



## ALTERED ALTOIDS TIN TOOL BOX



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### Stampin' Up! Supplies Used:

Stamps: Part Of My Story (SAB 149719), Geared Up Garage (148590)

BUNDLE: Geared Up Garage (150610)

Die Cutting: Garage Gears Thinlits (148521), Layering Ovals Thinlits (141706), Big Shot (143263)

DSP: Classic Garage (148482)

Cardstocks: Basic Gray (121044), Whisper White (100730), Black Foil Sheets (147898)

Punch: Detailed Trio (146320)

Ink: Memento Tuxedo Black (132708), Tranquil Tide (147146)

Ribbon & Twine: Black & Silver 1/4" Metallic (148486), Old Olive Linen Thread (148811), Whisper White Flax (148764)

Misc: Metallic Brads (146929), Classic Garage Metal Elements (148485), Heart Epoxy Droplets (148583), Dimensionals (104430), Mini Glue Dots (103683), Snail (104332)

Other supplies used: Empty Altoids tins, Stainless Steel Eye Strap (5/8" x 2 1/8"), Glossy Red Spray Paint, Gray Primer Spray Paint, Hot Glue, Gift Card

**Paint:** take your clean & dry empty Altoids Tin and rough up the surface with sand paper. Apply a thin layer of Gray Primer Spray Paint in a well ventilated area to your tin – I simply spray my tins as it – no need to open the lids, just leave them closed up and spray thinly and the lid will open and close perfectly 😊 In accordance with the instructions on the can, leave to dry and then apply the top coat of Red Glossy Spray Paint – again, thinly – I used two coats on mine - and leave to dry as per the paint instructions.

**Add your handle:** I use stainless steel Eye Straps that I found at my local home improvement store and used hot glue to attach them in place – I used Silver Metallic Brads to cover the holes by making small holes and pushing the brads through – if you prefer, you can use screws or other fasteners – and then your tin is ready for adding the filling!



**To cover the inner lid and bottom:** cut two pieces of patterned paper to measure 3 5/8" x 2 1/4" – test fit and trim off more if needed – once you are happy with the fit, use a corner rounding punch to shape all corners – I used the Detailed Trio Punch to do this – then use strong tape and adhere in place

That is all you need to do if you are using your tin to gift a gift card – I like to tie ribbon around my gift card to make it super easy to pull out...



I also like to elevate the gift card to raise it higher up in the tin – to do this, simply cut a piece of strong cardstock to size, adhere your piece of bottom paper to it and use stacks of Dimensionals to the height you desire – TIP! Leave the backing paper on the bottom Dimensional in order to test fit – when happy with the height, remove the paper and adhere in place

**Prefer to put a Mini Scrapbook in there?** Cut a piece of cardstock to measure 3 1/4" x 11" – use your scoring tool to score at 2 1/8" intervals and cut the small remaining tab off



Fold in a concertina style along all score lines and use a bone folder to get crisp folds



Use your corner rounding punch to shape the end corners



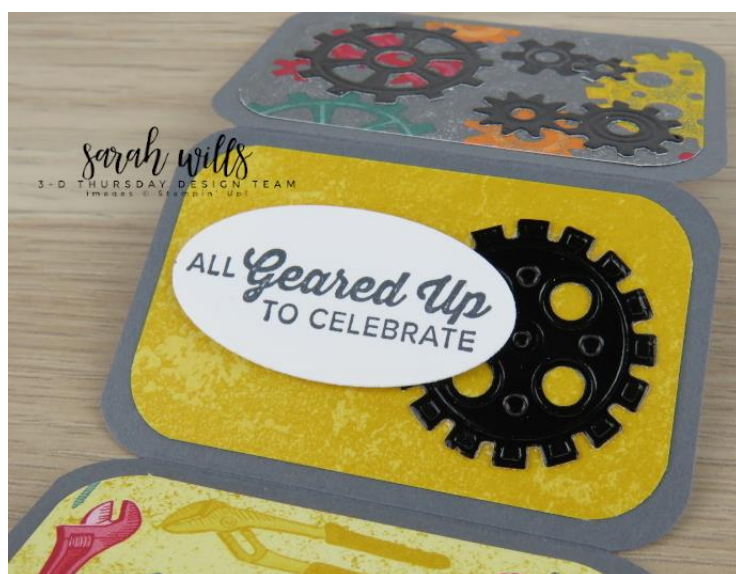
Your corner rounding punch should punch through two layers of card stock at a time allowing you to round your 'inner page' corners too



