

## Here is a very cute Easter Basket that holds lots of yummy treats...

Simple to make using just a sheet of card stock and patterned papers to decorate it and it is very sturdy...

How much can it hold? Lots of little foil wrapped eggs or chocolate treats of your choice - it can even comfortably hold 3 Cadbury's Creme Eggs - yum!



## Here is how to make yours...

Cut two pieces of card stock to make the basket base and handle:

For the basket base cut a piece to be 7 3/4" x 4 3/4"

For the handle cut a piece to be 11" x 1"



## To make the box base:

Place into your score tool or Paper Trimmer with score blade inserted and score at 1 1/2" - rotate and repeat so that you score at 1 1/2" on all 4 sides - you will have this...



Using your Paper Trimmer or Scissors cut 4 slits down to the intersecting score line like so...



**NOTE: If you plan to stamp onto your card stock base to decorate it, do so NOW before folding and adhering your box together.**

**You can also decorate your side panels with patterned papers at this point if you wish to do so.**

Fold along all score lines...



Then turn your card stock over and apply very strong adhesive tape such as Sticky Strip to the reverse side of your 4 tabs...



Turn back over and remove the backing strip from the tape and adhere all 4 tabs in place INSIDE the box...



**To add the handle:**

**This is not shown in my photo below - BUT if you plan to stamp or decorate your handle with patterned papers NOW is the time to do that - you can cut a piece of patterned paper to be 11" x 7/8" and adhere it in place.**

**You can also decorate the underside of the handle too if you would like - be sure to do it now before you attach it to the base.**

Once you have decorated your handle, apply two pieces of Sticky Strip to each end...



Remove the backing strip and insert into your box and push firmly to adhere each end to the end panels...



To fasten your handle even more securely, make a hole using a small Circle Punch or Paper Piercing Tool and push through a Brad - or you could add staples or eyelets - your choice!

Your basket is now ready for embellishing - have fun!

### **See that I have a Scalloped edge on my basket base & handle?**

I used the Scallop Trim Border Punch to decorate my basket and handle but the Scallop Edge or Pinking Hearts Border Punches would also look cute.

### **Let me show you how to do this...**



It's very simple - you need to cut your handle and basket card stocks a little larger to allow for trimming some away with those punches - cut your two pieces of card stock to be:

For the basket base cut a piece to be 8" x 5"

For the handle cut a piece to be 11" x 1 1/4"

And then trim the two long side edges of your handle and all 4 edges of your base with your Border Punch BEFORE scoring your lines.

Now don't worry that the corners of your trimmed base are not going to look great and line up with one another - this doesn't matter. This is what you will have...



And then you score and follow all directions as above with this little addition...

When you come to step no. 3, at each corner you are going to make a diagonal cut to hide the scallops on the flaps - this is how to do that:

Take your first corner...



And make a diagonal cut from edge to edge like so...and repeat for all other corners.



And you can see that when you fold up your corner and tape it in place, you will get a neat finish like this...



## What materials did I use to create my basket?

I used Very Vanilla card stock and used Pear Pizzazz and patterned papers from Springtime Vintage DSP to make my base and handle. I used a stamp from A Good Egg (pg 48) to make my sentiment and my Oval & Scallop Oval Punches to punch it out and layer it.



I tied a piece of Pear Pizzazz Stitched Poly Ribbon onto my handle and added a Vanilla Flower Brad to each end to secure my handle in place. I also added some tissue paper in a soft pink color inside to give a little cushioning to my eggs.

That cute butterfly? Stamped using a stamp from the Sale-a-bration set Bliss which I cut out with Paper Snips and added small Pearls to the center.

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