

This is a cute way turn a card into a little special something because it houses a tube of lip balm inside...

It is a great card to make for friends, co-workers and teachers – and you can buy themed seasonal lip balms (I got mine from Avon) to make them for the Holidays, Halloween, Easter, Valentine's Day...any occasion...

Here is a Holiday card that I made and it is decorated using die cuts & papers from the Christmas Lane Simply Scrappin' Kit - it is fun and easy to make and the recipient is guaranteed to love it!



There are two pieces to this card as you can see from the photo below – you make an outer piece and an inner piece that has slots to hold the lip balm in place which is adhere together using a very strong adhesive – Sticky Strip works very well for this.



Outer Piece:

Cut a piece of cardstock to measure 5 3/4" x 3 1/2".

Place into your Scoring Tool or Paper Trimmer with Score Blade inserted – with the long edge along the top – and score at 2 1/2" and 3 1/4" and fold along those score lines & put this piece to one side.



Inner Piece:

Cut another piece of cardstock to measure 5 3/8" x 3 1/4" - and score it at 2 1/4" from the left side...



Measure 3 1/8" in from the left side - and then 1 3/8" down from the top and make a small pencil dot - and then measure up 1 3/8" from the bottom edge and make another small pencil dot...as shown by my red arrows...



Score down from the top edge (at 3 1/8") to the first pencil mark...and then repeat and score up from the bottom to the lower pencil mark...



Place a ruler starting at the first score line and measure out 1 3/8" - draw a faint pencil line from that score line as a guide...and then repeat lower down - this will give you a band that measures 1/2" in width...



Take your craft knife and self healing mat and carefully cut along those two lines...



Fold along your first score line...



And then carefully fold along the second score lines above and below your belly band...



Now to make the tabs to hold your lip balm in place - optional:

You will need to use a Slot Punch to make the tabs at the top and bottom - *but if you do not have a slot punch then you can simply slide your lip balm through the band and use a couple of Mini Glue Dots to hold it in place - skip the next few steps and go down to assembling your card.*

If you do have a slot punch, this is how to make those tabs in the spine of your card:

Measure 1/4" down from the top edge and mark with a pencil - then do the same from the bottom edge...



Take your slot punch and punch your tab - that 1/4" pencil mark will be along the 'fold' line...



You will repeat at the bottom to make the lower tab - to be sure of your lower tab placement, take the lip balm you will be putting into your card and make sure that this is where you want your tab to be.

Fold out both tabs and this is what you will have...



Card assembly:

To assemble simply adhere the inner piece to the outer piece using very strong adhesive tape such as Sticky Strip - take care not to stick down the little slit flaps and the band as these need to be able to move out from the base.

Be sure to tape all the panels well and especially above and below your tabs - you want it very well adhered...



Closure:

You can tie your card together using pretty Ribbons and there are a couple of ways that I like to do this...

Firstly as I did with my card here...I adhered a length of ribbon to each side of my card - this ribbon is sandwiched between the outer piece and my decorative papers...



Or you can punch a 1/8" or 1/4" hole though both of the covers and thread a piece of ribbon through...



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