



Iris Folding Star

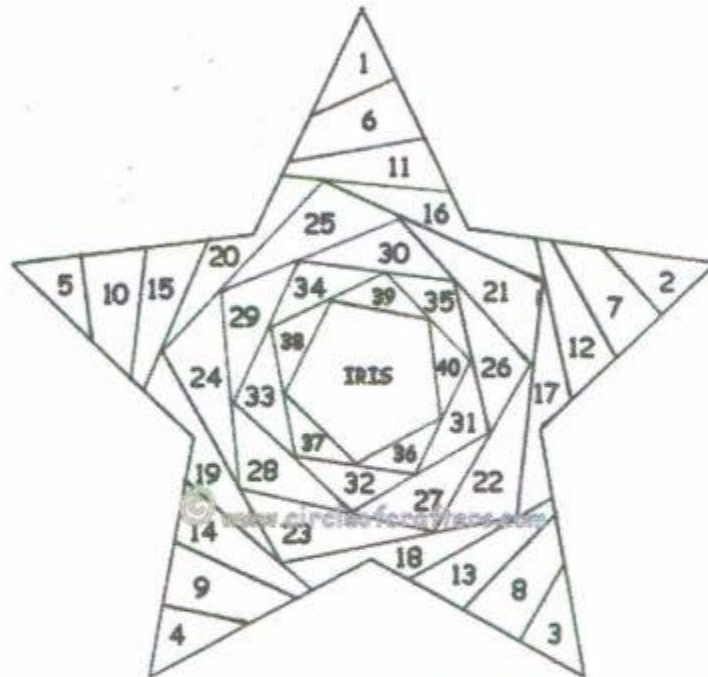
Stamp Set: Tidings & Trimmings

Ink: Cherry Cobbler

Dark Cherry Cobbler Stampin' Blend

Paper: Soft Succulent, Cherry Cobbler, Basic White, Christmas Tidings 6"x6" Designer Series Paper, gold glimmer from my stash

Accessories: Iris Folding Star Pattern, Stampin' Cut & Emboss Machine, Christmas Trimmings Die, Timeworn Type Embossing Folder, washi tape, rhinestone jewels, Simply Elegant Gold Trim, Mini Dimensionals, Mini Glue Dot



Pattern Guide:

Pattern/Color A:
1,6,11,16,21,26,31,36

Pattern/Color B:
2,7,12,17,22,27,32,37

Pattern/Color C:
3,8,13,18,23,28,33,38

Pattern/Color D:
4,9,14,19,24,29,34,39

Pattern/Color E:
5,10,15,20,25,30,35,40

Iris folding is a paper craft technique that involves folding strips of colored paper in such a way to form a spiraling design. The center of the design forms an *iris* — similar to the shape of the iris of a camera lens.

Iris folding originated in Holland. Designs initially were made using patterned paper cut from the inside of envelopes. Any light weight paper, such as scrapbook paper, origami paper, wrapping paper, the inside of envelopes, pages of magazines or even ribbon can be used. I would not recommend using card stock. It becomes too bulky when folded in half.

Because I use the heavier weight designer paper, I do not fold the papers in half. This tends to add bulk to the back of the card front. Instead, I use a single strip of paper.

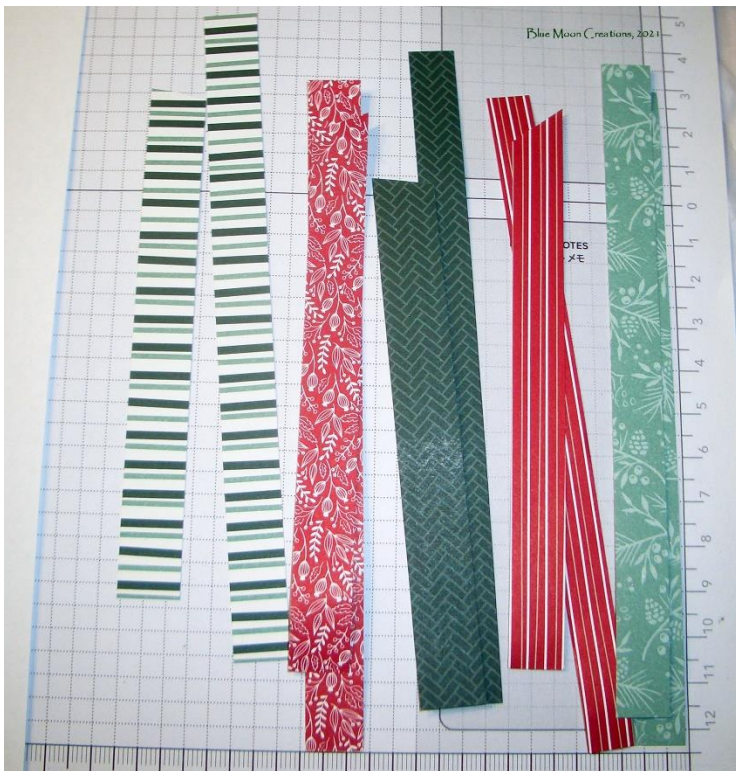
Supplies for iris folding include a pattern, strips of colored paper, permanent adhesive, cutting tools and a temporary tape such as washi or painter's tape. The temporary tape is used to hold the pattern in place while the design is created.

