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10 Handmade Card Ideas for Every Season



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Letter from the Editor

Dear Paper Crafters,

No matter what occasion you're celebrating, there's no denying that creating a customized greeting card from scratch is just as rewarding for you as it is for your recipient. That's why we created this free eBook, *DIY Greeting Cards: 10 Handmade Card Ideas for Every Season*. In this collection, there are some fantastic go-to holiday cards to make. From the exchange of papyrus scrolls in Ancient Egypt to the circulation of Valentine's Day cards in 15th Century Europe, exchanging handmade well wishes is a tradition that has spanned countries, cultures, and even oceans.

And with good reason!

After all, it's always nice to give someone the warm fuzzies by letting them know in no uncertain terms they're on your mind. This eBook includes romantic and sweet Valentine's Day cards like the Hugs and Kisses Card (pg. 5). There's also Easter, Mother's Day, and Father's Day cards you will love to give your family. For Halloween, we have the Creature Club DIY Halloween Card (pg. 21). There's also Thanksgiving and Christmas cards you won't want to wait to make. We've got several fun holiday card tutorials for you to help you create something special, unique, and you for every season. Some are challenging, some are easy enough for the kiddos, and all of them will help you put your own spin on any major holiday.

Happy crafting!

Sincerely,

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Homemade Valentine's Day Cards

Hugs and Kisses Card

By: [Marion Emberson from WOW! Embossing Powder](#)

This gorgeous Hugs and Kisses Card is one of the cutest handmade cards you can make, either for your Valentine on Valentine's Day or anytime you want to show the special someone in your life that you love them and are thinking about them. This DIY card is created by using WOW! Embossing Powder, foil, stamps, twine, and a few other materials. This card is so beautiful. With three pink hearts and the "xoxo" script, there will be no doubt you put time and love into this fantastic paper craft.

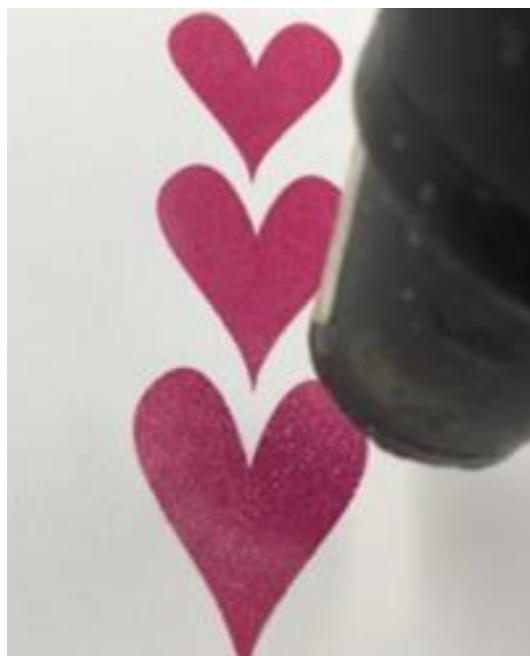


Materials:

- WOW! Pink Lady Embossing Powder
- WOW! Bonding Powder
- WOW! Ice Blue Fab Foil
- WOW! Embossing Pad
- WOW! Layered Hearts Clear Stamps
- WOW! Heat Tool
- Lawn Fawn XOXO die
- Twine
- Tent fold card
- Scrap of cardstock
- Anti-Static Pad (as our powders are treated for static, this is used for removing moisture)
- Adhesive

Instructions:

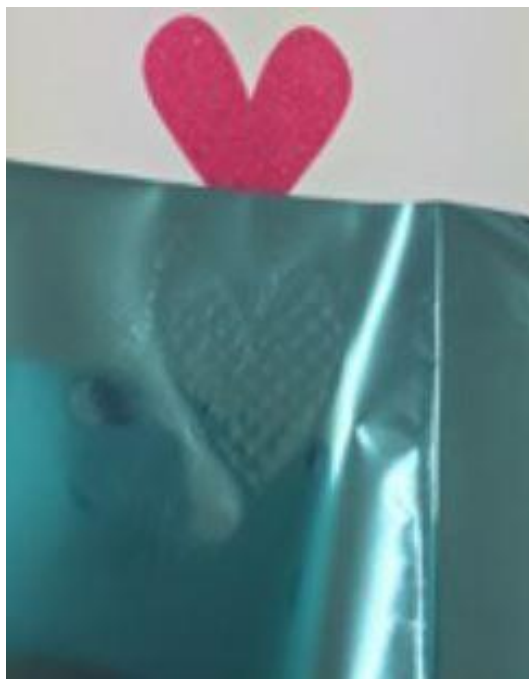
1. Sprinkle with WOW! Pink Lady Embossing Powder, shake off excess, and heat set.



