



A Fun way to “gift” a CHECK!

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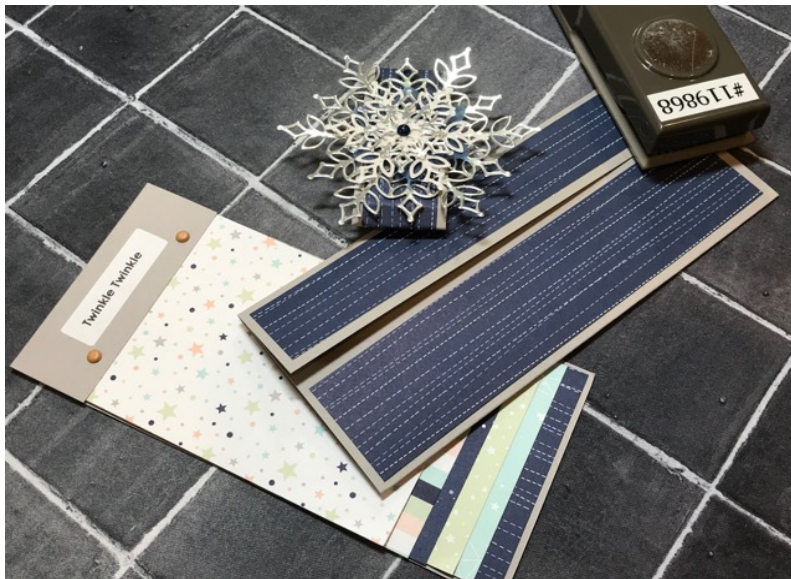
These gems are a super fun and way to jazz up a Check or even a Gift Certificate. The sky is the limit as to how you can decorate them so the best tip I can give you is to have fun and **SHOP YOUR STASH**...I know that we all have one thing in common....**LOTS OF "STUFF"**

I challenge you to think out of the box and mix and match products. It is super fun and I hope that you enjoy making these. For me, it is something that each and every year I make and the process and end results are always a smile maker!

As always, please let me know if you need further explanation or help.. It is always my goal to make sure that you can make them yourself and to enjoy the process....**HAVE FUN!!!**

Stampin' Up! Supplies Used: (wow...this is hard as the sky is the limit with papers, dies and stamps!)

- Solid Cardstock and DSP of your Choice...for the examples below, I used the Grey Granite and the DSP is from the Best Route and Twinkle Twinkle Collection. I did also add a layer of Vellum for one of the snowflakes but this is the beauty of this project...look at what you have and make it your own unique project!
- Tools: Stampin' Trimmer, Simply Scored, Snowflake Thinklits, Big Shot,, 1" Circle Punch, Paper Snips, Night of Navy Blend, Tear n Tape, Dimensionals, Glue Dots,, Bone Folder, Basic Pearls or Rhinestones.



Let's get going! (**WARNING....these are addicted to make!!!**)

- Cut a piece of Cardstock to a 7" X 7" Square for the Check Holder and also one measuring 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " X 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " for the Belly Band. *(I love the fact that you can use just one piece of cardstock!)*
- Choose the DSP of your choice. You will need (1) piece at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and then (2) pieces at 1" X 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". This is where you can have fun...be creative!!!
- Using the Simply Scored, score at 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and then use your bone folder to give it a good crease! *(I always think this is a **GREAT tip and habit** to get into when making 3-D projects as a clean and crisp score line makes a world of difference to the end result!)*

When making 3-D projects, I always prefer using the Simply Scored over the Trimmer as you get a much deeper score line. I realize that it is a large to have in your work area but to me, it is a basic tool that we all need to have in our stash!



- Find the center of the lower portion of the check holder and make a dot for reference at the 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " mark and then use a circle punch to pop out a half as shown., I used a 1" *(this makes it so much easier to slide the check in and out)*

- Add a piece of Tear N Tape to either side, make sure that it is right next to the edge so you have ample room to slide a check on and out.



- Adhere the DSP to the top and the bottom of the holder making sure that they line up (*see picture for help*) and then add the other strip of DSP to the Solid Color for the Belly Band.
- Whenever you add a Belly Band to a project, make sure that you do not put it on too tight. You want to have a wee bit of wiggle room to make the sliding easier. I simply fold it over and then once I have it where I want it.... - Crease it well with my bone folder and use a strong adhesive such as tear n tape!
- Have **FUN** making whatever decorative "*fru-fru*" to the center of the Belly Band...this is always the **FUN** part as you can be as creative as you want or as simple....

Today I have really added some **WOW** with a simple yet elegant Snowflake from Snowflake Showcase.

I often think we get stumped with a Masculine idea so this was the **"why"** for me today in choosing this color palette as well as the choice in DSP! As I like to say...**SHOP YOUR STASH**....as I have a hunch, you've got something that will work!!!

Below you will see the layering I did for the snowflakes. I adore lots of simple layers and you can see that I colored the vellum Snowflake with a Blend...as well as the pearl.



Well...there you go!

Hopefully you found this post useful and easy way to make someone smile.

This is something that you will do year after year and also it is a super way to use up your DSP that you have. I am all about using up DSP as I know what happens....a new catalog will come out and I bet you are like me and we just have to have **MORE!!!**

Many thanks for popping in today and many thanks to these special and oh so talented ladies for inviting me to join this weekly fun.. I have big shoes to fill!

See you next month and have a fabulous Holiday!

Stampin' hugs....

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