

Notions



Hi Everybody

Welcome to our new online newsletter. We have been putting this newsletter in with our kits forever but thought it would be great to share with all of you online. This is just our 2nd month and we would very much welcome your input. What would you like to see here? Send your suggestions to us at info@scraptivity.com and we will enjoy watching this space evolve.

As our kits are all so very versatile I thought I would switch things up a bit this month. Just to show that you can not only do scrapbook pages but cards and altered things too! It only stops at your imagination!

After returning from CHA this winter we found ourselves having a very hard time choosing what to put in our kits. Not that this is unusual as there are always lots of great products at the show but we just wish we had more months in the year to cover all the amazing products we saw. There were piles of pretty papers, gallons of glittery products (all to die for) and tons of techniques we would just love to feature! So look out for lots of trend forward kits coming your way in the coming months!

We already featured doilies in our February kit and they are since to be found everywhere. We always like to be ahead of the trends or at the very least with them! This keeps our kits fresh and interesting.

We have kicked March off with a product that has actually been around for some time but thought it was time to bring a little shimmer into your lives with the Shimmerz products.

So grab your beverage of choice and join me as we feature our team's projects by theme! There will be plenty of tips for the technique and many motivational projects to sink your teeth into!

What you don't see here please be sure to check our blog at www.scraptivity.com/blog as the month goes on for more projects and challenges.

Enjoy!

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ASC by Stephanie



Card by Susan



12 x 12 by Carole



Notebook by Jeanette

Notebooks by Jeanette

- Jeanette went to Staples, bought a bunch of 5x8" notepads and had them cut them in half.
- Next, cut the Lakeshore cardstock at 8.25x5.5", and score in the middle 1/2" apart.
- Decorate the front with Grace paper.
- Cut circles with spellbinders or other dies, or cut by hand.
- Stamp Butterfly (add on) twice. Stamp once on the circle. Stamp second one and hand cut, then paint with Blingz Pixie Dust.
- Add embellishments such as buttons (Making Memories, from the S! store), and highlight with Blingz.

Cupcakes by Karen Thind



Butterfly ACE by Susan

- Cut Brown cardstock to 2.5x3.5" and emboss with Cuttlebug.
- Sand top of design and distress edges.
- Cut shape with Cuttlebug out of glitter sticker sheet and attach to cardstock.
- Stamp Butterfly with Versamark, dust with glitter embossing powder and emboss.
- Cut butterfly out, ink edges and attach to card.



Supplies:
1x7" piece opattered paper
Decorative border punch
Baby washcloth
Glitter sticker



Use the border punch along one side of the piece of paper, and then fan fold. Adhere the two ends together so that it makes the cupcake bottom.



Roll the baby washcloth from corner to corner. Then, wrap it around two fingers. Tuck the tail up through the middle so this becomes the top portion.



Place it into the paper cupcake bottom. Cut out a glitter circle and attach to the top.



Voila! Along with a card it makes a cute part of a Welcome Home Baby gift.



Card by Stephanie (step by step)

Cut the following papers:

6x12" White Bazzil cardstock as base (from past S! kit). Score at 6 to form a 6x6" card.

Vanilla cardstock - one 5x5" and one 3x3"

Plain white cardstock 3x3" (Stephanie used Neenah)

2 - 1.5x4.5" pieces of Postcard paper.

5.25x5.25" piece of Daydream paper.

4x4" square piece of Daydream paper.

Butterfly strip from bottom of Daydream paper.

1. Distress and ink all pieces except 4x4 square (Stephanie used her Heidi Swapp distressing tool (March/09 S! kit) and Antique Linen Distress ink).
2. Stamp Inkadoo Butterfly Scroll stamp on white cardstock with Versamark. Heat emboss with copper embossing powder. Apply Shimmerz Blingz and Opal to butterfly and flowers. Adhere Prima pearls to centers of flowers (March S! add-on).
3. Attach pieces to your 6x6 card base. You can glue pieces down or machine stitch like Stephanie did.
4. Cut your 12 bottom butterfly strip from the Daydream paper in half. Fold, making pleats, and snip ends.
5. To make paper rose:
Using your 4x4 piece of Daydream paper, draw a spiral as shown using a pencil.
6. Cut out spiral with scissors. Starting at the outside of the spiral, put a dab of glue on the end and start rolling (this will be the center of your paper rose). Roll up the entire spiral.
7. Your rose should look like this.
8. Let your rose loosen up a bit and then firmly squish it with your hand.
9. Apply some distress ink to the outer leaves of flower and then apply Shimmerz Blingz to flower.
10. Adhere flower and pleated strips to card as shown.