2. For this next step, you'll need to dab the middle heart with the anti-static pad to remove any moisture that the heat may have caused.



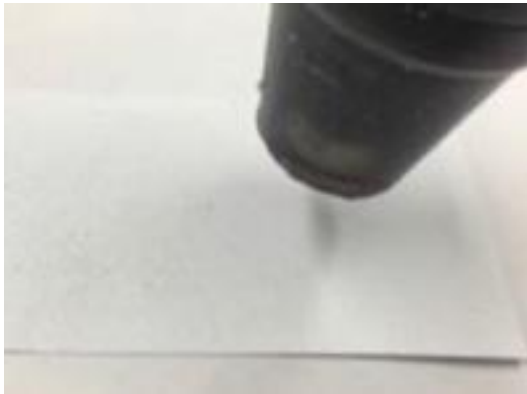
- Stamp the polka dot heart into the middle heart and sprinkle with WOW! Bonding Powder, shake off excess and heat set. Immediately apply the WOW! Ice Blue Fab Foil and rub; please be aware that it may be hot.



- Let the WOW! Ice Blue Fab Foil cool and then remove.



5. Press the scrap of cardstock in the WOW! Embossing Pad and sprinkle with WOW! Bonding Powder, shake off excess and heat set.



6. Apply the WOW! Ice Blue Fab Foil. If you want a distressed look, pull off quickly. For a more even look, burnish with a bone folder.
7. Die cut your sentiment.



8. Tie a bow with the twine and adhere to the middle heart. Then adhere the foiled sentiment.

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Vivid Valentine's Day Tic-Tac-Toe Card

By: [Benetta Strydom for AllFreePaperCrafts](#)

Use some basic craft supplies and add a modern twist to an old theme. Play tic-tac-toe and get three in a row when you make this Vivid Valentine's Day Tic-Tac-Toe Card. If you are looking for unique valentine cards to make, you've found the perfect tutorial. Tic-tac-toe is a game for two, and the winning heart in the middle is the perfect way to show your valentine that they've won your heart! Your valentine won't be able to miss this unique declaration of love.



Materials:

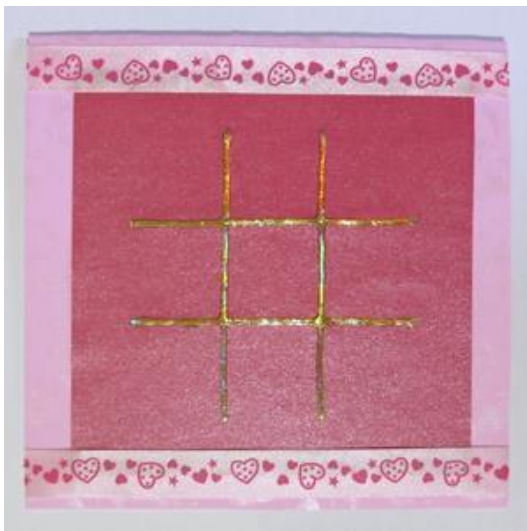
- 10" x 5" pink pearlized cardstock with roses printed on it
- 4.1" square-cut from dark pink shimmer cardstock
- 3 light pink 0.6"-wide foam deco hearts
- 3 white 0.6"-wide foam deco hearts
- 1 1"-high pink wooden heart
- Golden craft foil
- Foilart Super-tack Glue Pen
- Golden mirror word (for this project the word "love" was used)
- 0.4"-wide pink belt ribbon with printed hearts
- 0.3"-wide neon pink satin ribbon
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Clear-drying gel glue (such as Bostik Clear)