Iris folding always begins with a pattern. Iris folding patterns are available in books or can be downloaded from numerous web sites. My favorite patterns are found in the book *Iris Folding Compendium, Iris Folding with Iris Folding Paper and Iris Folding with Greetings* by Maruscha Gaasenbeek and Tine Beauveser. I purchased this several years ago through Amazon.com.

With iris folding, you always work from the BACK of your card front.

1. Print 2 copies of the Iris Folding Star Pattern. This pattern is from circleofcrafters.com. I reduced the original pattern by 78% to fit the star die in the Christmas Trimmings Die set. You may have to increase or reduce the pattern to fit your star punch or die.

You will use 1 copy as the template for the technique and one copy to read the pattern sequence as you work.

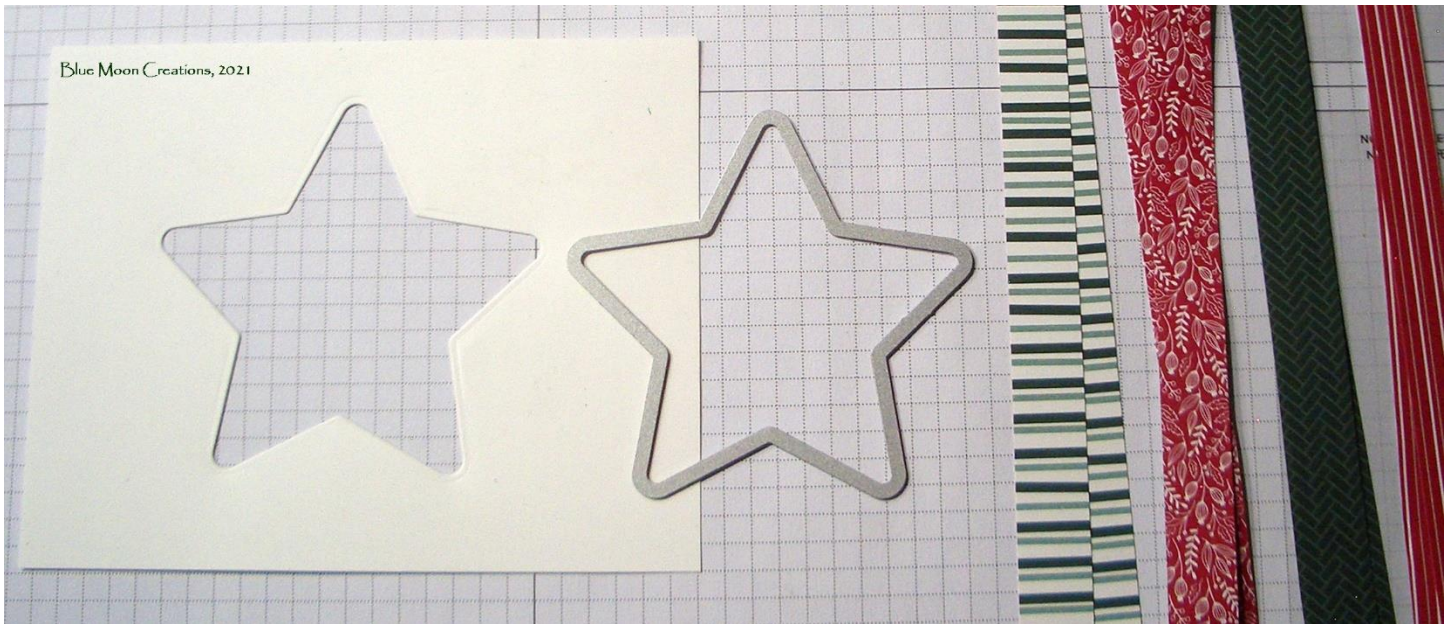


2. The pattern tells you that you will need 5 colors/designs of designer paper.

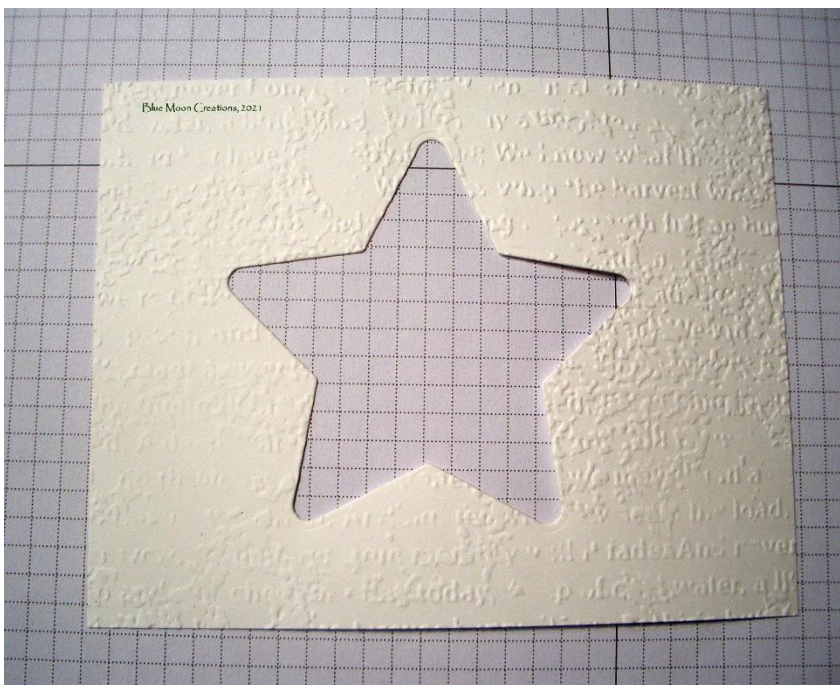
Cut ½" x 6" (or 12" depending on the size of the paper) strips out of 5 patterns/designs.

Lay the strips out in the order that they'll be used. If it helps, number the designs 1-5 so it is easier to keep track of which design goes where in the pattern sequence.

Also, remember, you'll be placing the design you want showing on the front face DOWN on the pattern. So, if it helps, turn the designs over and number them before starting.



3. Cut the star out of a piece of Basic White card stock.



4. If you are going to emboss or stamp on the card front, do so before starting the iris folding pattern. There will be too much bulk after the pattern is complete.

For this card, I embossed the card front using the Stampin' Cut & Emboss Machine and Timeworn Type Embossing Folder.



