



Gift Bag Tutorial



Supplies:

Stamps: Teeny Tiny Wishes (115370)

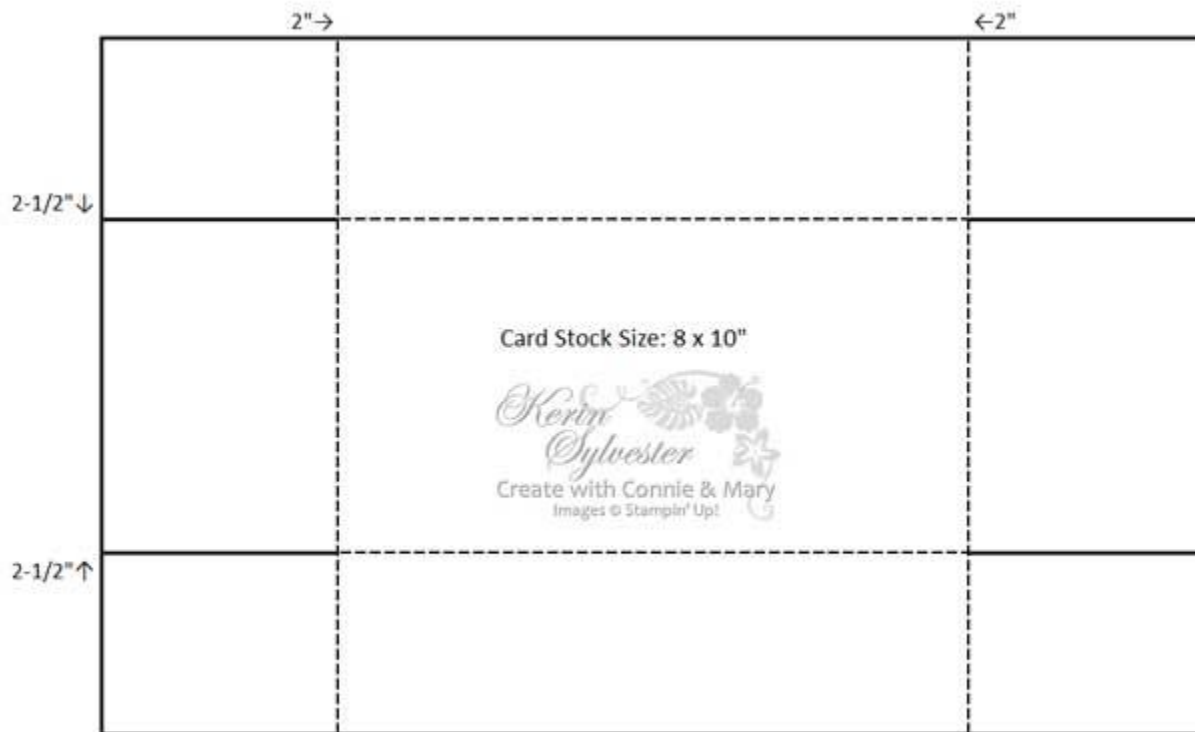
Ink: Bordering Blue (102265), Soft Suede (115657)

Card Stock: Soft Suede (115318), Whisper White (100730), Presto Patterns Specialty Designer Paper (117175)

Accessories: Mostly Vintage Décor Stencils (118877), Two Tags Die for the Big Shot (115954), Stamping Sponges (101610), Pewter Jumbo Eyelets (108432), Mini Library Clips (109857), Very Vanilla Taffeta Ribbon (109071), Kraft Taffeta Ribbon (109068), Linen Thread (104199), Eyelet Border Punch (113692), 3/16" Corner Rounder Punch (109047), Crop-A-Dile (108362)

Instructions:

Begin by creating the box for the inside of your gift bag, following the template below (cut on solid lines, score on dotted lines):



After you've cut and scored your card stock, it should look like this:



Next, apply adhesive to the four corner squares on the portion that will be on the inside of the box, and assemble. It should look like this:



Now you can create the outside of your bag. Your Presto Patterns Designer Series Paper (two matching sheets) will be cut to 8 x 10", and you will score in 2" from each side. **TIP:** Make sure that the patterns are in the same direction while scoring and also while sponging.

The Mostly Vintage Stencils come with both of the vintage images, shown here, the main image and the negative image. You'll begin by holding the first stencil in place and sponging the Bordering Blue ink over it in a circular motion. Once you've got the area around the stencil sponged, you can remove the stencil and continue to sponge the Bordering Blue over the rest of the bag. For an added vintage look, sponge some Soft Suede on the edges of the card stock too. **TIP:** If you want the second stenciled image to have a lighter area around it, be sure and leave that area lighter while sponging the Bordering Blue ink.



Next place the negative image of the stencil slightly overlapping the first image, and sponge Soft Suede ink inside the stencil lines.



Once both pieces of Presto Patterns Designer Series Paper are sponged, and the front piece is stenciled, you can begin to assemble your bag. Begin by applying adhesive to the inside of the bag (make sure the design is in the correct direction before adding adhesive), up 2-1/2" from the bottom of the paper:



Place the back of the bag onto the box first, so that when your seams overlap the front is on top. When adding the front of the bag, also place a strip of adhesive (or Sticky Strip) to the seam running up the side of the paper to hold the sides of the bag together.



Here's the bag once both sides have been added:



For the bottom border of the bag, punch a strip of Soft Suede card stock about 1-1/2" wide and 10" long using the Eyelet Border Punch. Rub the card stock back and forth with a bone folder, or on the edge of a table until the fibers begin to break down and the paper is easier to work with. Apply a strip of adhesive along the bottom edge of the front of the bag, and crinkle up the border strip, adhering it to the bag as you go. Add Taffeta Ribbon on top of the punched border if desired.

The handles are 14" pieces of Kraft Taffeta Ribbon. First punch two holes in each side of the bag using the Crop-A-Dile. Insert a Pewter Jumbo Eyelet into each hole, and set using the A1 setting. Insert the ribbon in the eyelets and either tie in a knot, or adhere to the inside of the bag using a piece of Sticky Strip or similar adhesive.

To create the tag, punch a tag using the Two Tags Die for the Big Shot, using a leftover scrap of the Presto Patterns Specialty Designer Paper. The tag will be longer than the one shown here, I cut mine down to about 2-3/4" long. Round the corners at the top of the tag, and sponge the center shape from the stencil lightly using Soft Suede ink. Sponge the edges as well. Stamp your sentiment on a scrap of Whisper White card stock, and cut the ends as shown. Adhere sentiment to the tag with a Stamping Dimensional.

