Swing Fold Card Tutorial



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Ornament Swing Fold Card



Ornament Swing Fold Card (4 ¼" x 5 ½")

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Stamp Sets: Watercolor Shapes, Brightest Glow

Ink: Sweet Sorbet

Calypso Coral Stampin' Blend

Paper:

Petal Pink: (use 1 sheet of 8 ½" x 11" cut in half)

Card Base: 8 ½" x 11", cut in half at 4 ¼" and scored at 5 ½"

Card Insert: 8 ½" x 11, cut in half at 4 ¼" and scored at 2 ¾", 5 ½",

and 8 1/4"

Basic White: 2 ½" x 2 ½" for ornament

Painted Christmas 12" x 12" Designer Series Paper: 4" x 5 1/4" for

card front and 3-4 ¼" x ½" strips for the inside

Glimmer 12" x 12" Specialty Paper: 4" x 4" for circle frame, scrap

for ornament topper

Accessories: Simply Scored Scoring Tool, paper cutter, Stampin' Cut & Emboss Machine, Layered Circle Dies, 2 1/4" and Ornament Punches, Stamparatus, gold metallic baker's twine, Opal Rounds,

Tombow Liquid Glue, Glue Dot



- 1. Cut one sheet of 8 ½" x 11" of Petal Pink card stock in half at 4 ¼".
- 2. For the card base:



Score one of the pieces in half at 5 1/2."

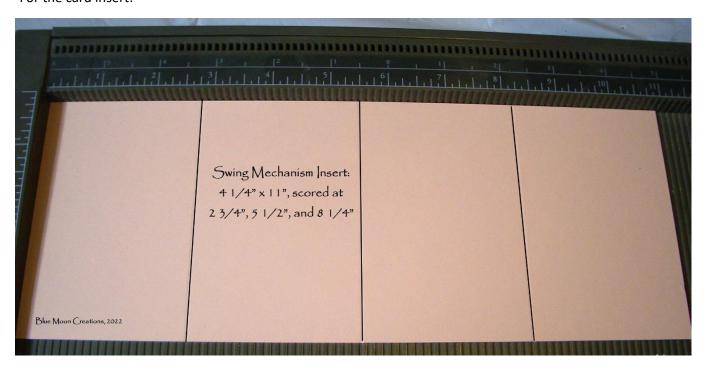


Attach a 4" x 5 ¼" piece of Painted Christmas Designer Series paper to the front right side.

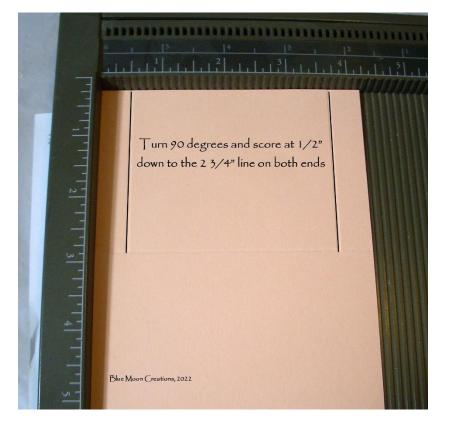


Using a punch or die-cut machine, cut out a circle from the front of the card base. I used the Stampin' Cut & Emboss Machine and 3 ¼" circle die.

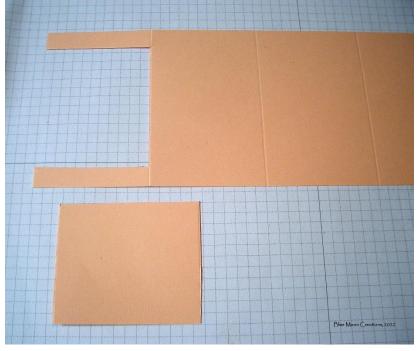
-For the card insert:



Score the second piece of Petal Pink at 2 %", 5 %", and 8 %" on the long side.



