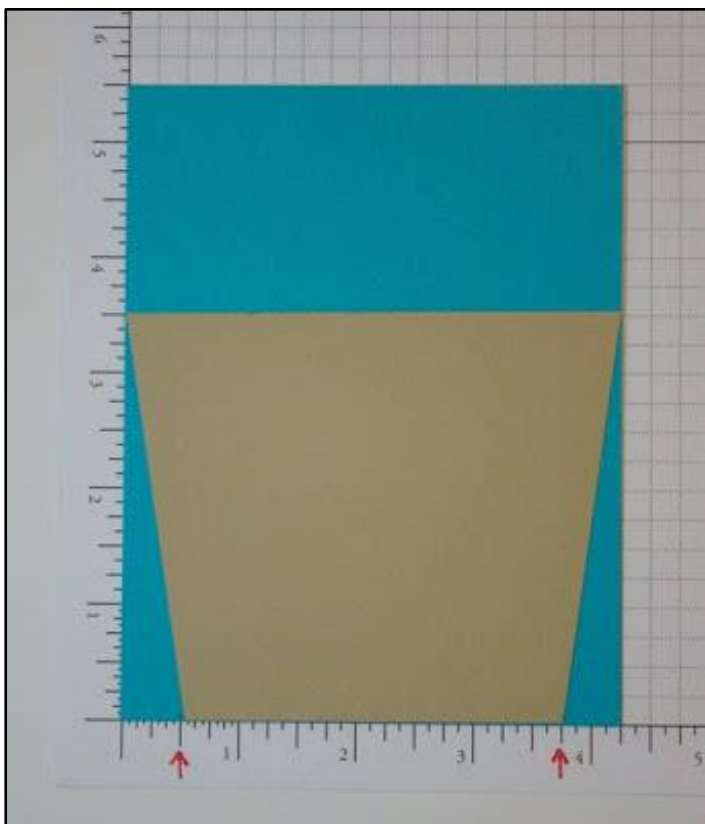
2. Cut a 4- $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 3- $\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of River Rock Card Stock. On one of the 4- $\frac{1}{4}$ " sides make a pencil mark $\frac{1}{2}$ " in on either side.



3. Using a straight-edged cutter, cut from the pencil mark to the corner on both sides to create a tapered box that resembles a basket.



- Trace the sides of the basket onto the Tempting Turquoise card base, making sure that the opening of the card is towards the bottom.
- Using a straight-edged cutter, cut along the traced lines, making sure to cut slightly inside of the lines. You will not want to see any turquoise peeking out from the sides of the basket.



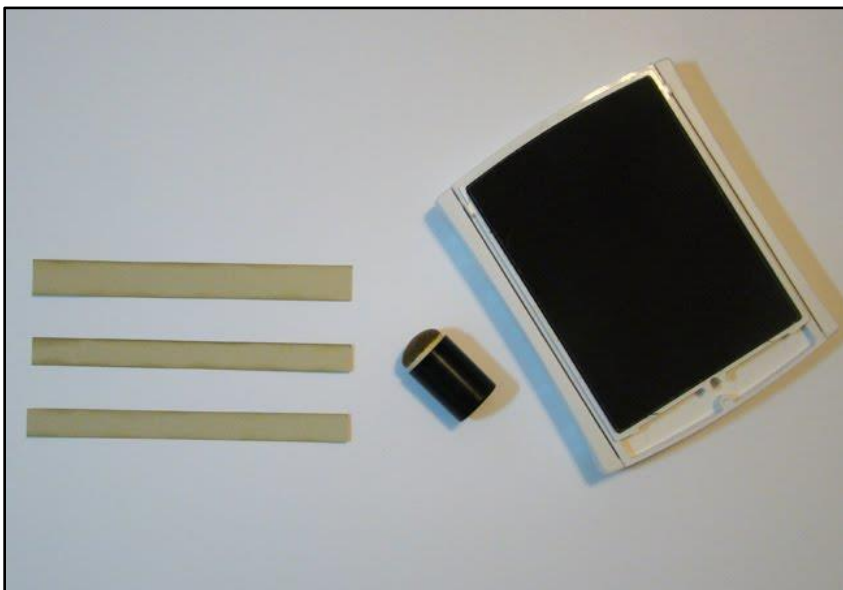
- Run the River Rock basket piece through the Big Shot with the Stripes Embossing Folder.



7. Sponge the basket piece with River Rock Ink and a Sponge Dauber. Note: To make brad placement easier, sponge the side that has an embossed (raised rather than indented) stripe down the CENTER (see red pencil pointing to the stripe being referred to).