I like to mark the bottom section with a marker so that I don't accidentally decorate it (yes, I have done that in the past!)

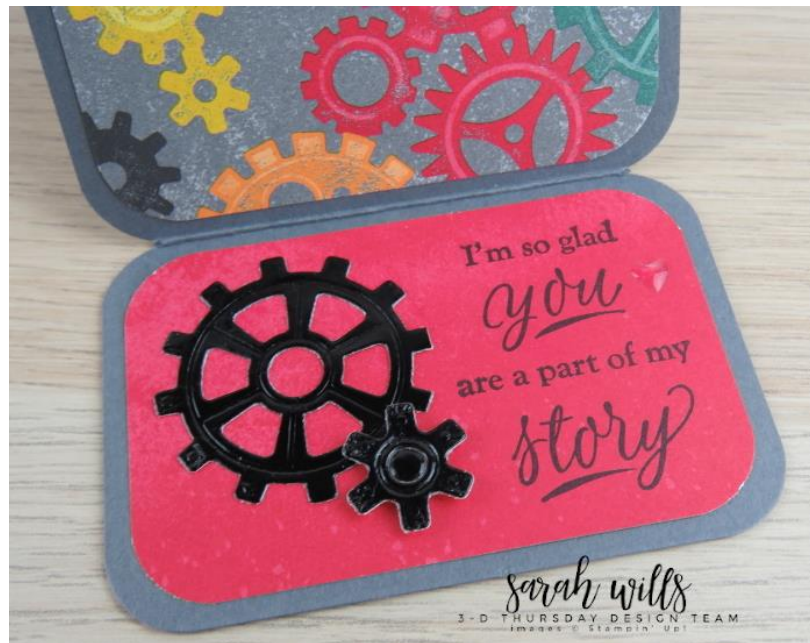


**To decorate the pages:** cut patterned papers to measure 3" x 1 7/8", adhere to each panel and decorate as wished with ribbons, die cuts, stamped images, photos, journaling panels – whatever you like!





And don't forget to decorate the other side too if you want to – just be sure to think about what way up you want your panels to face before you adhere them in place!



**To add to the bottom of the tin:** I like to use a piece of ribbon to tie my album pages together to keep them snug in the tin – to do this, cut a long length of ribbon and find the halfway point – use tape to adhere this centerpoint to your inner tin base. Apply strong adhesive tape to the bottom panel of your album and push firmly down onto the ribbon/paper base...



You can then use this ribbon to tie a knot or bow to hold your album nicely in place and you can leave as is or bling it up a bit!



**Close your lid and you are done! UNLESS of course you want to put BOTH in your tin in which case you will need to DOUBLE STACK them!**

To do this, simply use hot glue or really strong adhesive tape to adhere one tin on top of another – I recommend putting the gift card in the lower tin as the upper one is likely to be opened and gazed at more frequently and maybe even put on display 😊



**AND DON'T FORGET – you can even TRIPLE or QUADRUPLE STACK these boxes! The possibilities are endless – have fun creating your fun little Tool Boxes!**

This is how I decorated mine – all items that I used are listed in the supply list at the top of this Project Sheet:







If you have any questions at all about this tutorial please email me at [sarah@sarahsinkspot.com](mailto:sarah@sarahsinkspot.com) and I will be very happy to answer them for you.