Turn the piece 90 degrees and score at $\frac{1}{2}$ " down to the 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " score line on both ends.



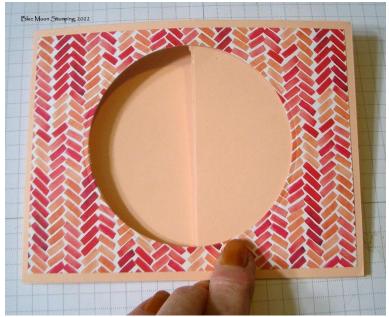
With scissors, cut up along one of the ½" score lines to the 2 ¾" score line, cut across, then down the second ½" score line to remove the front panel. This will create the swing mechanism.

-Fold along the score lines using a bone folder to get a crisp fold. The first and second score lines are "mountain" folds, and the third score line is a "valley" fold.

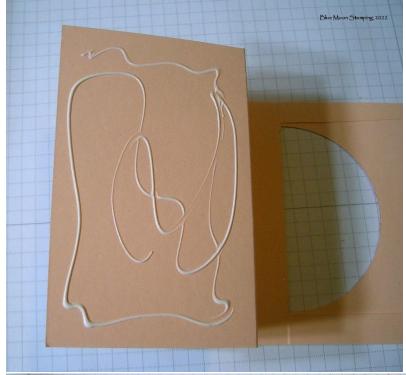
3. To assemble the swing mechanism to the card base:



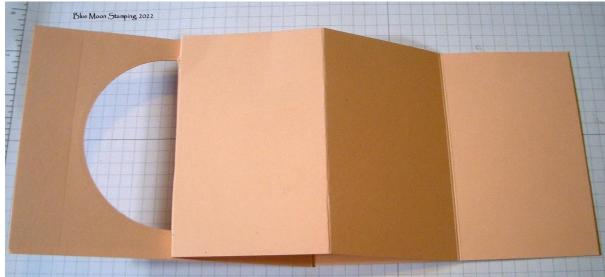
Attach the tabs of the swing mechanism to the inside of the card base. Apply a small amount of liquid glue to each tab, set the insert in place, lining up the tabs with the top and bottom of the card base, and close the front of the card base over the tabs.



Smooth the front of the card base, helping to secure the tabs. Set aside a few minutes to allow the glue to set and dry.

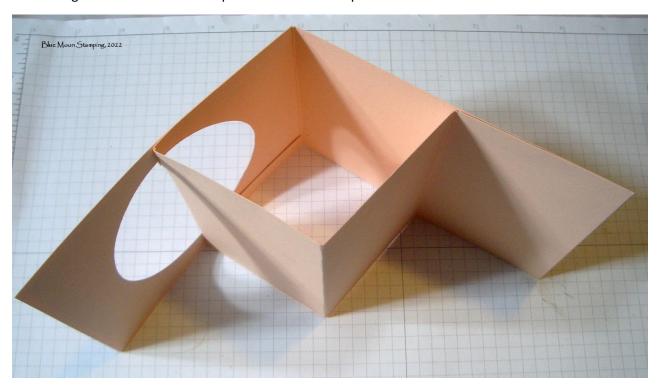


Open the card base and fold the insert to the left, showing the back side of the last panel. Apply glue to the panel and secure it to the inside of the card base, lining up the right edges.



Fold the card and smooth the front, helping to secure the back panel. Set aside a few minutes to allow the glue to set and dry.

Your Swing Fold Card should now open and have this shape between the card base and insert.



