

Basket of Strawberries Tutorial By Heather Heroldt

Supplies used: For the berries: Real Red and Old Olive CS, Bigz XL Flower Folds die for the Big Shot, Perfect Polka Dots embossing folder for the Big Shot, 5-Petal Flower punch, ¼" grosgrain ribbon in Old Olive, Glue dots. For the basket: Crumb Cake CS, Woodgrain background stamp, 3/8" taffeta ribbon in Chocolate Chip, Glue Dots.

1. Run the three smallest flower shapes on the Flower Folds die in Real Red CS, then emboss all three with the Perfect Polka Dots embossing folder.



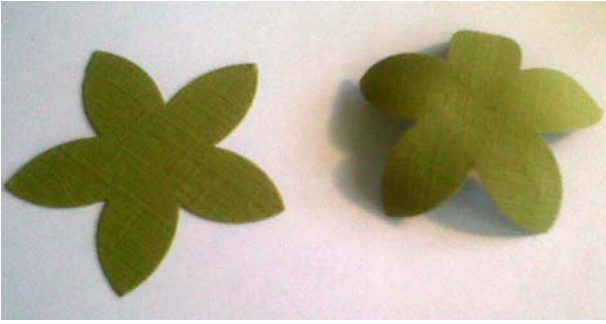
2. Fold flower in half four times – between each set of petals. I like to score mine first to make sharper folds, as shown. Fold and crease each score line.

3. Snip in between two petals, as shown. You could also snip out two petals completely, but I just left them in to overlap. You'll see what I mean in a sec...



4. Overlap and glue down the petals at the snip line so that only 5 petals remain, as shown. If you want to clip out the extra two petals you can, but I left mine in. Using the wide end of your bone folder, curl the petal over to create the rounded shape of the top of the berry.





5. Next, punch out a 5-Petal Flower in Old Olive for each berry you are making. Use the wide end of your bone folder to curl the petal under, as shown.

6. Adhere the “leaves” carefully: on mine, some I glued, some I glue-dotted. I found that when I used glue dots, I could start by putting them on the berry petals, and then work my way around the leaf shape, so that the glue dot was higher up inside the leaves. This left the tips of the “leaves” free, which looked a little more realistic, and also made the same size leaf shape fit on the smallest berry. To get the last “leaf” adhered, I slipped in my tweezers to secure the glue. Glue dot Old Olive ribbon knots to top of berries.



7. For the basket, I ran the largest flower shape from the Flower Folds die in Crumb Cake CS, and stamped with the Woodgrain stamp in Chocolate Chip ink. I then took a length of Chocolate Chip taffeta ribbon, and ran SNAIL adhesive down the back, then used the ribbon to gather up the basket petals into the basket shape. I glue-dotted a bow at the front, and glue dotted a Crumb Cake strip to the inside for a handle. A little kraft crinkle cut stuffing supports the berries in the basket.

Not bad for a downloading afternoon! Enjoy!