Here is a wonderful way to use up all those scraps of Designer Series Papers that you end up with...instead of throwing them away you can use them to create beautiful cards using a very simple technique that uses the Bigz Top Note Die.

This die is exclusive to Stampin' Up! and not available anywhere else and you can find it on pg 198 of the Catalog— when you make this card you use this die and scraps of your patterned papers — what a great way to use up bits of papers that you have lying around that otherwise would be wasted - it is the die that I reach for repeatedly and I have used it at least 1000 times…it just keeps cutting and is my favorite…



These are all of my scraps of Sending Love Specialty DSP...you really would think there is nothing you can do with them, wouldn't you? There are no scraps big enough to use on a scrapbook page or a cardfront...



But just by using a Square Punch and the Top Note Die you can produce fabulous cards that look like you have spent hours creating them...and you really haven't :-)

To make this card, I used Real Red for my card base and onto this I layered a piece of Chocolate Chip - like the pattern? I very quickly dry embossed my cardstock by running it though my Big Shot in the textured impressions folder Petals-A-Plenty which gives a very cool textured look to any card...

To make the quilted part - I got out my 1 1/4" Square Punch and punched out 12 squares from the paper and cut a piece of scrap cardstock to measure 5" x 3 3/4":



I adhered the squares to the scrap cardstock - you can use Sticky Strip, Snail or glue - just be sure that all squares are very firmly attached.

Next take your Top Note Die and lay your cardstock on it making sure that the squares are face down - this way you will get the the full impression of the stitching on the edge of the Top Note die on your patterned papers:



Run it through the Big Shot and this is what comes out:



Isn't it cool? Imagine how many pieces of scrap paper you can use up in this way...

On my card I attached a piece of Real Red Satin Ribbon to it and adhered to the card base using Dimensionals. Finally I stamped my sentiment from the set Oval All and attached it to a Scalloped Oval that I punched out - I added a button from Button Latte finished with some Linen Thread and adhered it to the card...

And there you have a very beautiful and elegant way to use up all those scraps that otherwise end up in the trash...and you can feel proud of being very green and eco-friendly :-)

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