Instructions:

1. Score the 10" x 5" pink pearlized cardstock in half to create a card sized 5" x 5".



2. Use the pencil to draw a tic-tac-toe grid on the dark pink shimmer cardstock square.
3. With the fold at the top, glue the dark pink shimmer cardstock square to the front of the card.
4. Glue the belt ribbon in place at the top and bottom of the card and cut off any protruding edges.
5. Add Super-tack glue to the tic-tac-toe grid lines. Allow the Super-tack glue to dry for about 20 minutes. When the glue is wet, it is blue, but when it is dry, it becomes transparent.
6. Press the golden foil down on the glue. Remember that – of course – the golden side of the foil must be on top. Rub the foil over the areas where you have added glue with the Super-tack glue pen and carefully lift the foil.



7. Add the hearts glue the wooden heart to the center of the grid, and then add the rest of the hearts.



8. Glue the neon pink satin ribbon to the bottom left corner and cut off any protruding edges.
9. Glue the mirror word in place.



Handmade Easter Cards

Jeweled Easter Bunny Card

By: [Benetta Strydom for AllFreePaperCrafts](#)

Send Easter greetings with a gorgeous handmade card this spring. Pink flat back crystals and an array of paper craft supplies will produce a beautiful Jeweled Easter Bunny Card. The many shades of pink paper and the lovely little jeweled bunny create the perfect Easter combination. Make several homemade Easter cards in this style to send to family and friends. There will be no mistaking the occasion for this card when your loved one sees a shiny pink bunny!

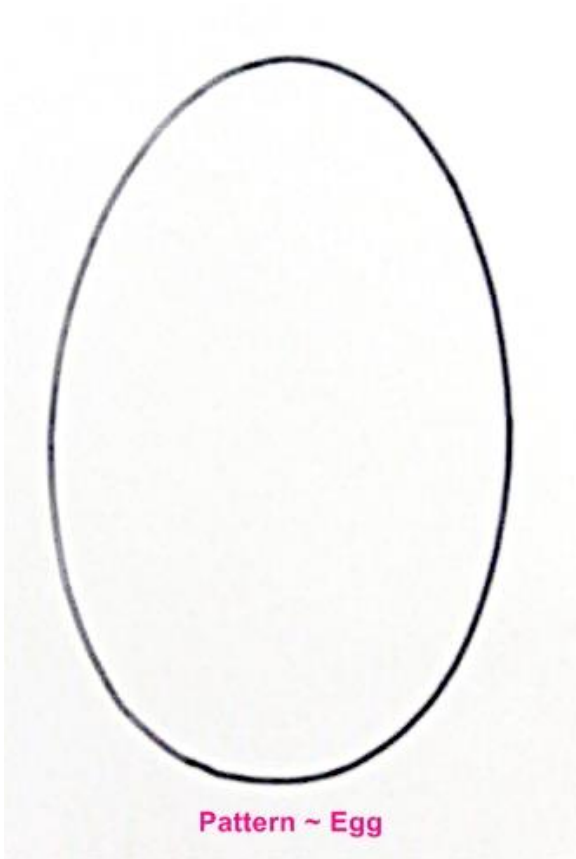


Materials:

- 12" x 12" scrapbook papers from the Tradition Collection by Crafts Concepts, product code CR 900097 (see <http://craftconcepts.com.au/>)
- 1 sheet of light pink sugar paper
- Provided template of Easter egg
- Provided template of Easter Bunny
- Self-adhesive pink alphabet gem stickers
- Small Cerise Pink Flat Back Crystal Beads, enough to cover the whole bunny
- 8" of 0.3"-wide pink satin ribbon with white polka dots
- Upikit Border Punch
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Glue
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. From the scrapbook papers, choose the white paper with the pink polka dots and cut a piece sized 10" x 7" from this paper.
2. Score it lengthwise to create a card sized 5" x 7".
3. Now use the next piece of paper from this series, i.e. brown with pink circles. Cut a piece sized 4.6" x 6.2" and use the border punch to create a border all around this piece of paper. Use the inbuilt guide to align each part of the border before punching. Once done, the paper should have a size of 4.2" x 6.2".
4. With the fold at the left, center and glue the paper with the punched border to the front of the card.
5. Trace the template of the Easter egg onto the pink paper with the white polka dots from this scrapbook paper series.