4. Now to decorate:

- -Stamp the large circle from Watercolor Shapes stamp set on Basic White card stock using Sweet Sorbet ink. I used the Stamparatus to get a good inked image. Punch the ornament using a circle die or punch. I used a 2 ¼" circle punch.
- -Cut an ornament topper out of Glimmer paper. Cut it freehand using a pair of scissors or use an ornament punch. Attach to the top of the ornament.
- -Attach the ornament to the panel showing through the circle on the front of the card base. Apply liquid glue to only the back left side of the circle, flip over and attach it to the right side of the inside panel. If you have glue around the whole circle, it will not swing open.
- -Tie a bow out of gold baker's twine or ribbon and attach it to the front of the ornament using a Glue Dot.
- -Attach ½" x 4 ¼" strips of designer paper to the inside of the card.
- -Stamp greeting on the inside of the card.
- -To create a frame around the opening on the front of the card, nest two circle dies on a piece of Glimmer paper, one inside the other and die-cut. Attach the frame to the front of the card using a small amount of liquid glue.
- -Add embellishments to complete. I colored Opal Rounds using a Calypso Coral Stampin' Blend.



Snowflake Swing Fold Card

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Stamp Set: Brightest Glow

Ink: Gorgeous Grape

Paper:

Fresh Freesia: (use one sheet of 8 ½" x 11" cut in half)

-Card Base: 8 ½" x 11", cut in half at 4 ¼" and scored at 5 ½"

-Card Insert: $8 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 11, cut in half at $4 \frac{1}{2}$ " and scored at $2 \frac{1}{2}$ ", $5 \frac{1}{2}$ ", and $8 \frac{1}{2}$ ". Turn the piece 90 degrees and score at $\frac{1}{2}$ " down to the $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " score line on both ends.

-2 pieces measuring 4" x 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " for the paper towel backing. The first measures 4" x 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". The second will be cut down to 1 piece measuring 2" x 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and two pieces measuring $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Gorgeous Grape: 2 ¼" x 4" matting for paper towel insert, and 4" x 4" scrap for circle frame

Glimmer 12" x 12" Specialty Paper: 3 ½" x 3 ½" for snowflake

Accessories: Simply Scored Scoring Tool, paper cutter, Stampin' Cut & Emboss Machine, Twinkling Lights and Layered Circle Dies, Stamparatus, gold twine, Pastel Pearls, Tombow Liquid Glue, Glue Dot



- 1. Cut and score the Fresh Freesia card base and swing insert using the directions for the Ornament card above.
- 2. Attach a 4" x 5 ¼" card front to the front right side. For this card, I used a paper towel that I had used to clean stamps and blot watercolors.
 - -Smooth out the paper towel and separate the plys.
 - -Attach one of the plys to 4" x 5 ½" Fresh Freesia card stock backing. By doing this, you'll easily cut the paper towel down to the size you need. I applied liquid glue to the backing using a paintbrush. Attach the paper towel and smooth it out using your fingers.
 - -Cut paper towel to size needed for this card: 4" x 5 1/4"
 - -Attach the second ply to second 4" x 5 1/4" Fresh Freesia card stock backing.
 - -Trim down to 2" x 3 34" for the greeting panel and 1/2" x 4 1/4" for the 2 side strips
- 3. Attach the 4" x 5 1/4" paper towel to the front right side.
- 4. Using a punch or die-cut machine, cut out a circle from the front of the card base. I used the Stampin' Cut & Emboss Machine and a 3 ¼" circle die.
- 5. Attach the swing insert to the inside of the card base using the directions for the Ornament card above.
- 6. Now to Decorate:
- -Die-cut snowflake out of Glimmer Designer Series Paper using Stampin' Cut & Emboss Machine and Twinkling Lights Dies.
- -Tie a piece of gold twine around the top of the snowflake to create a hanger, tying a knot at the top.
- Attach the snowflake to the panel showing through the circle on the front of the card base. Apply liquid glue to only the back left side of the snowflake, flip over and attach it to the right side of the inside panel. If you have glue around the whole snowflake, it will not swing open.
- To create a frame around the opening on the front of the card, nest two circle dies on a piece of Gorgeous Grape card stock, one inside the other and die-cut.
- Bring the gold twine hanger up to the top of the card base and secure it using a Glue Dot. Then, attach the frame to the front of the card using a small amount of liquid, covering the top of the twine. Trim off any excess twine if needed.
- -Stamp greeting from Brightest Glow on the second piece of the paper towel using Gorgeous Grape ink. You will need to use a stamp positioning tool like the Stamparatus to get a good stamped image because of the texture of the paper towel.
- -Attach to the Gorgeous Grape mat and attach to the center panel.
- -Attach ½" x 4 ¼" strips of paper towel to the inside panels.
- -Attach a Pastel Pearls to complete.



