

“Happy Birthday” Gift Bag

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Birthdays are such exciting days, and a personalized item can make the birthday person feel extra special! I truly enjoy creating something handmade and unique for birthdays. The Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ has so many wonderful colors and textures of cardstock to choose from that you are sure to find exactly what you need to create that special handmade birthday item.



Supplies

Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ 8 1/2"x11"
Astrobrights Glisten® Pearlescent Cardstocks

- 2 sheets Gamma Green™
- 1 sheet Solar Yellow™
- 1 sheet Rocket Red™
- 1 sheet Re-Entry Red™
- 1 sheet Lunar Blue™
- 1 sheet Venus Violet™

Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ 12"x12" Royal
SilkPlus® White, ripple finish, 1 sheet

One White gift bag, 8"x10 1/2"

Fiskars® punches

- XL Oopsie Daisy®
- L Loves Me, Loves Me Not®
- L Oopsie Daisy®
- All a Flutter®
- XL Loves Me, Loves Me Not®

Fiskars® Decorative edge scissors

- Ripple
- Wave
- Pinking

Paper Trimmer

4 clear 3 or 4mm
rhinestone gems

Corner Rounder

Adhesive runner

6" of yellow ribbon, 3/8" wide

Therm O Web® Medium
and small Zots

Assorted colored buttons
Black journaling pen

Micro-tip scissors

Green fine tipped marker

**Cricut® machine and Alphlicious® Cartridge

**If you do not have a Cricut® you can use 1 1/2" letter stickers

Instructions

1. Cut a 8" x 8 1/2" piece of Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Pearlescent Gamma Green™, which will become the top decorative apron piece for your gift bag. Fold this in half so there is an even 4" hanging down each side of the bag. The 8 1/2" measurement will run along the bag and overlap at each side by 1/4".
2. Hold the folded piece up to the front of the bag and mark along the outside edges of the handle. Use the micro-tip scissors to cut a slit between those marks so this apron will fit over the top of the bag handles.
3. Holding the piece from step #2, cut around the three non-folded sides using the ripple decorative edge scissors.
4. Cut a 3"x7 3/4" piece of Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Royal SilkPlus® White, ripple finish cardstock. Round the bottom two corners of this piece and attach it to the front of the green apron.

5. Cut the words "Happy Birthday" out using the **Cricut® and Alphalicious® cartridge set at 1 1/2" tall. Attach the letters as shown to the white section of the apron.
6. Tie the yellow ribbon in a bow and attach as shown using a Medium Zot to the apron.
7. Use the Oopsie Daisy® punches and the Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Pearlescent Venus Violet™ cardstock to build a flower using two large flowers and one small flower. Layer the pieces and place a colored button in the center. To add dimension, slightly bend the petals.
8. Using the green marker, draw dash marks around the two outside edges and bottom edge of your bag creating dash marks. This will look like large stitching.
9. Place the apron on top of the bag.
10. Use the Oopsie Daisy® punch and Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Pearlescent Solar Yellow™ cardstock to create two large and one small flower
11. Use the Loves Me, Loves Me Not® punch along with the following papers to make large and small flowers:
 - Venus Violet™, 2 large and 1 small
 - Re-Entry Red™, 2 small
 - Rocket Red™, 2 small
 - Lunar Blue™, 2 small
12. Layer the flower punches as shown on the bag and attach a colored button to the center of each flower using a small Zot. Again, make sure to slightly bend the petals upward to create dimension.
13. Attach the flowers to the bag using medium Zots in the order shown. Use the apron as a guide as to how high to go on the bag with the flowers.
14. Using the Wave decorative edge scissors, cut up one side of Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Pearlescent Gamma Green™ cardstock, then move the wave scissors over 1/4" and cut down the length of the paper again. This will almost look like Ric Rac and will create the stems for the large flowers.
15. Repeat step #14, except leave 1/8" rather than 1/4" between wave cuts. This is the stem for the small flowers.
16. Use any scraps of Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Pearlescent Gamma Green™ to hand cut a few leaves and place them on the ric rac stems.
17. Punch two butterflies using the Fiskars® All a Flutter® from the Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Pearlescent Lunar Blue™ cardstock. Attach these together only in the center using small Zots. Slightly bend up the top wings to create dimension.
18. Place the small clear rhinestone gems down the butterfly body center. Attach the butterfly to the bag on the left side, just above the flowers.
19. Create a little butterfly trail behind the butterfly using the black journaling pen to make small dash marks. This will make the butterfly appear as if it has just taken flight from one of the flowers.