6. Cut out the Easter egg. Glue the ribbon across the egg and cut off any protruding edges.
7. Center and glue the egg to the front of the card.

- Trace the Easter bunny onto the pink marbled paper, and cut it out.



- Use glue to cover the whole bunny with the cerise pink flat back crystal beads. Allow to dry thoroughly. Tip: Use tweezers to help move the crystal beads into their appropriate places.
- Glue the bunny to the front of the card.
- Use the gem stickers to add the words HAPPY EASTER to the card.
- From the sheet of pink sugar paper, cut a piece sized 9.6" x 6.6" and fold it in half. Glue to the inside of the card to write a message.

DIY Mother's Day Cards

A Walk in the Garden Homemade Card

By: [Pam Larmore from P.S. I Love You Crafts](#)

If you are looking for a beautifully feminine and floral greeting card design, then you will want to make A Walk in the Garden Homemade Card. This is a perfect Mother's Day card but can be used as a handmade greeting card throughout the year to offer some lightness and goodwill to those you love. The stunningly beautiful and multi-dimensional hydrangea is the main focus of this DIY card, but there is also a sweet and simple butterfly sitting on one of the leaves. Add even more feminine features with shimmering pearls and soft pink organza ribbon.



Materials:

- Die Cuts With a View Butterfly Garden Paper Stack
- Walk in My Garden Cricut Cartridge (for the flowers and butterfly)
- Cricut die cut machine
- Pop Dots
- Organza ribbon
- Cream-colored Liquid Pearls
- Pink adhesive pearls

Instructions:

1. Use the Butterfly Garden Paper Stack from Die Cuts With A View. The colors in the stack are beautiful with some added foil on a few of the prints. There are also prints with butterflies and flowers.
2. Use one green print and one pink print to cut two bases for the hydrangea using the Walk In My Garden Cricut Cartridge.
3. Cut the flower part off of the pink one and attach it so that the only green part that shows is the leaves.
4. Use the layer feature to cut the flower part that shows more detail.
5. Use the layer feature to cut out the individual flowers. The flower has three layers. Use Pop Dots between each layer to give the flower extra dimension.



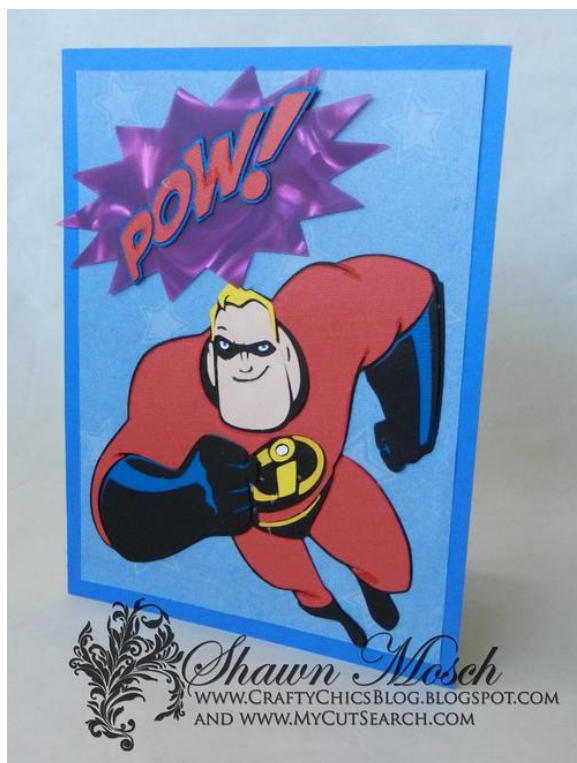
6. Use four different patterns of paper for the background of the card.
7. Add an organza ribbon and knot.
8. Cut the butterfly out of the cover of the paper pack.
9. Attach the butterfly with a mini Pop Dot in the center so that the wings can be folded upward.
10. To finish the card, use cream-colored Liquid Pearls to add centers to the individual flowers and pink adhesive pearls to the top right corner.

