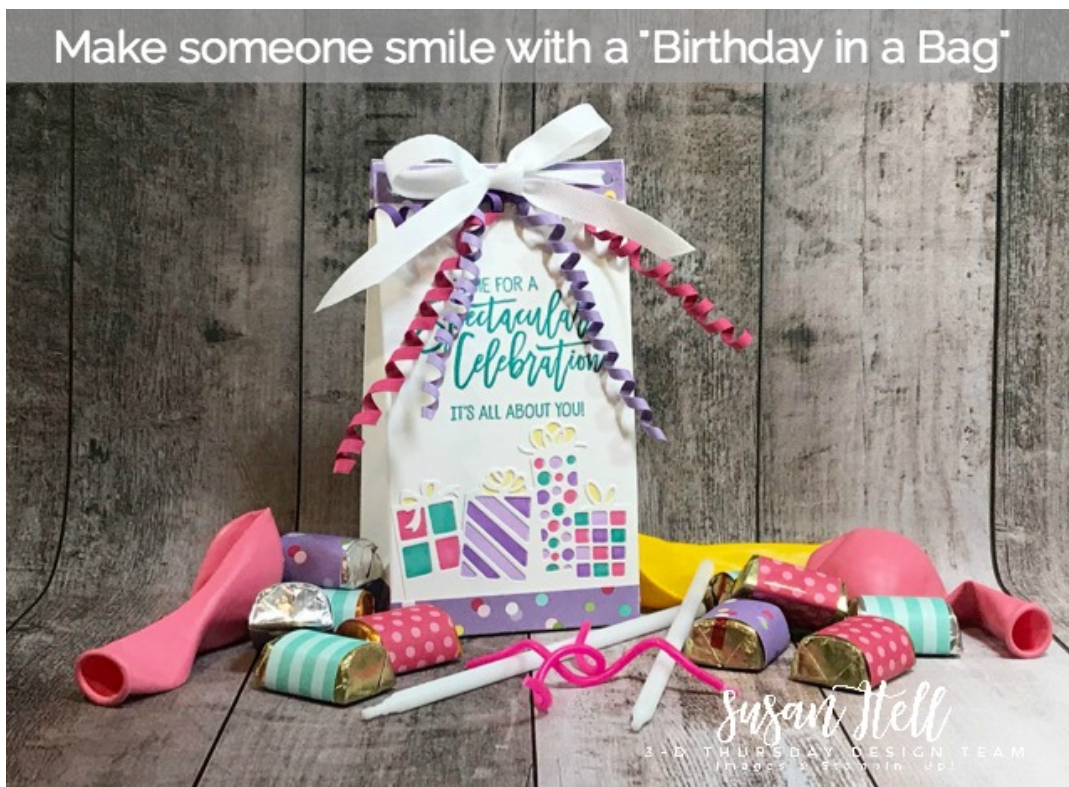




## Celebrate a Birthday in a Bag!



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Before we get into this fun project I want you to sit back and think of how much **FUN** this project is to bring a smile to someone on his or her special day! If you are anything like me...we really do not need anything but there is just something so special when someone does take the extra time to make your day!

### ***Hands down...this will do it!***

I also want you to think out of that little box (that we tend to get ourselves into) and think of different stamps...different DSP's...and really – just different occasions that you could whip up something to give...again, to make someone's day!

Lets face it...we are paper crafters and we just love to get inky and we love to create! I hope that this is exactly what you will do...remember, what we do...**DOES** make a difference! Have fun!!!

### **Stampin' Up! Supplies Used:**

- Stamp: Birthday Cheer Bundle - Occasions Catalog page #17 (#150576)
- Inks: Bermuda Bay Ink (#147096)
- DSP& Cardstock: Thick Whisper White Cardstock (#140272), How Sweet It Is DSP (#148568) Occasions Catalog page 15, Gorgeous Grape, Melon Mambo & Highland Heather
- Accessories: 3/8" Classic Weave Whisper White Ribbon (#144159)
- Tools: Stamparatus (#146276), Stampin' Trimmer (#126889), Big Shot (#143263), Gift Bag Punch Board (#135862), Simply Scored (#122334), Bone Folder (#102300), Clear Wink of Stella Glitter Brush (#141897)
- Stampin' Blends: Bermuda Bay Combo Pack (#144600), Highland Heather (#147276), Lovely Lipstick (#147281), Daffodil Delight (#144603)
- Adhesives: Tear & Tape (#138995), Multipurpose Adhesive Sheets (#144106), Glue Dots
- Miscellaneous: I filled these sweet bags with Duncan Hines "Perfect for 1" Confetti Cake, balloons, candles, a party horn and some covered Hershey Nuggets with the coordinating DSP

## Instructions:

Start with a piece of Whisper White Paper cut to 7 1/4" X 11" and using the Gift Bag Punch Board use the guidelines for the Medium Bag.