Happy New Year Ornament Swing Fold Card

Stamp Sets: Watercolor Shapes, Brightest Glow

Ink: Sweet Sorbet, Memento

Black

Paper:

Basic Black: (use one sheet of 8 ½" x 11" cut in half)

-Card Base: 8 1/2" x 11", cut in half at 4 1/4" and scored at 5 1/2"

-Card Insert: $8 \frac{1}{2}$ x 11, cut in half at $4 \frac{1}{2}$ and scored at $2 \frac{1}{2}$, $5 \frac{1}{2}$, and $8 \frac{1}{2}$. Turn the piece 90 degrees and score at $\frac{1}{2}$ down to the $2 \frac{1}{2}$ score line on both ends.

Basic White:

1 piece 2 ½" x 2 ½" for stamped ornament

2 3/8" x 3 ¾" for inside panel

1 piece 4" x 5 ¼" for the paper towel backing.

Sweet Sorbet: 4" x 5 1/4" for card front mat

2 5/8" x 4" mat for inside panel

Glimmer 12" x 12" Specialty Paper: 3 ¼" x 3 ¼" scrap for circle frame and ornament topper

Accessories: Simply Scored Scoring Tool, paper cutter, Stampin' Cut & Emboss Machine, Layered Circle Dies, 2 ½" Circle and Ornament Punches, Stamparatus, black baker's twine, Rhinestone Jewels, Black Sharpie, Tombow Liquid Glue, Glue Dot, paintbrush



- 1. Cut and score the Basic Black card base and swing insert using the directions for the Ornament card above.
- 2. Attach a 4" x 5 ½" card front to the front right side. For this card, I used a paper towel that I had used to clean stamps and blot watercolors.
 - -Smooth out the paper towel and separate the plys.
 - -Attach one of the plys to 4" x 5 ½" Basic White card stock backing. By doing this, you'll easily cut the paper towel down to the size you need. I applied liquid glue to the backing using a paintbrush. Attach the paper towel and smooth it out using your fingers. Use the second ply for another project.
 - -Cut paper towel to size needed for this card: 4" x 5 1/4"
- 3. Attach the 4" x 5 ¼" paper towel to the front right side.
- 4. Using a punch or die-cut machine, cut out a circle from the front of the card base. I used the Stampin' Cut & Emboss Machine and a 2 ¾" circle die.
- 5. Attach the swing insert to the inside of the card base using the directions for the Ornament card above.
- 6. Now to Decorate:
- -Stamp the large circle from Watercolor Shapes on Basic White card stock using Sweet Sorbet ink. Punch using a circle die or punch. I used a 2 ¼" circle punch. Stamp greeting from Brightest Glow using Memento Black ink.
- -Cut an ornament topper out of Glimmer paper. Cut it freehand using a pair of scissors or use an ornament punch. Attach to the top of the ornament.
- -Attach the ornament to the panel showing through the circle on the front of the card base. Apply liquid glue to only the back left side of the ornament, flip over and attach it to the right side of the inside panel. If you have glue around the whole ornament, it will not swing open.
- To create a frame around the opening on the front of the card, nest two circle dies on a piece of Glimmer Designer Series Paper, one inside the other and die-cut. Attach to the card front using a small amount of liquid glue.
- Attach the Basic White panel to the Sweet Sorbet mat and attach it to the right inside panel.
- -Color Rhinestone Jewels with a Black Sharpie and attach them to the ornament. Tie a bow out of black baker's twine and attach it to the topper using a Glue Dot.