

SPRING GIFT SET

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With Mother's Day and a birthday coming up for me soon, I thought it would be fitting to create a gift set perfect for Mom or the birthday girl. And because I know that I love to receive flowers for special occasions (and even not-so-special ones too!), I decided on a pretty paper bouquet to go along with a card and gift box. Paper flowers are fun and easy to make and the best part... they are maintenance free. Let's get started!

SUPPLIES

Supplies: Planetarium Card Kit, North Star Card Kit Add-on, Orion Add-on, Big Dipper Add-on; Die cut machine/Cartridge: Provo Craft (Cricut Expression® 2 and Sweet Treats (flowers) and Tags, Bags, Boxes and More (box) cartridges; Ribbon: Offray; Buttons, floral wire, crinkle shred: Craft supply; Mason jar: Ball; Paper piercer: Making Memories; File: BasicGrey; Adhesive: Zip Dry & Foam Dots

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To create the flowers, I used my Cricut, but you could get a similar look with any diecutting machine or even punches! I cut the flowers in multiple sizes and distressed the edges of the petals with a file. Normally, I like to use buttons for the flower centers, but the Simple Stories Decorative Brads from the Orion Add-on were just so beautiful, I knew I had to use them. Because I wouldn't be able to thread the floral wire through the brad, I had to change things up a bit from how I normally make my flowers.

Because the floral wire can tear through the paper easily, I decided to use a button between the flower layers for added stability. First, I attached a brad to the smallest flower cut, and then I pierced holes for the buttons on the remaining flower cuts. I folded a length of floral wire in half and then threaded the middle flower cut, the button, and bottom flower cut. After pushing them all the way to the end, I twisted the ends of the floral wire together to create a stem. Then, I adhered the flower with the brad to the top with foam adhesive to finish. Repeat these steps for each additional flower.



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Tip: If you want a flower with more than three layers, just add more buttons between each layer for a fuller looking flower.

To finish the flower arrangement, I added white crinkle shred to a mason jar, added and arranged the flowers, wrapped the neck of the jar with the eyelet trim from the North Star Card Kit Add-on, tied it with pink twine and added a decorated tag to finish.



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Next—the card. I just loved that little tag from the Simple Stories Decorative Brad set that I decided to create a card with a similar design. To start the design, I created a chevron stripe from 1/4 x 1 1/2" strips of the gray polka dot patterned paper, adhering them end to end. I then adhered the chevron stripe to the bottom of the 4 1/4 x 5 1/2" white patterned paper panel. For the remaining chevron stripes, I cut the strips just a little bit longer (in either 1/8", 1/4", or 3/8" widths) and adhered them in place, trimming when necessary.

To finish the card, I added the Simple Stories butterfly and the sentiment tag and Freckled Fawn Wood Chips hearts to the top right corner. I then adhered the panel to the card front.



To create the box, I used my Cricut Expression® 2 machine and the Tags, Bags, Boxes and More cartridge. I assembled the cut using a strong adhesive. I wrapped the box with white ribbon and tied it into a bow. I then attached the ribbon die cut and brad to the center of the bow.

Tip: Wrap the ribbon around the box in only one direction when attaching embellishments to your bows. That way you can slide the ribbon off of the box without untying the bow.

Thanks so much for reading this Tips & Tricks tutorial. I hope you enjoyed it!

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