



## gifting the season

The season of giving and gathering gives us many opportunities to celebrate with friends and family alike, and as creative people, we love to make every event and moment extra special with our handmade touch. No need for buyer's remorse about your healthy holiday card making and scrapbooking supplies. You can create beautiful gifts and gift wrap that will be cherished by each recipient!

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## How can I use my holiday papercrafting supplies to make Christmas even more special?



**FESTIVE TIP:** Get the kids involved with this one! Set them loose with patterned papers and circle punches so that they can flex their creative muscles with you. Listen to Christmas music or watch Christmas movies and spend happy quality time together.

### holiday wreath

**Anya's pretty paper wreath is perfect to give as a gift or to keep.** Perhaps you love a paper collection so much you want to use it to decorate your home. Anya's wreath is a delightful way to gather goodies all in one spot! She started with sturdy chipboard paper to create the circular frame and then added patterned paper circles to give her wreath a colourful base. Add delicate die-cut snowflakes, cute die cut shapes, and coordinating enamel dots to add dimension.

**DESIGN TIP:** Take this idea into Valentine's Day with heart punches and patterned papers in pinks and reds. This could be a fun gift to give to your child's teacher on February 14th, especially if little hands help make it!

### dec. 25th wreath

BY ANYA LUNCHENKO

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Neenah; PATTERNED PAPER, CHIPBOARD, CHIPBOARD PAPER, DIE CUT SHAPES, STICKERS: Carta Bella; ENAMEL DOTS: Hampton Arts; DIES: Hero Arts, Simon Says Stamp; DIMENSIONAL GLAZE: Tonic Studios; PUNCH: Marvy Uchida; ADHESIVE: GlueDots, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L, Tombow; OTHER: Twine

## 2 gift bag

### Make your gift bags a gift all of their own!

Imagine the delight in the recipient's eyes as she is handed this pretty little thing created by Latisha. Who knows what's inside, but this bag is filled with holiday cheer. With the help of the Gift Bag Punch Board from We R Memory Keepers and some festive patterned paper, Latisha has made the gift-giving experience super special!

**DESIGN TIP:** Use letter stickers to spell out the name of the recipient for a fun personal touch!

### joy

BY LATISHA YOAST

**supplies** PATTERNED PAPER, CLIPS, DIE CUT SHAPES, STICKERS, TAG KIT: Crate Paper; RIBBON: May Arts; GIFT BAG PUNCH BOARD: We R Memory Keepers; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L, Therm O Web

### FESTIVE TIP: Create

#### coordinating wine charms

that the hostess can keep long after the bottle is empty.

### DESIGN TIP: Add even more

#### handmade love with some

#### machine stitching.

It adds texture and the perfect finishing touch to tell your hostess how thankful you are for her hospitality.



**DESIGN TIP:** Make your gift bags stand out in the crowd with lots of ribbons and dimension and a riot of colours. Pile on the lovelies for all kinds of pizzazz.

## 3 wine wrap

### Head to the party in style with a festively wrapped bottle of wine or sparkling cider.

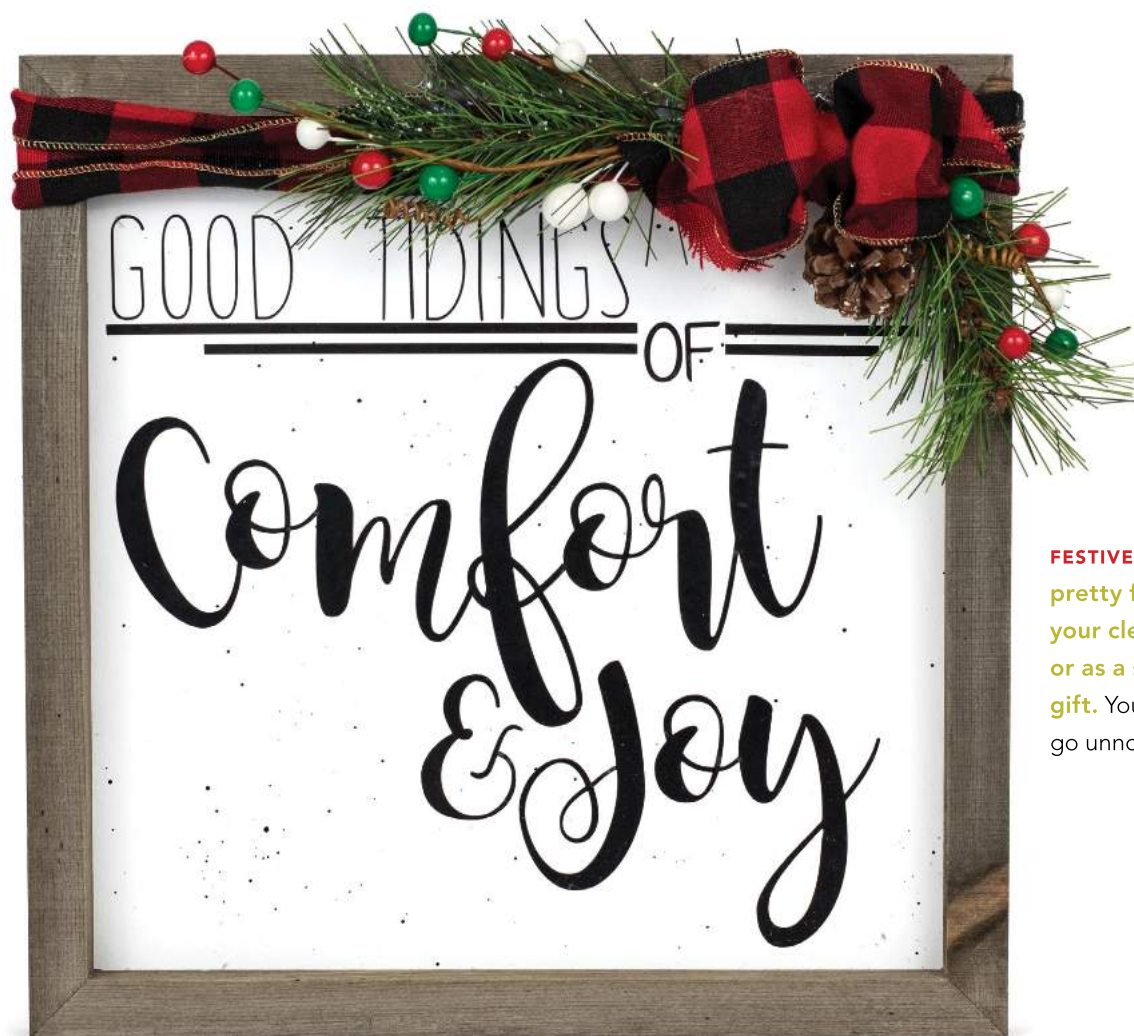
When it comes to the holidays, absolutely EVERYthing gets a bit of decoration, so why not spruce up your contribution to a party, whether it's a loaf of bread, a plate of cookies, or a bottle of wine to share? Add pretty details like scallops and sparkle to up the amp. It's just another way to bring some handmade cheer!