Homemade Father's Day Cards

Mr. Incredible Card

By: [Shawn Mosch from Crafty Chic's Blog](#)

Whether you are looking for a DIY Father's Day Card or to make a handmade card for the superhero in your life on their birthday or simply to say thank you, this Mr. Incredible Card will send a pretty POWERful message. Card ideas like this are a fun way to incorporate Disney crafts into your card making. The Incredibles is a popular Disney/Pixar movie about a family of superheroes, which is why this is an awesome handmade card to make for a family member who is always saving the day, especially Dad.



Materials:

- Blue cardstock
- Red cardstock
- Black cardstock
- Yellow cardstock
- Rowlux Illusion Film, Moiré pattern in purple or red
- Blue star patterned scrapbook paper
- Best of Pixar Cricut Cartridge
- Cricut die cut machine
- Zig calligraphy pen in red
- Blue fine tip pen
- Foam pieces
- Adhesive
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Cut Mr. Incredible out using the die cut cartridges and machine. When cutting the red for Mr. Incredible's suit, using the Best of Pixar Cricut Cartridge, there may be a white edge all around the cut if the paper has a white core to it.
2. Hide the white edge by using the red Zig calligraphy pen and inking all around the edges of the cut. Use the fat end of the calligraphy pen, which makes it nice and easy to just go around the outside edge of the entire cut. There is more definition to the cut and all of the small details of the curves really pop.



3. Layer the cuts on the black background cut and build all of the layers of Mr. Incredible.



4. If those little tiny cuts of the blue part of Mr. Incredible's eyes are too small to pick up and glue on to the image, no worries! Just grab a blue fine tip pen and make a couple of little dots for the eyes.



5. Use a royal blue base for the card. Then layer a piece of blue star patterned paper on top of that.



- Now to add some POP to the card! Use the Illusion Film from Rowlux. This product comes in a variety of colors and patterns. It is much thicker than paper. It almost feels like you are cutting through a plastic packaging product. You can cut it with scissors or with your Cricut! Cut this shape from the Best of Pixar Cricut Cartridge using a deep cut blade, with a depth of 6, multi cut of 4, speed of 2 and pressure of 3. You may have to "wiggle" the product back and forth around the cut lines to get it to come out. Westcott scissors work well for any stubborn spots.



- Cut the word "POW" to go on top of the Illusion Film cut out. Since you can see through the Illusion Film, use some foam pieces, and place them on the back behind where the word POW was so that you would not see them from the front.



DIY Halloween Cards

Creature Club DIY Halloween Card

By: [Pam Larmore from P.S. I Love You Crafts](#)

Say "Happy Halloween" to friends and family with the help of this adorable Creature Club DIY Halloween Card. Instead of the spooky versions of ghosts, Jack-o-lanterns, frogs, and spiders, this homemade card uses smiling, sweet versions (made with a die cut machine). For the rest of this DIY card, use layers of orange, green, and black scrapbooking paper that has a Halloween feel. Add your sentiment and some festive Halloween ribbon. Inside this handmade greeting card, you can write whatever you want, such as what you're going to be for Halloween.

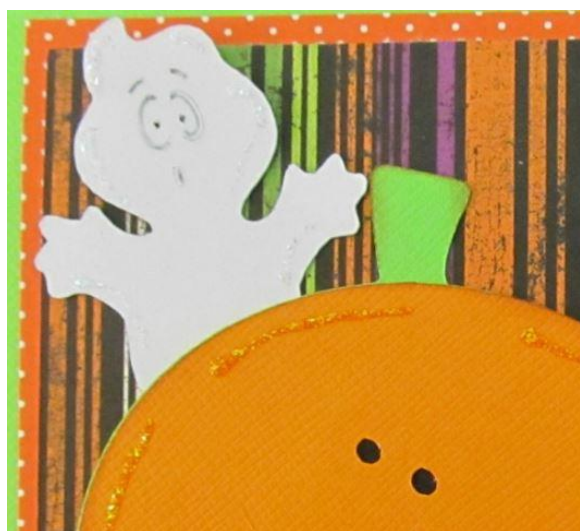


Materials:

- Bazzill cardstock in bright green
- Bazzill cardstock in orange
- Bazzill cardstock in purple
- Bazzill cardstock in white
- Bright orange and white polka dot scrapbook paper
- Striped scrapbook paper in Halloween colors like purple, green, orange, and black
- Doodlecharms Cricut Cartridge (for the Jack-o-lantern)
- Paper Doll Dress Up Cricut Cartridge (for the ghost, frog, and spider)
- Cricut die cut machine
- Glitter glue for accents
- Halloween-themed ribbon
- Happy Halloween stamp
- Black ink
- Black or gray fine tip pen
- Adhesive

Instructions:

1. Cut out the creatures using the die cut cartridges and machine.
2. Create a tent-fold card shape out of the green paper.
3. Layer and adhere the orange polka dot and striped papers to create the background of the card.
4. Stamp sentiment on a piece of orange paper that is cut in a decorative shape of the appropriate size.
5. With adhesive of choice, arrange sentiment and creatures on front of card.
6. Create faces and embellishments with the fine tip pen and glitter glue.



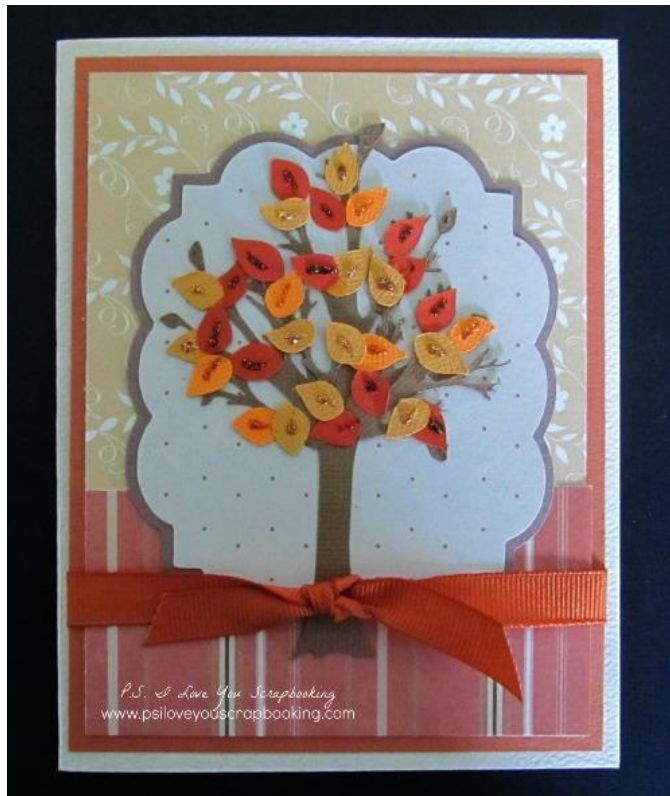
7. Attach a piece of ribbon as desired on front of card.

Homemade Thanksgiving Cards

Fall Foliage DIY Card

By: [Pam Larmore from P.S. I Love You Crafts](#)

Welcome fall with open arms and send festive wishes with this sweet Fall Foliage DIY Card. Use this handmade card to wish your loved ones happy birthday, Thanksgiving, or any other event that takes place during this beautiful season. Everyone loves fall colors because the crisp oranges, yellows, reds, and browns blend so well together. This pretty die cut card idea features a tree bearing those iconic autumnal colors that we all love. The tree is the top layer of beautiful shapes and patterns that are equally festive. Finish this fall craft with a pretty ribbon accent.



Materials:

- Heidi Swapp Paper Kit by Becky Higgins (alternatively, use fall-colored or patterned paper for the base and background)
- Bazzill cardstock in different shades of orange (for the leaves)
- Stretch Your Imagination Cricut Cartridge (for the tree)
- Songbird Cricut Cartridge (for the shaped medallion)
- Cricut die cut machine
- Stickles Glitter Glue in Cinnamon, Copper, and Paprika
- Fall-themed ribbon (like Close to My Heart brand)
- Glue pen

Instructions:

1. Cut three trees using the Stretch Your Imagination Cricut Cartridge. Cut three because one is very skinny, and this will provide a fuller, fatter tree. The first one cut is the main trunk with branches at the top. For the two other trees, trim the trunks off and put one on each side of the first to make the tree fuller. It works great!
2. Cut the medallion and other desired shapes for the background.
3. Cut LOTS of leaves using three shades of orange Bazzill cardstock and attach them with a glue pen. YES, they are individual leaves!