5. Turn the embossed card front to the back and place on top of the star pattern. Apply a strip of washi or painter's tape to one side, creating a hinge. You will be able to turn the card front to see the progress you are making.



6. Apply adhesive around the edges of the star. I used Stampin' Seal as my adhesive.

Following the pattern, place design #1 FACE Down against #1 section of the pattern. Place design #2 against #2 section of the pattern. Place design #3 against #3 section of the pattern. Continue with designs #4 and 5.



7. Add adhesive to the strips already placed, and continue adding designs following the pattern.

Use your printed copy of the pattern as reference if needed.

If needed, flip the card front using the hinge to see your progress.

You'll know if one of the designs is incorrect or out of sequence.

Correct any errors before proceeding.



8. Continue adding adhesive and working the pattern until it is complete, leaving the center Iris opening.



9. Flip the card front over to see the final design.

You can now remove the piece of washi or painter's tape.



10. Now it's time to fill in the Iris. Usually, a piece of glimmery, shimmery or special designer paper is used for the Iris.



For this card, I used a piece of gold glimmer paper from my stash.



11. Now to finish the card:

-Attach card front to Cherry Cobbler mat. Attach to Soft Succulent card base.

-Stamp greeting on scrap piece of Basic White card stock using Cherry Cobbler ink. Banner cut one end. Attach to banner cut Cherry Cobbler mat. Attach to card front using Dimensionals to pop it up.

-Attach bow tied out of Simply Elegant Gold Trim to top of the star using a Mini Glue Dot.

-Add rhinestones colored with Cherry Cobbler Stampin' Blend to complete.