8. Cut ONE 4- $\frac{1}{4}$ " x $\frac{1}{2}$ " strip and TWO 4- $\frac{1}{4}$ " x $\frac{3}{8}$ " strips of River Rock. Sponge the edges of these strips with River Rock Ink and a Sponge Dauber.



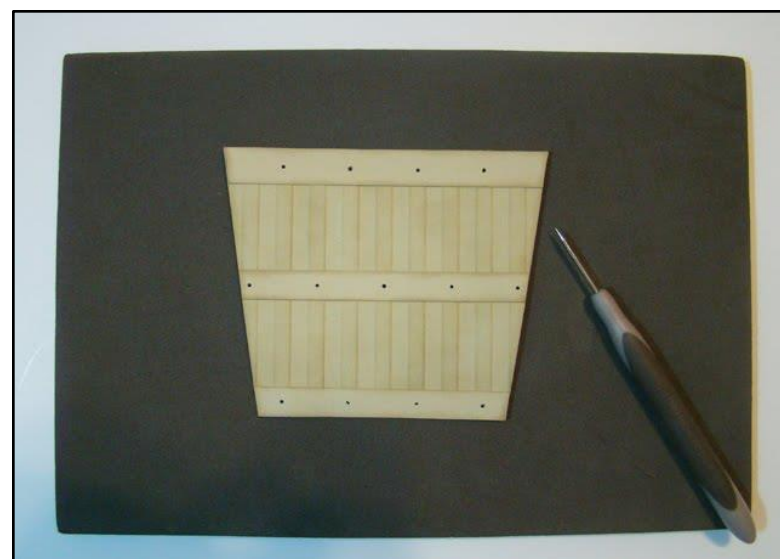
9. Adhere the River Rock strips to the basket, adhering the widest one to the top. Note: You can use SNAIL or a light adhesive, because these strips will also be held on with brads.



10. Turn the basket piece over and snip off the overhang of each strip. This is the front view of what the basket should look like when you're done trimming the strips.



11. Pierce the basket as shown.



12. Add the mini silver brads.



13. Prepare an assortment of leaves and acorns to put in the basket, using the Autumn Accents die and various embossing folders.



14. Decide on the placement of the leaves. Some of the leaves will be tucked behind the basket. Adhere these ones first.

15. Then adhere the bushel basket with sticky strip, followed by the rest of the leaves and the acorn.



16. Finish off the card as desired.



Easy Embossed Tree Card

By: [Jenny Barnett Rohrs from Craft Test Dummies](#)

Seasonal cards show that you really put thought into the way you send someone a message. This Easy Embossed Tree Card is simple to make and sure to be appreciated. Check out the tutorial to learn how to emboss a card with a tree shape that is perfect to send in the fall or winter. This tutorial has design ideas for both seasons, so it's easy to customize the card to fit the time of year. Homemade cards are a great way to send someone a truly sincere message, so get your materials together and get started crafting.



Materials:

- Core'Dinations Cardstock – 12 x 12 stack in "Elements"
- Core'Dinations Distress Tool
- Darice Tree Embossing Folder
- Cuttlebug
- Spellbinders Nestabilities dies "Label 4"
- Martha Stewart Paper Trimmer
- Sew Easy Floss in XX
- Glue Glider Pro
- 3-D Zots
- Distress Stickers in Peeled Paint, Fired Brick, and Tarnished Brass
- Label Maker

Instructions:

1. First, cut your cardstock: 7" x 10" piece for the card base, fold in half lengthwise to create a 5" x 7" card; 4 3/4" x 6 3/4" piece of brown for the front.
2. Then emboss your brown cardstock with your sanding tool to bring out the image.
3. Next, use the Distress Stickers to apply the three different colors in a random fashion on the leaves. Set it aside to dry and cut the 2 sizes of the Nestabilities labels with the Cuttlebug.



4. Using the Glue Glider, adhere one on top of the other, and then create the "Thankful" label. (Alternatively, you could stamp it, use rub-ons, stickers, or even handwrite it.)
5. When the Stickles have dried, wind some of the floss around the bottom of the card. Use the Glue Glider to keep the ends from unwinding, then add enough adhesive to attach it to the card front.
6. Attach the "Thankful" embellishment to the card using 3-D Zots to help it stand off of the card front.