4. To finish the tree, add Cinnamon, Copper, and Paprika Stickles Glitter Glue.
5. Then tie a rust knot from Close To My Heart ribbon.

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Simple & Sweet Leafy Thanksgiving Card

By: [Kristen Cohen for Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L](#)

Celebrate Thanksgiving with handmade cards! The Simple & Sweet Leafy Thanksgiving Card is perfect to send to your loved ones. This card is so simple to make but the results are completely beautiful. In fact, this card comes together in just a few steps, and the classic fall leaf along with the embossed detail and the adorable button really pull this cute card together. It's easy enough to make that you can send out several Thanksgiving greetings to your loved ones with this tutorial. Celebrate Thanksgiving by sending handmade greeting cards this season.



Materials:

- Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L™ E-Z Runner®
- Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L™ Crafty Foam Tape®
- Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L™ DODZ™ – Medium
- Spellbinders Leaf Die Cut
- Sizzix Embossing Folder
- Papertrey Ink Stamps
- Cardstock in orange
- Cardstock in Kraft

Instructions:

1. Die cut the top panel using a leaf die cut. Emboss a piece of orange cardstock to add texture behind the die cut panel. Attach the embossed panel to a card base using the E-Z Runner®.



2. To create the dimension, adhere the die cut panel using Crafty Foam Tape.
3. Score the bottom of the panel for interest, and then stamp the sentiment.



4. The last step is to add a button using DODZ™ – Medium. The perfect hold and no messy glue!



DIY Christmas Cards

Gingerbread House Card

By: [Benetta Strydom for AllFreePaperCrafts](#)

Gingerbread houses are a classic Christmas craft to make. You can make gingerbread houses in more ways than one when you make a Gingerbread House Card. Send warm wishes this Christmas season with a card that looks sugary sweet. Homemade Christmas cards like these will be cherished by your loved ones when they receive them in the mail. Best of all, this card is scraptastic! You can make such a cute card with leftover scraps of paper. Celebrate Christmas with handmade Christmas card ideas like this beautiful craft.



Materials:

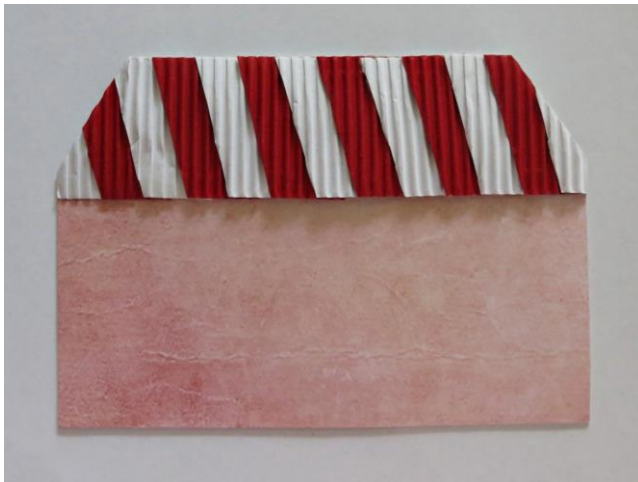
- 8.2" x 5.7" Light Yellow Marbled Cardstock
- Left-over Piece of Pink Marbled Scrapbook Paper from the Tradition Collection by Crafts Concepts, product code CR 900097 (see <http://craftconcepts.com.au/>)
- Red and White Corrugated Cardstock
- Black Sugar Paper
- Left-over Pieces of Green Cardstock
- Left-over Piece of Pink-with-white-polka-dots Scrapbook Paper
- 0.5" Flat-sided Metallic Angel
- Multi-colored Diamond DIY Car Sticker Decoration Strips
- Pilot Silver Marker Pen
- Papermate Marker Pens: Black; Brown; Blue; Red and Yellow
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Quick-drying Craft Glue
- Tree-shaped Paper Punch
- House-shaped Paper Punch

Instructions:

1. Score the light yellow marbled cardstock in half to create a card sized 4.1" x 5.7".
2. With the fold at the top, cut off two equally sized triangles at the top left and top right corners to create a house-shaped card.
3. Glue the pink marbled scrapbook paper to the front of the card and cut off any protruding edges.



