## Spread Your Cheer! Christmas Gifts & Packaging Class November 2014 Heather Heroldt



# *Cheerful Tag Curvy Keepsake Trio, based on <u>tutorial by Connie</u> <u>Babbert</u>.*

Supplies Used: Cheerful Tags & Epic Alphabet Stamp Sets; Under the Tree Specialty DSP; Silver Glimmer Specialty CS; Real Red, Old Olive & Whisper White CS; Old Olive & Real Red Inks; Scallop Circle, 1 3/8" & 1/16" Circle, & Note Tag Punches; Curvy Keepsake Box Thinlets; Stars Framelits; Mini Clothespin; Old Olive & Real Red ¼" Grosgrain and Kraft Gingham Ribbons; Beige Perle Cotton; Jumbo Basic Jewel Rhinestones.

Cut 4 Real Red and 2 Old Olive Curvy Keepsake Box pieces, you need two for each box. After you adhere the bases so that the tabs and slots line up, stamp the fashion sides in Real Red & Old Olive Inks with stamps from Cheerful Tags stamp set. (Be careful not to stamp the trees on the green ones too close to the bottom so that you overlap the other tabs. Aim for 5 rows of trees on the handle tabs, and 4 rows on the slot tabs.)

Punch tiny circle hope centered in front of one the slots for the ribbons: tie cotton perle around pieces of red and gingham ribbons, then string on a silver star. Thread through punched hole and tie off. Close up boxes.

Stamp "joy" using Epic Alphabet in Real Red on Whisper

White. Color in alternating stripes with red marker, and punch out letters with 1 3/8" Circle Punch. Adhere each letter to a Silver Glimmer Scallop Circle Punch, and pop-dot letters to front of assembled boxes as shown.

For Trio Tray: Cut tray base from Under the Tree at  $3 \frac{3}{4}$ " x  $8 \frac{1}{2}$ ". Score at  $\frac{1}{2}$ " in on all sides. Snip corner scores in one direction and assemble tray, adhering tabs to the inside firmly. Trim tabs if necessary. Next cut 2 strips at 1" x 12" and 1" x 6". Overlaps ends by 2" and glue strips together. Use glue dots to adhere lengthened strip inside tray.

Add Curvy Keepsake Boxes to tray. Punch tag from Under the Tree scrap, add sentiment in Old Olive and a Jumbo Rhinestone as shown. Tie piece of Old Olive ribbon to mini clothespin and use to clip tag over handle join.

#### Fry Box Full of Kisses

Supplies used: Fry Box Bigz L Die; Whisper White CS; All Is Calm DSP; Work of Art Stamp Set; Smoky Slate & Pear Pizzazz Inks; Silky Taffeta in Lost Lagoon; All Is Calm Snowflake Embellishment; White Baker's Twine.

Cute fry box base using die, and a piece of DSP for the insert, covering just the upper part of the die. Trim piece along score lines to fit inside assembled box.

Stamp pattern of choice in Smoky Slate & Pear Pizzazz on fashion side of box base. Adhere trimmed DSP to inside of box. Prefold box along score lines for ease of assembly. Assemble box by laying strip of Fast Fuse inside back flap, and aligning with front flap so that bottom overlapped edge is a straight line.

Using runner, adhere ribbon in a spot at the center back, on both sides, and right where the ribbon wraps around the front. Tie off as shown. Add an embellishment, also as shown, or use last year's snowflake and some 1/8" Silver Ribbon as an alternate. Bag up 10 kisses in cello bag, close with silver twist tie and curl ends if desired.





### Santa 'Stache Candy Dispenser, tutorial by Brenda Quintana.

Supplies used: Gift Box Punch Board; Cherry Cobbler & Whisper White CS; Trim the Tree DSP; Memento Black & Cherry Cobbler Inks; Cherry Cobbler, Smoky Slate & Neutrals Blendies; Dazzling Diamonds Glitter; Mustache & Chalk Talk Framelits; Sheer 1" Linen Ribbon in Cherry Cobbler; White Baker's Twine.

Make your box base using punch board with an 8" x 8" piece of CS. Punch all 4 corners first. Then line up at "small" for the vertical and horizontal creases, and "large" for the diagonal. Do all 4 sides, and punch out other sides of top flaps.

Choose one side of box to be front, and mark a 1" line across to be the mouth. Mark a 1" tick mark at the perpendicular. (Use  $\frac{3}{4}$ " for the nutcracker.) Use a 1  $\frac{3}{4}$ " scrap circle to trace the corners, joining with the horizontal line. Carefully cut this line. (All this done for you in class.)

Crease all the score lines and assemble box. Reinforce the side flaps with glue just above the "mouth," and then staple to the sides. Staple the remaining two flaps to the back of the box. Go ahead and close the top:

fold in the sides without hooking, then fold down the front and back and hook closed. Glue 3 DSP panels at  $3 \frac{4''}{x} \times 1 \frac{3}{4''}$  to the three stapled sides. Tie ribbon around box as shown, and stamp and punch tag, and tie around ribbon.

Stamp Santa onto White CS, and an extra mustache onto scrap. Color Santa with Blendies as shown, and cut out, snipping strainght through mustache since we're adding the extra. Glitter Santa as shown. The carefully trim off beard to go on bottom of box. Glue pieces around candy slot. Cut out extra mustache with framelit and add marker and glitter, and adhere to additional mustache cut-out for added stability. Then pop-dot this mustache in place, shifting down JUST SLIGHTLY to create an overlap. Fill box with handful of candy and close flap.

#### Nature's Peace Café Bag

Supplies used: Petite Café Gift Bags; Nature's Peace Stamp Set; Early Espresso & Whisper White Ink; 1/8" Silver Ribbon; Tag Framelit from Curvy Keepsakes Framelits; Frosted Sequins Embellishments.

Insert piece of sturdy chip inside bag BEFORE stamping, making sure to get in front of the pleats! Stamp large image in Early Espresso, and sentiment in Whisper White below. Expand and fold bag closed. Stamp dove in Whisper White onto tag shape and tie on with ribbon. Add sequin embellishments as desired with glue dots.



Note: you may want to wait to tie on ribbon til you have filled your bag with treats!



## Burger Box with Bow (bow idea from Susan Wong.)

Supplies used: Hamburger Box Bigz XL & Gift Bow Bigz L dies; Crumb Cake CS; 1" Sheer Linen Ribbon in Cherry Cobbler; Trim the Tree DSP; Basic Metal Buttons; Linen Thread; Christmas Bliss Stamp Set; Garden Green Ink. Cut box base in Crumb Cake with die, and a tag, too. Ignoring the whole "valley fold" proposition, snip box side flaps. (Done for you in class.) Crease each score line sharply with bone folder, and glue corner flaps in place to assemble and close box. Wrap with sheer ribbon, using runner to adhere to itself, so that ribbon will slide off. Slide off and reinforce with a staple. To make bow: cut 8 single bow shapes and curve slightly with bone folder with desired pattern facing out. Thread piece of linen thread onto needle, line up ends and double knot. Bending bow pieces in half, pierce ends with needle & thread, stacking all 8 pieces up. Snip off needle, and thread ends through button, pulling ends snugly to form the bow shape. Arrange bow pieces as desired, and tie off button. Slide band back on box & use 3-D glue

dot to adhere to ribbon band. Stamp sentiment of choice in green on tag and tie around bow with more linen thread.