

Mini Christmas Gift Box (3x3x2)



What You'll Need:

For Box:

- 2 – 12x12 coordinating sheets of Bazzill Basics “Holiday Style” cardstock. (*I used “Holly Berry/Argyle Pink” for the Box Bottom, and ... “Holiday Stripe” for the Box Top*)
- Paper cutter (preferably one with a groove, which can be used for scoring the folds)
 - *I used the Martha Stewart “Scoring Board”, which makes scoring the folds a breeze, and gives you all the dimensions for making various sizes of boxes, cards, and envelopes. This cost me around \$20-\$25 at a local craft store, but is not necessary for this project. A paper cutter with a scoring groove will work just fine, as long as you have something to score the paper with. If you don't, you can pick one up for fairly cheap at any craft store. The paper cutter I used is Fiskars brand, but any will do.*
- Permanent Glue/ Adhesive Tape (such as Tombo)/ Hot Glue Gun
- Paper Clips
- Ribbon (Optional)
 - *3/16” pink loop satin, as well as extra small white rick rack, are shown in photo. The ribbons were attached together, as well as to the box, using a hot glue gun.*

For Holly Gift Tag:

Scrap pieces of cardstock will be sufficient for this project!

- Holly flower and leaves pattern. Printed, and cut out. (Templates can be found on the last page of this tutorial)
- 1 – piece of cardstock for leaves
- 1- piece of cardstock for small petal (*I used Bazzill Basics “Holiday Style” – “Stitched Pink”*)
- 1 – piece of cardstock for large petal (*I used Bazzill Basics “Holiday Style” – “Snowflake Pink”*)
- Craft scissors
- Permanent Glue
- Button
- Thread, coordinating color to the cardstock chosen for flower petals
- Pen
- Colored Pencils (Optional)

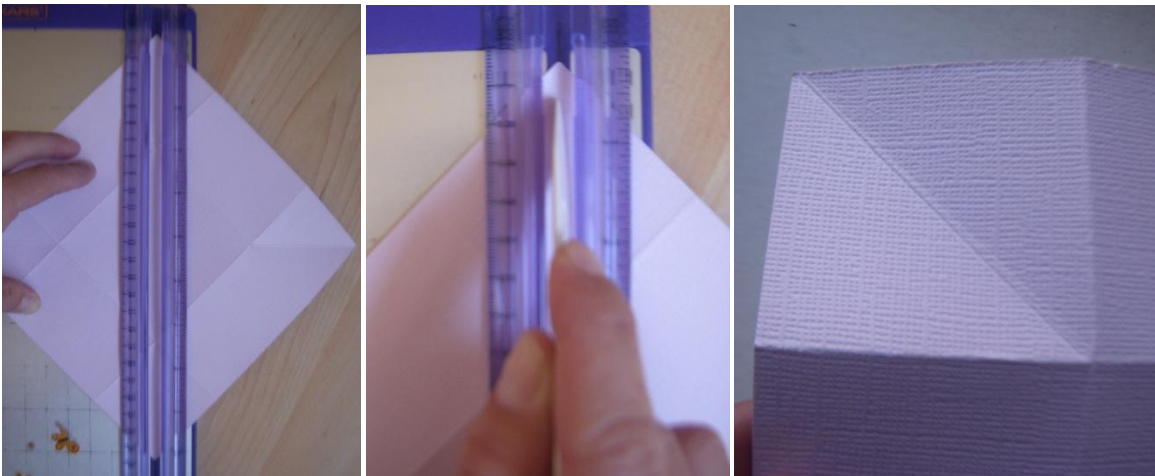
Box Assembly:

1. Cut your two pieces of cardstock that you have chosen to use for your box bottom and top, to be 7"x7".



7x7

2. With the wrong side facing up, score your **Box Top** cardstock at 2" and 5 1/8" . Do this for both sides.
 - *Because the 5 1/8" side is 1/8" short of 2", I suggest going back to the paper cutter, and cut 1/8" off of the 2" sides. This way, all sides will be even! I had to learn the hard way, on this.*
3. Repeat step 2, this time with you **Box Bottom** cardstock, scoring at 2" and 5", making sure that the wrong side is facing up.
4. Fold along the creases.
5. Turn cardstock right side up, and place diagonally on the score groove on your paper cutter, being sure to line up your corners along this groove. Score a diagonally line across the center of the outer squares. Do this for both sides, so that all 4 corners are scored. Repeat this step for both the Box Top, as well as the Box Bottom.



(Photos show a different cardstock being used, but the same principle applies)

6. Fold the box corners along these new crease markings. You will see that the box sides will now come together.



7. Take your adhesive of choice, and glue inside the corner fold, to keep it from reopening. As you do this, also glue along the inside flap of the corner, and adhere to the inside of the box side. If you are using a liquid based glue, you will need to use a paper clip to hold this in place while the glue dries, if you are using a tape adhesive or hot glue gun, holding it in place for a few seconds will be sufficient. Do this for all 4 corners. Repeat this step for both the Box Top, as well as the Box bottom.



*(As you can see, I used large paper holders rather paper clips to hold my box while dry. **Don't be like me!** The pressure of the paper holders will un-uniformly distort your box. Use paper clips instead!)*

❖ ***While your box pieces are drying, begin working on your flower tag!***

8. Once your box top and bottom have finished drying, go ahead and assemble your box. If you would like to jazz your box up a bit, feel free to add ribbon to the bottom of the box top (as shown), or add any other unique embellishments you desire!



(See the distortion on the sides, in the 2nd picture, caused by the pressure of the paper holders? Don't be like me! Also, be sure to glue all the way to the tip of the corner fold, that way it won't stick out like mine!)

Holly Gift Tag Instructions:

1. Taking your templates, for both the big leaf and small leaf, trace each onto the backside of their designated cardstock. Once traced, cut out the pieces.



2. If you desire, lightly draw the leaf veins and a decorative border on each leaf, using a coordinating colored pencil. (Shown in finished photo)
3. Using your Holly flower templates, repeat step 1, for each the big flower, and the little flower, on their designated cardstock. If you desire, you can lightly draw a decorative border or petal swirls, using a coordinating colored pencil, as mentioned in step 2.



Now that all your pieces have been cut and decorated, it's time to assemble the gift tag.

4. Align your small flower on top of your large flower, so that the small flower's petals are in between the petals of the larger flower. Using a needle and coordinating thread, sew your button onto the center of your flower, secure both layers. Slightly bend the petals of the smaller flower upwards, raising them up off the larger flower on the bottom, giving it a 3D look.



(Yes, this is a different flower than shown on the gift tag)

5. Take your leaves, placing your smaller leaf on top of the larger one, and position in a way that you have enough room to write your "To's" and "From's" on both. Once you have determined what position you want your petals to be in, glue the two petals together at their base.
6. Once the two leaves have dried together, glue the leaves underneath the holly flower, making sure that you have enough room to write your "To's" and "From's".
7. Once the leaves have dried to the holly flower, write "To:" on the top left hand corner of the smaller petal, and "From:" on the top left hand corner of the larger petal.



8. Attach your completed Holly Flower Tag to your box top, allow to dry, and go find a fabulous gift that will fit inside, so that you may give it away to someone special this holiday season!



Holly Flower and Leaf Templates

Make sure the PDF's zoom percentage is set to 100% before printing, in order for your templates to be of accurate size!

