Scrapbooks Forever August Project of the Month Harvest Paper Layering Basket

Welcome back to the project page!

This month, we are featuring a few more really fun dies to use for your projects, cards and art pieces. Hero Arts has a new Paper Layering Basket that has lots of nice ways to easily add some layers and dimension.



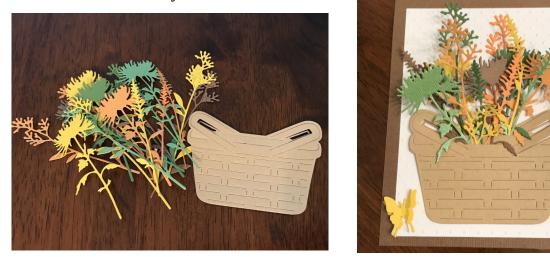
On this sample, we have used the Hero Arts Paper Layering Basket Die, the Cottage Cutz Wildflowers 1 die, a Swiss Dot embossing folder and some plain card stock in various shades. You will need these items plus your die-cutting machine, some glue, or a tape runner or Scor-Tape, and you can even use some Stick-It for the bottom layer of flowers. However, unless you aren't going to poke your flower stems into the slits in the basket, you won't want to use Stick-it or an all-over layer of glue or tape on your basket, and you will soon see why.



First, you will want to simply cut out your dies using the die cuts, your chosen card stock colors and your die cutting machine. Once you have the number of dies you want, you are ready to assemble your basket. You can use as few or as many flowers as you want to suit your project and the amount of bulk or dimension you want.

You will notice that the Paper Layering Basket has a few areas in the center of the top that act as an opening for your basket. In order to keep these spaces clear of sticky tape, we chose to add our tape to the bottom and sides of the back of the basket only before placing it on the background. This makes it easy to push the stems of your flowers or other items in.

We chose to add a few flowers by poking the stems in through these. They are easy to secure to the base of your background with a little glue, and as you layer the stems in those slits, you may find that the flowers will stay in place on their own. This adds a beautiful, full look to your harvest basket.



Here, we have a background measuring $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ " using plain card stock, topped by a second layer measuring $3\frac{3}{4}$ " x 5" that went through the Big Shot machine using a Swiss Dot pattern embossing folder. Finally, the basket was secured by using a tape runner on the back of the bottom and sides of the basket ONLY.

Finally, here is another sample of what you could do with this basket, featuring some dies and colors that put one more in the mind of Christmas and Winter, which is just around the corner. We use the Sizzix Thinlits Holiday Greens, Mini set from Tim Holtz Alterations designs, and the bit of color and sparkle added to the holly leaves and winter berries are some sweet new adhesive pearls and gems in the 3mm size.

Thanks again for visiting the Project of the Month! And Happy Crafting!

