

Scrapbooks Forever

June Project of the Month

Paper and Vellum Lanterns

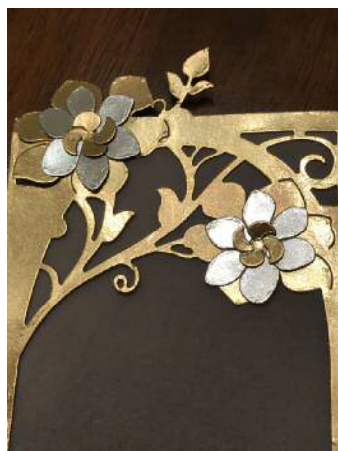
These beautiful paper lanterns are created using sheets of any card stock you would like to use, and, though you can leave them open, they look really beautiful with a sheet of vellum as the background. Imagine using these with an electric tea light or a candle **in a glass jar** as a centerpiece for a table.

The lantern die is by designer David Tutera from Sizzix. You will need your paper and vellum, a die cutting machine, paper trimmer, and some 1/8" or 1/4" Scor-Tape. That's it!



Begin by cutting out the pieces with the die in your machine with your chosen paper. This will give you a lantern side, and two blossom pieces. Do this three (3) more times for a total of four (4) sides and eight (8) blossoms. Next, you will need to add the top petals to the blossom that is part of the lantern side piece. To do this, gently pull the center parts of the flower up enough that you can slide the top petals on using the slit that is cut on one side of the piece. There are two different sizes of blossoms and petals, and you can match them up as you like. In this example, I decided to go with a silver petal on top of the gold base to add a little contrast.

Next, to assemble the lantern, you will place 1/8" Scor-Tape along the inside edge of the back of one lantern side at a time. Then you can lay down the vellum on top of the tape. I trimmed the vellum to about 3 7/8" x 5 1/4". Repeat on the other lantern sides. Then add some Scor-Tape to the long, notched edge of each lantern side. You will want to pre-fold this edge on the



score line left by the die, and you may want to use a bone folder to get the crease sharp.



Now, peel the lining of the Scor-Tape off, one side piece at a time, and secure the non-tape edge of another lantern side. It's easy to line them up one after another, face down, to ensure that they are even across the bottom edge. Finally, folding into its lantern shape, secure the final edge, and it can stand freely. In this first design, I used the silver and gold craft core card stock by Tim Holtz designs in an 8"x8" pack.

A couple other examples here show the effects of using some colored Bassil card stock, some gold vellum, and the look you can get by using embossing folders to add design and texture to your vellum before you tape it to the back of the lantern base.



We hope you have enjoyed this tutorial, and we wish you a very happy beginning to the Summer season. Thank you! See you soon!