

Scrapbooks Forever September Project of the Month

Chalkboard Easel Card by Lori Whitlock for Sizzix

Welcome Back to the Project of the Month at Scrapbooks Forever in Branson! We hope you are having a nice beginning to your autumn, the season of family gatherings, craft fairs and back-to-school bustle.



This month we are featuring the Sizzix Thinlits die designed by Lori Whitlock that creates a fun card shaped like an easel that can be used for messages, displaying a photograph or even for home décor. The paper collection featured in our sample project is the Heart of Home line designed by Jen Hadfield from American Crafts.

You will need your die, die cutting machine, your choice of card stock, some glue or a tape runner or Scor-tape, some 3D foam squares (if you want to mount something with additional dimension), and some twine, ribbon or other embellishments.

This die set contains a number of dies in addition to those that make the easel frame and center square for your message. There are banners and pennants, and apple, floral circles and shapes, a balloon with string, butterfly, a leaf, and the phrase “So Sweet.” We just used a few here that complimented the paper designs.



First, simply cut your chosen card stock using your dies and machine, and cut any extra pieces you may want to use from your papers; the phrases used here came from sheets in the Heart of Home collection. Now prepare for easy assembly using your choice of adhesive.

Tape or glue the square centers to one or both sides of your easel. Both sides were used here to illustrate a couple different design ideas. Next, adhere the top of one scored edge of your easel panel to the bottom of the other easel panel along that same top, scored edge. This will create the easel shape to your card and allow it to be free standing.



Now, in whatever order is easiest for you, add your additional accents, messages, photo, or banner to the front (or front and back) of your card. On one side here, you can see one of the foil accent papers in the collection we used, and on the other side there is a chalkboard or message board look paper also from Heart of Home.

We used a little twine to string the banner together and used some pop dots underneath the pennant pieces, flowers, apple, and one of the messages. The floral messages on the easel were made into accents by tearing each by hand around the design and using a little Distress ink along the edges to color and age it a bit. And on one side, the message “So Sweet” was cut from white card stock backed by Stick-It.



Thanks so much for joining us again for this month's share. Keep having the best fun with your crafting. We look forward to seeing you soon!