In this card by Jeanette, you see she highlighted the large butterfly stamp and the edges of the die-cuts with blue Shimmerz.

Jeanette also applied Prima pearls (add-ons) to the flower centers.



In this card that Karen designed, you can see she matted the central image with the Glitter Sticker Paper and added highlights of Shimmerz Blingz Paint. A great complement to the cupcakes!

Single Butterfly Card by Susan



- Cut Vanilla cardstock piece 8.5x5.5" and fold in half. Ink edges with rose-coloured distress ink.
- Cut pink paper (Shabby Green Door paper from March 2010 Extra Paper Set) to 4x5" and ink edges with brown distress ink.
- Run length of ribbon from stash thru Xyron and attach to pink paper.
- Attach pink paper to front of card now.
- Ink edges of ribbon with eyeshadow applicator, lightly.



- Emboss Shabby Green Door frame stamp (add-on) on Vanilla cardstock with brown distress embossing powder and cut out shape. Attach to center of card with popdots.
- Stamp butterfly onto Vanilla cardstock with rose-coloured distress ink and emboss with glitter embossing powder.
- Cut out shape and ink edges. Pop dot on middle of frame.

Tutu by Karen



- Start with Shabby Green Door Day Dream as the base.
- Cut a 2x12" piece from Shabby Green Door Post Card, use a decorative punch on one side, and adhere .5" from the left hand side of the base paper.
- Cut a 3x9.5" piece from Shabby Green Door Song Bird and adhere .25" from the bottom of the base paper. Karen rolled the edges of this piece as well as the base paper for an added touch.
- Adhere your photo (3.5x7") touching the right side of the Post Card paper, overlapping the Song Bird paper by .5".
- Stamp using Shabby Green Door Butterflies Clear Stamp (available from the S! Store) 9 times on scrap pieces of paper. Hand cut and adhere in a curvy line beside the photo.
- Trim the bird cage from the Shabby Green Door Day Dream and adhere in the top right corner. Free draw and cut out a bird.
- Trim the tickets from the Shabby Green Door Snip Its fabric embellishments and add a few below the photo and a few below the bird cage.
- Add journaling and a title.
- Using Shimmerz Paint, paint over all the butterflies, bird, title and photo. Add a few pearls as a finishing touch.

Cheeky by Nora

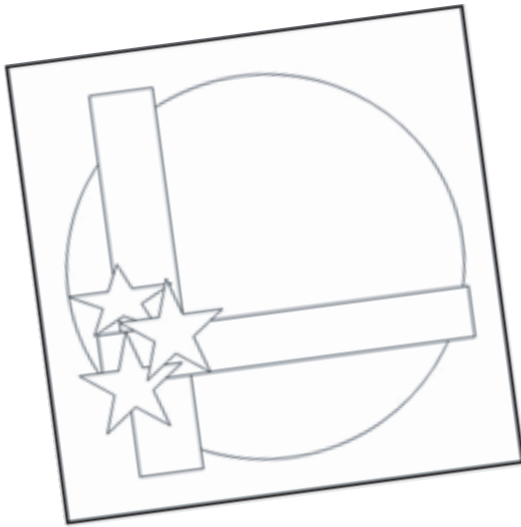
- Cut wreath motif out of Shabby Green Door Postcard paper.
- Paint wreath with Shimmerz and Blingz paints (Nora used Olive green add-on and under the sea from kit). Paint the centre of the motif with antique linen Distress crackle paint (available in store).
- Cut scroll shape out of postcard and add Antique China Distress crackle paint to one edge. Ink over edges.
- Cut decorative strip from Postcard.
- Apply photo to cut shape and stamp over edge of photo (Sky blue brilliance ink from store).
- Cut wave shape from Shabby Green Door Day Dream.
- Affix decorative strip over Day Dream wave. Layer photo 2 under photo mounted on shape. Apply wreath and wave strip.
- Apply title.
- Use small safety pins to add small flowers to strip.



