Thanksgiving Gift Ideas!

Fancy Pants Designs 2014
Happy October! I know most of you don’t celebrate Halloween, but here in the US, it’s a favorite holiday…especially for the kids! Our homes are all decked out in black and orange decor, spooky pieces, skulls and tombstones. Our kids dress up like their favorite characters and walk around asking for treats :). Kind of strange, I suppose, but fun, none the less! We haven’t created an official Halloween collection in quite a few years, but we have loads of fun products that suit the holiday well—including our adorable little boyish monster line Be Different. I created some fun treat bags (which would work for any celebration with the right colors and supplies) using papers from our recent collections and some of the tickets from our Be Different ticket roll! Add a few details and embellishments and you’ve got yourself a fabulous little gift! You can see the complete directions on my personal blog at www.makeaprettylife.com! I hope you’re enjoying our newsletter each month and taking advantage of the fun ideas and amazing designs that our team puts together—I know I am!!

Make sure you visit Jodi’s blog for the full tutorial on how to recreate this fun Halloween spread for yourself!!
Do you hoard Brag Cards? Are you looking for ways to use them up? Glenda discovered a wonderful way to add them to a regular 12x12” layout by joining three cards together transforming them into a clever mini-book.

**MAXIMIZE YOUR BRAG CARDS CARDS ON A 12X12 LAYOUT.**

1. Map out your grid-style page design using two 4x6” & two 3x4” Brag Cards.
2. Attach the four base cards onto the page, leaving a space in the middle for your title.
3. Adhere your alpha sticker title, making sure to space the letters evenly.
4. Add a photograph to the 4x6” card at the top on the left, decorating it with tabs & sentiment labels.
5. Add a large decorative envelope to the 4x6” card on the bottom right. Decorating it with Flair and stickers.
6. Compile your 3x4” booklet, made from three 3x4” Brag Cards joined together with paper strips. Add photos, journaling, tags & stickers.
7. Tie together with a seam binding bow.
8. Attach booklet to your page.
If you are like me, & love personalizing gifts & gift wrapping; then this project is for you.

The beauty of these gorgeous little boxes is that they are economical on product using only a sheet of 12x12” patterned paper to make two boxes. These can be made in 15 minutes which is a wonderful time saver, especially with this time of year being so busy!

Join me as I take you through my step-by-step process.

1. Cut a piece of patterned paper 10.5” x 6”.
2. Score horizontally: 1.75”, 1.5”, 3”, 1.5”, 2.5”.
3. Score vertically: 1.5”, 3”, 1.5”.
4. Fold along score lines, snipping all the flaps free to the 1.5” mark.
5. Fold & adhere the first box flap closed.
6. Fold it towards the inside of the box. Fold up side flaps & adhere in place.
7. Fold top box flap, adhering the sides. NOTE: make sure to place the adhesive out of the way to allow for the flaps to slip into & out of the box easily.
8. Die cut a pinked edge vellum circle & layer it together with ephemera, a tag sentiment, punched gold butterflies and twirled twine.

Fill your completed box with small gifts or candy. I hope this has inspired you to try making some too! I can't wait to hand mine out after Thanksgiving dinner.

Instructions>>>

TUTORIAL TIME

SIMPLE THANKSGIVING GIFT BOXES BY KIM WATSON

Collection used: Burlap & Bouquet
**OCTOBER SKETCH CHALLENGE ▶▶▶**

1. Join us for the next of our monthly sketch contests designed by our talented DT member, Jenny Evans. Each month a winner will be chosen from contributing participants.

2. Enter to win an amazing prize pack from Fancy Pants Designs, as well as a chance at being our featured designer in next month’s newsletter.

3. In order for us to view your layouts, post them on our Facebook page, or tag us on Instagram (@fancypantsdesigns) by the end of the day on November 10th, making sure to use this month’s sketch, along with Fancy Pants Designs products.

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**Oh, DEER! by Jess Mutty**

Get into the swing of the season like Jess did by using fall inspired papers & accents on her adorable everyday page theme. Try her fresh color palette using teal & aqua with pops of bright orange and a dash of ‘sequin sprinkle’.

Collection used: True Friend & Everyday Circus ▶▶▶

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Happy, Be Happy BY KIM WATSON

For a trendy take on the sketch, work those layers! Start with Fancy Pants Designs Vellum Paper, add a File Folder, insert a sheet of 6x6 patterned paper from the Mini Paper Pad, diecut the Gold Foil Paper into a sentiment and decorate with stickers to recreate this look.

Collection used: True Friend

Bunched up thread tucked under elements is a wonderful way to add texture.

Create pretty layers under your photographs using the True Friend Brag Cards.
Collection used: True Friend

Use cute forest critters to welcome FALL!

- Cut 4x6 cards for your bases.
- Lay out, measure and cut a variety of background pieces from patterned papers.
- Using a paint brush, splatter white paint onto your dark background for contrast.
- Add foam squares to the backs of the frames and ephemera pieces, adding dimension to your card.
- Finish off the front of your card by adding embellishments such as buttons and sequins.
- Add personalized sentiments to the inside of your card if you wish.

No matter what the occasion, handmade cards express your feelings loud & clear. Mix your patterns, be bold with color & layer your elements for stunning results.