4. Cut diagonal strips (0.6" wide/1.4" long) from the corrugated cardstock. With the fold at the top, use these strips to add a roof to the house. Alternate the strips between red and white when gluing them to the house and cut off any protruding edges.



5. Cut a door and two windows from the black sugar paper.
6. Use the Pilot silver marker pen to add a door frame and door handle, as well as window frames.
7. Glue the door and windows on the front of the card, and then add the angel to the door.

8. Use the multi-colored diamond DIY car sticker decoration strips to add festive lights around the door and windows.



9. Use the Papermate marker pens to add a row of corrugated bricks to the left and right sides of the house.



10. Use the multi-colored diamond DIY car sticker decoration strips to add festive lights below the roof of the house.
11. Cut three small candy canes from the pink-with-white-polka-dots scrapbook paper. Glue them to the roof of the house, and add a few festive lights to each with the multi-colored diamond DIY car sticker decoration strips.
12. Punch a few trees and houses from the green cardstock and glue them to the roof of the house.

Ho Ho Homemade Christmas Card

By: [Shawn Mosch from Crafty Chic's Blog](#)

Santa's belly is like a bowl full of jelly and that's the inspiration for this Ho Ho Homemade Christmas Card. Make it using die cuts for the "Ho ho ho" message and then finish decorating your handmade card by tying a black ribbon and mini belt buckle around the red background. This is one of the cutest card making ideas for Christmas, so you will definitely want to make at least one of these this year. Your DIY Christmas card will be the talk of tinsel town. It's easy, fun, and festive.



Materials:

- 1 sheet of 8 1/2" x 11" white cardstock
- 1 sheet of 8 1/2" x 11" red/burgundy cardstock
- Christmas Cheer Cricut Cartridge
- Cricut Gypsy die cut machine
- Square rhinestone buckle/slide from The Buckle Boutique
- Black ribbon
- Adhesive

Instructions:

1. Start by cutting the white cardstock in half. This gives a base for two cards.



2. Using the Gypsy and the Christmas Cheer Cricut cartridge, create the rectangle layer with Ho, Ho, Ho cut out of it. You could do this in red or, like this one, a shimmery burgundy paper. Save the circles that are cut out of the centers of the Os in this cut, as they will be needed in a few steps.



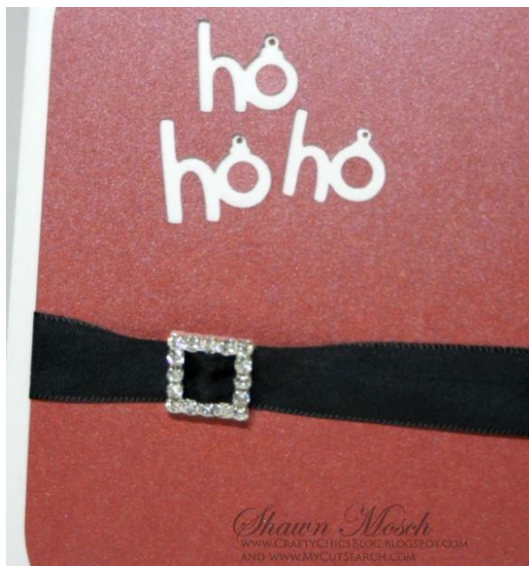
3. Before the layer is attached on to the card base, thread the black ribbon through the rhinestone buckle/slide and attach the ends to the back side of the rectangle. If the size of the rhinestone slide does not match up perfectly with the ribbon you have, just gather the ribbon up a little to give it a cinched look.



4. Now attach that layer to the card base.



5. Grab the circles that were the centers of the Os and glue those back into the cut. There is also a smaller circle for the top of the ornament but, since that is SO TINY, use a red/burgundy-colored pen to make that little dot instead of trying to place that little tiny piece of paper. Here is a close up so you can see the smaller dots done with the pen.



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