### merry christmas

BY LISA DICKINSON

**supplies** PATTERNED PAPER, BUTTON, DIE CUT SHAPES, STICKERS, TRIM: Crate Paper; PUNCH: Creative Memories; ADHESIVE: American Crafts, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L





**FESTIVE TIP:** Give this pretty frame as a gift to your clergy, your boss, or as a secret Santa gift. Your creativity won't go unnoticed!

## handmade gift

**Nicole's festive frame would make a perfect gift for a hostess.** Not only is it gorgeous, it's really quite simple to create, especially since Nicole is offering her printable as a free download. Print the file, find an appropriate frame, and dig into your holiday pick and ribbon stash for a quick and lovely gift!

### good tidings of comfort & joy

BY NICOLE NOWOSAD

**supplies** FRAME: Jilibean Soup; VINYL: Silhouette America;  
ELECTRONIC CUT FILES: JustNick Studio; RIBBON: Michaels;  
ADHESIVE: Therm O Web; OTHER: Holiday pick



Get a free download of Nicole's festive printable PDF file. Spread good tidings of great joy on your holiday project in a snap! Find it on our website here: [scrapbookandcards.com/bonus-content](http://scrapbookandcards.com/bonus-content)





**DESIGN TIP:** Wrap your gifts in plain papers and let the handmade tags steal the show or tie them onto kraft gift bags for simple, cute, quick, and easy gifts!

## gift tags

Virginia created one-of-a-kind gift tags filled with holiday happiness. It's likely you'll have patterned paper scraps, bits of twine, and random stickers and die cut shapes that didn't make it onto your holiday cards, December Dailies, or scrapbook layouts. Use those leftovers to create pretty gift tags to give your gift-giving a homey touch.



**FESTIVE TIP:** Invite your best girlfriends over for a night of crafting even if they don't consider themselves creative! Tags are a relatively non-threatening way to start when it comes to papercrafting since they are a small canvas. And chances are she has plenty of holiday gifts to give, so she'll go away with something she can use when gift wrapping time rolls around.

## festive tags

BY VIRGINIA NEBEL

**supplies** CARDSTOCK, ENAMEL SHAPES, TRIM: Doodlebug Design; PATTERNED PAPER, BOW, CHIPBOARD: Bella Blvd; DIE CUT SHAPES: Bella Blvd, Doodlebug Design; GROMMETS: American Crafts; SEQUINS: Jillibean Soup; ADHESIVE: Therm O Web





## clear gift boxes and tags

BY MEGHANN ANDREW

**supplies** STAMPS, INK, RIBBON, TAG KIT: Stampin' Up!;  
PLASTIC SHEETS, BOX PUNCH BOARD: We R Memory  
Keepers; ADHESIVE: Therm O Web

## gift box and tags

**Meghann's clear gift box allows the gift itself to be a part of the presentation.** The Box Punch Board from We R Memory Keepers works with clear plastic sheets to create a crystal-clear box for gift-giving. Add colourful shred and a gorgeous ornament for an unforgettable keepsake.

**FESTIVE TIP:** These beautiful boxes would make the perfect favour for a company party, a holiday book club gathering, or church Christmas dinner.

**DESIGN TIP:** Layer it up on your tags since bulk won't be an issue and add some bells for a little bit of jolly jingle!



## stocking gift card holder

**Make a gift card extra special with a cute stocking like this one.** Melissa has a knack for old world charm with a modern twist, and this sweet stocking is no exception. Look for pretty patterned papers for each section of the stocking and go BIG with those holly leaves for extra flair.

**DESIGN TIP:** Instead of a die cut bow, add silky ribbon for delicious texture.

**DESIGN TIP:** Personalize stockings with the recipient's name rather than Happy Holidays.

**FESTIVE TIP:** Strip this design down to a traditional looking red and white stocking and give gift cards to male friends or family members. They secretly love how crafty you are!

## stocking gift card holder

BY MELISSA PHILLIPS

**supplies** PATTERNED PAPER, DIE CUT SHAPES: BoBunny;  
SEQUINS: Simon Says Stamp; DIES: Sizzix; ADHESIVE:  
Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L; OTHER: Button, ribbon, twine

