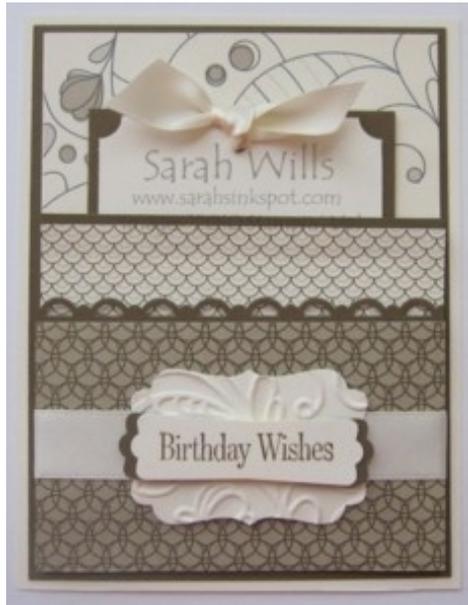


**This card is a beautiful way to package a gift card and by using different patterned papers can be themed for any occasion – birthdays, thank yous, weddings, new baby, student, thanksgiving, christmas...**

It features two pockets in the front – the top one for a pull out tag onto which you write your sentiment and the bottom one to place your gift card into.



It is fun and easy to make and you can embellish with anything – ribbons, punched or die cut shapes, stamps, border punches...whatever you have to hand.



My card features papers from Elegant Soiree and cardstocks/ribbon in Very Vanilla and Soft Suede which gives a beautiful soft appearance

Firstly cut a piece of cardstock to be sized 11 ¼" x 5"...



Place it into your scoring tool or your paper trimmer with the score blade inserted with the longest edge along the top, and score at 3 ¾" and 7 ½"...



Next measure 1 7/8" down from the top edge on two panels, mark with pencil and trim using your paper trimmer...



Then measure 7/8" down from the top edge on the last panel and trim again...



Fold along the score lines in a valley fashion so that your cardstock looks like this...



This is what it looks like when folded together...



Choose 3 different pieces of Designer Series Papers – my papers are from the pack Elegant Soiree that is featured on pg 175 of the Catalog – and trim them as follows:

1 piece at 3 6/8" x 2 1/2" and 2 pieces at 3 6/8" x 2 1/4"

If you prefer to have some of the base cardstock showing as a border around your papers, trim them to be 3 1/2" in width instead of 3 6/8".



Adhere your papers in place – the largest one on the largest space and the two smaller ones in the front panels...I also put a scalloped trim border along my bottom pocket beneath the patterned paper to give it a cute look...



To put your card together, open it out and use some strong adhesive such as Sticky Strip – put it along the outer edge and bottom edge of the back piece ...



And stick down...then apply Sticky Strip to adhere the front pocket in place as follows...



And this is what you will have...



If you wish to add any ribbons now would be a good time to do so, so that you can adhere the ends on the back before layering onto your base.

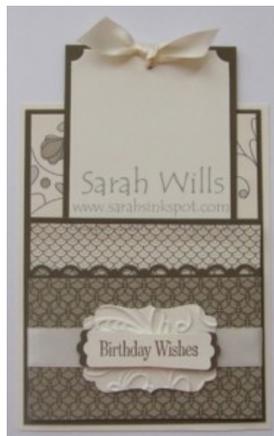
When done, layer your pockets onto a piece of cardstock measuring 4" x 5 1/4"...

And finally layer onto your base cardstock:

- to have a full card base that opens, cut a piece of cardstock to be 5 1/2" x 11" and score down the center and adhere your layered pockets to the front
- to have a flat card base, cut a piece of cardstock to be 4 1/4" x 5 1/2"

To make your tag insert for the top pocket, cut a piece of cardstock to be 4" x 2 7/8" – this measurement fits nicely into the top pocket. You can have just one layer or add layers and shape as wished using a corner rounding punch, a ticket corner punch or you can shape the top diagonally using your trimmer to make a tag shape - the tag just pulls out to reveal your sentiment...

I used a layer of vanilla cardstock and shaped the corners with my ticket corner punch – I added a small hole and threaded through a piece of Very Vanilla Satin Ribbon.



The bottom pocket holds a gift card – I put a piece of vanilla cardstock in there just to show you what it will look like...



Decorate your card with any extras – I textured a piece of vanilla cardstock using the Elegant Lines embossing folder (pg 214 of the catalog) and punched it out using the new Decorative Label punch on pg 25 of the Holiday Mini...

I stamped my sentiment using a stamp from Occasional Quotes which is a Hostess set on pg 14, and punched it out using my Modern Label punch - and there it is finished - you have one gorgeous gift card holder!

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