- Take framed GCD paper and cut circle out of middle. Now tear inside edges away to design and tear into small sections and ink with distress ink. Paint inside circle with Shimmerz and set to side to dry.
- Take Brown GCD paper and cut circle out of middle. Set circle aside for later project. Tear area away but not as far as 1st paper. Ink edges.
- Attach 2 torn papers to underneath paper around edges.
- Take a piece of music paper from stash and burn edges with flame. Attach off-center to layout.
- Take another piece of GCD paper, tear edges and distress with tool and ink. Curl corners and attach off-center to layout.
- Tear a piece of cardboard, paint with Shimmerz and ink edges. Tie ribbon around right end. Attach to layout in bottom section.
- Distress edges of picture and ink them.
- Cut out Snip Its fabric embellishment, ink edges and attach.
- Cut out title out of glitter sticker sheet and attach to layout.
- Stamp butterflies onto Lakeshore cardstock with brown distress ink, then paint with Shimmerz. Cut out butterflies and attach to layout.
- Take circle that you painted with Shimmerz earlier and punch out butterflies. Attach to layout.



Sittin Pretty by Susan



This is how it starts each month when one of our designers creates a sketch. Then the rest of the team that is creating for the month takes it and does their own interpretation. That is what you see on this page. Many people find this a great help to jog those creative juices as they provide a starting point. You will be surprised to see where your layouts go! This sketch was created by Jeanette.

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by Jeanette



by Rebecca



by Susan

Why not join in the fun and show us your version of this sketch. Upload your layout in our gallery Sketch section and see if you win! Upload here:

<http://www.scrapitivity.com/show/showgallery.php?cat=511>

This month's technique is adding shimmer and bling to your papercrafting projects. We have included some fantastic products that will get you started on this technique: Shimmerz Paint, Shimmerz Blingz Paint, and a Best Creations Glitter Sticker Sheet.

Shimmerz Paint and Blingz Paint:

In your kit, you'll find two jars of paint from Shimmerz - Opal Shimmerz Paint and Under The Sea Blingz Paint.

The original Shimmerz paint adds a great look to your projects with a very fine shimmer.

The Blingz paint adds shimmer plus a larger glitter.

These paints are fantastic for adding lots of shimmer and bling to just about anything! Here are some tips:

- accent parts of patterned paper with these paints. This gives you the look of pre-glittered specialty papers at a fraction of the cost. One jar goes a long way and can accent many, many patterned papers and projects.
- they will dry on any surface including non-porous items. Try using them over photos as seen in the example.
- use them with the artist brush in your kit to colour in stamped images. Be sure to allow the stamped image to dry before you paint it. You'll find many painted stamped images throughout Notions.
- if using on a large area, the paper may curl. If this happens, try warming it with a heat gun or placing the item under a flat and heavy item to flatten it back out.



Paint on patterned paper with Blingz.



Paint on non-porous surfaces such as photos with Shimmerz and Blingz.

Snip-Its Fabric Embellishments:

These are some of the most unique embellishments that we've seen recently. The designs are printed on thick cotton fabric. They are very easy to cut out using regular scissors or fabric scissors. Use them anywhere on your projects for accents. They are also great for pinning with the Mini Pins from Tim Holtz included in your kit.



Glitter Sticker Sheet:

Your kit includes a Coffee-coloured Glitter Sticker Sheet. This sheet is so easy to use and one of the best parts about it is that the glitter does not come off! If you have been frustrated by other glitter products which lose their glitter, then you don't need to look any further for a solution because this is it! An added benefit is that since it's a self-adhesive sheet, you can use it as you would use any paper and then stick it on without needing to add any adhesive.

Here are some ideas:

- cut out a design free-hand. On Rebecca's sketch layout on the sketch page, you will see a scalloped piece of the Glitter Sticker Sheet which was cut by hand. It is very easy to cut because it behaves quite a bit like regular paper.
- run the sheet through your diecutting machine. On Susan's ATC on the Altered Items page, you'll see that she cut out a frame using a Spellbinders die. You'll also see diecut letters on her Sittin Pretty layout.

Do you have any tips to share? If you think of something while you're using your kit, be sure to share them with us on the forum www.scrapitivity.com/tell