7. Add an additional, larger "label" die cut to the inside to hold your message, if you like.

Most Beautiful Fall Leaves

By: [Michelle Frae Cummings from Faerie Dust Dreams](#)

Learn how to color in stamped images with these Most Beautiful Fall Leaves! This paper craft for fall is a great way to embellish almost anything. Follow this blogger's lead and use the finished leaves on tags, or use them to decorate an autumn card or scrapbook layout. The techniques that are used to color in these leaves are impressive, but don't be discouraged! You will be a coloring master by the time you've finished following along with this tutorial.



Materials:

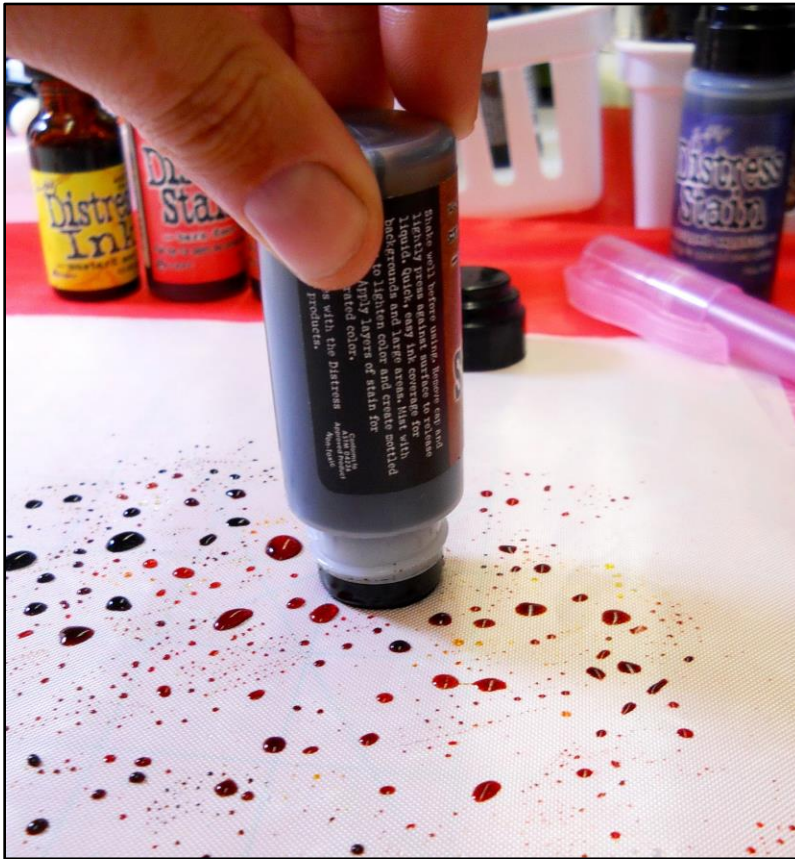
- Maple Leaf:
 - Stains: Barn Door and Rusty Hinge
 - Re-Inkers: Mustard, Vintage Photo, and Marmalade
- Aspen Leaf:
 - Stains: Barn Door and Forest Moss
 - Re-Inkers: Mustard, Shabby Shutters, and Peeled Paint
- Other Leaf:
 - Stain: Forest Moss
 - Re-Inkers: Mustard, Shabby Shutters, and Peeled Paint
- Leaf Designs Stamps (Optional: Martha Stewart)
- Walnut Distress Ink
- Manila Folders
- Craft Sheet/Mat
- Paint Brush and Water
- Diamond Glaze
- Precision Scissors
- Paper Craft Tags
- Assortment of Stickles
- Other Craft Glitter Glues

Instructions:

1. Stamp some broad shaped leaf designs with Walnut Distress Ink onto manila folders. You can use cardstock, but the folders tend to hold up better.



2. Dab the Distress stains and re-inkers needed for painting on to a craft sheet. Spritz them with water before painting to help the colors blend on the leaves.



3. Use a paint brush with a built in water well or a cup of water for painting, picking up color from the craft sheet.



4. For colors that need to make details pop, full strength can be used. However, don't worry if the color starts to look diluted because the later steps will fix that.



5. Accent the veins of the maple leaves with Cinnamon Sticksles or something similar to match. Then, outline the edges with Stickleles that also match the painted colors.



6. Set the leaves out to dry, making sure the glitter glue has set. Refrain from using a heat tool, as this causes the color to fade even more.



7. With a fine tip, add Diamond Glaze to each leaf and use your finger to spread it evenly in between the veins and over the outlines. Set this out to dry completely.



- Carefully cut out each leaf with precision scissors and attach to tags as desired.



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