Here is a great tip and one that I use just about everyday....when in doubt.....**go to YOU TUBE**...as YOU TUBE is your friend! I have not used this tool, the Gift Bag Punch Board for years....and I had to refer to You Tube to make sure that remembered how to use this wonderful piece of plastic!

\*\*\*\* **TIP ALERT** – When I made these *(and I made over 12 of them)*...to save a bunch of time....score using the simply scored tool to score at the 6" mark all across the 11" side....saves a bunch of time/frustration with the Gift Bag Board\*\*\*\* (you'll get it once you start making them and if not – please email me!"

Using the below picture as a guide for you, snip/miter the 2 ends of that last piece (far left) and place a piece of Tear and Tape as shown.



Let's get stampin'! The Stamparatus is your friend.....and yep, today is no different as having the Stamparatus using 2 plates makes it a cinch!

This tool is a game changer! It allows us to make consistent projects time after time with precision and the end result it a great project!







Using a low tack tape.....I secured the template over the box and used the Stampin' Blends to add the color! This is the easiest and fastest way to get that **POP** of color!

Because the Stampin' Blends are an alcohol based marker, they will most likely bleed through the paper but in today's project, there are no worries as this will be a box and no one will ever see the back side of your coloring.

In the below photo you can clearly see that this template is "well loved" and actually I used the same template to make a bunch of these boxes....keep this template in your stamp case so you can easily use it again in the future!



YIKES.....when you lift up your template...it is one **HOT MESS**...actually it is "just **NOT** pretty" but hang tight – **it will be a swan soon!**

I only used a single color of a marker (*no blending at all*) and there are no streaks....just a super smooth and professional end result of coloring! This is just one of the beauties of these markers!

Using the same size as your template, 2 ½" X 4 ¾"...add a piece of Multipurpose Adhesive Sheets to one side of the paper. This **WILL** be your friend! It is just a life-saver and it gives a super strong hold with no mess!

\*\*\*\***TIP ALERT** – I am very thankful that Stampin' Up! has this adhesive...but I will say it is one that I think that gets overlooked. It is just the **BEST** and one that we all should have in our stash!

This product is so thin that you can easily cut through it and **PRESTO** – you have a great adhesive to the back of a die-cut. The key is to give it a great rub with the bone folder ...presto – it is **STUCK!**

What I like to do with the Multipurpose Sheets is to take the basic colors that I use all of the time...and go ahead and put an entire sheet the Adhesive Sheet over a piece of Card Stock – this way I can just use what I need and file the rest for another project. I call this a HUGE timesaver and all I need is to grab...cut and adhere!!!\*\*\*\*

Peel off the adhesive backing of the Adhesive sheet and place it over top of the area that you colored with the Stampin' Blends. Make sure you trim off the





Make sure that you put the white presents over top of the area that you covered before you add a ½” decorative strip to the bottom of the box. I also added the same across the top...

You could easily skip this but I do think that it adds this special finishing touch. I love the little details that make a project just a wee bit more fun and special!



Lastly you can peel off the tear and tape and make the box come to life! For the bottom of the box, I simply used a glue dot to hold the side flaps down...and then for the larger flap I used another piece of tear and tape to make it a super strong hold!





I know that you all are wanting to know what I put in the box.....OF COURSE.....a BIRTHDAY CAKE and some festive fixins'!!!

Several weeks ago Sarah had blogged about the single servings of cakes that are in the grocery store! Naturally I did a search for them and WOW – there are a TON!

I chose a confetti Cake with some Hershey nuggets covered in festive DSP.....some balloons.....some candle of course to make the recipient have their own little special time of indulgence! How fun!



Again, it is optional if you want to punch the holes in the gift bag and jazz it up like I did. If time is against you....simply tuck some colorful tissue in the and BE DONE.....but if you are curious as to the fun “Twirly Fru-Fru’s” I made.....soooo easy!

All I do is wrap cardstock around something super narrow and POOF....add a glue dot and tuck it behind the bow!

I used a wooden kabob stick...you will be amazed at how often you reach for something like this while crafting!



As the saying goes.....THAT'S ALL FOLKS! I hope that this project brought a smile to your face and I do hope that you will make this fun Gift Bag!

If you have any questions, please feel free to visit my blog ([simplestampin.com](http://simplestampin.com)) or email me ([susanitell@gmail.com](mailto:susanitell@gmail.com)) and I will be happy to help!