Place a dark mat layer under a smaller patterned paper piece, raising it with thick foam adhesive squares, to emphasize a focal area on your card.

Layer different pennant shapes for an interesting tab detail. Top with a button, leaving long threads instead of a bow.

say it with a card...
by Vicki Chrisman

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When perusing the Fancy Pants Gallery on Facebook, this beautiful page caught our eye as a stand out. Mary-Ann’s take on last month’s sketch contest is a fabulous mixture of patterned paper strips, diecut leaves, scattered buttons & ink. The split title adds wonderful grounding and directionality to the page, making for a winning composition.
CELEBRATE FALL BY CORRI GARZA
Collection used: True Friend

Get into the feeling of fall with this clever acorn shaped card (as seen on the cover of this issue). We love the unusual mixture of colors for the cap & leaves, combined with rough twine & one of True Friend’s ephemera critters; makes it a real show stopper!!
"I created this layout a while back, but to date it is one of my most favorite. I love the simplicity of grid-style scrapbooking. The rigid format is the perfect way to showcase intricate clusters without becoming too busy. I used the "Happy Go Lucky" collection & loved playing with the soft pastel color. The amazing mixture of patterned paper triangles, collaged together creating a quilt of color & texture for her centered page design; makes Sherri’s page a winner! Trendy angles, watercolor splashes & the ever gorgeous True Friend collection are what makes this page a one-of-a-kind!"
YOU MAKE MY HEART HAPPY by Christin Grønnslett

LOVE Fall

NEW LIBRARY BOOK by Dona Howe
Collection used: True Friend

TRY THIS CRAFTY TRICK!
Customize your page by hand cutting patterned paper letters to spell out your title, mixed with different sized tags, & attach them with machine stitching for wonderful texture!
SPECIAL MENTION:
These wonderful pages were submitted for our September sketch contest. Although we only select one winner, we were blown away by these entries & wanted to showcase them, too. Thank you to all who entered!

“The one & only by Agnieszka Betkowska
Collection used: Everyday Circus

HAPPY by Majken Pullin
Collection used: Me-ology

“See more of the talented Readers Gallery designers work by clicking on their names, to be linked through to their blogs”
INSTRUCTIONS:

• Take a piece of patterned paper & lay your chocolate bar on top to determine the size of your packaging.
• Follow directions in pic 1 & score fold lines. Trim away excess paper.
• Adhere the longest side closed & fold side gussets to the inside.
• Fold over approx 2" at bottom of package to create a base.
• Mitre & fold both sides (as you would do when wrapping a gift) & secure the bottom.
• Decorate your completed bag with paper tags, chalkboard label diecuts & ephemera.
• Insert chocolate bar & add sentiment tag on back.
We spy #fancypantsdesigns on the web -

Look at this breathtaking canvas by Virginia Tillery using patterned papers & decorative buttons from the True Friend collection!

Collection used: True Friend

Transform everyday notebooks into gorgeous table decor using beautiful patterned papers from ‘True Friend’, like Brittny Kvilhaug did.

Noel Mignon has been bringing you the biggest and best monthly scrapbooking kits since 2006. We offer both a Classic kit, with supplies for traditional scrapbook layouts, and a Daily Diary kit, geared toward pocket style scrapbooking. Our kits are impeccably coordinated, with the latest lines from all your favorite manufacturers (including Fancy Pants Designs very often). If you are a dedicated scrapper, looking for a large kit with enough product to keep you busy all month long, give our kit a try!

Look at Becky Williams adorable page!! We love the flutter of die cut, fall leaves using the True Friend collection patterned papers.

Go for ‘bold’ with patterns like Michelle Whitlow did. We love how she clustered her True Friend accents around the photo strip.

Facebook. Instagram. Pinterest. Facebook Community.

Collection used: True Friend

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Look at this beautiful project Vicki created with Fancy Pants Designs True Friend collection and some dazzling metal sheets from Add a Little Dazzle (a product partner during the month of October). Inspired by the rich autumn colors of the season and her current obsession with feathers, Vicki designed this stylish garland. Hung inside an empty frame with rough twine; the result is an eye catching focal piece for her mantel.

**Off the Page**

• Print some feathers from the FREE Download from Fancy Pants Designs & use it as a template.
• Lay the metal sheet over the cut out feather shape & press down the metal sheet around the cut edges with your fingers.
• Use an embossing stylus to apply pressure around the edges of the feather, creating a cut line. Time to cut your feather out. This is the top side. Once cut, flip it over for the next step.
• Working on the back side of your feather, use your stylus & make defining lines on your feather.
• Once finished, turn your feather over & take a small piece of fine sand paper, lightly sanding over the raised areas for a worn finish. You can now add a sticker title.
• Try the feathers in different colors, sizes & patterns, adding machine stitching for interest.

**Fall Feathers**

Collection Used: True Friend

Fall Decor by Vicki Chrisman
While in the Seattle area for CKC Nov 7th-8th, we will also be doing classes or demos at the following locations—contact us or them for more details!

11/5: Stampadoodle and Clipper Street
11/6: Clipper Street (Canada) and Forget Me Not
11/7: CKC
11/8: Ben Franklin Redmond and CKC