

Scrapbooks Forever November Project of the Month

Easy Christmas Tree Garland made with Lawn Fawn Tag Dies

Welcome back! It's November, and that means fun and family and feasts and a frenzy of activity. That also means we have only a few minutes between all our other bustle for anything crafty. So, I thought, why not use one of my favorite little tools as a project to add some paper-craft style to a holiday necessity, and it's easy enough to do with kids!

Lawn Fawn company made some small stitched tag dies last year to use for gifts, and their Fall and Winter releases have a couple new options.

All you need is a set of dies like Lawn Fawn's Winter Tiny Tags, some card stock in your favorite Christmas print or solid colors, and your die-cutting machine. You will also need some matching twine or string or floss (here, baker's twine), a needle with a large enough eye, and some paper straws [or your own good idea :)], a two-way glue pen and some glitter or other sparkling embellishment.

First, choose your coordinating papers and cut as many tags as you want for your garland. When using a double-sided card stock, you have double the options a variety of matching prints.

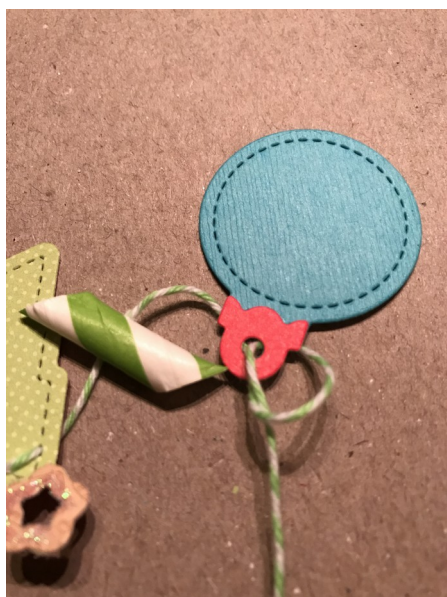


With these tags, there are some tiny stars and ornament tops. You can use a glue pen to affix to the tags in fun, color contrasting ways. Adding a little bit of sparkle is a nice way to finish the tags off in an easy way, and here we used a two-way glue pen and some sparkling ice glitter.



Next, use a pair of scissors to snip some colorful straws diagonally in about one inch segments. Then you can intersperse them between the tags every other one or at intervals to your liking.

Last, to finish the garland, you can poke the twine through the holes in the top of the tag and through the holes in the center of the straw, which would be easiest and safest for young children. Or, alternatively, you can thread your twine through a needle, and poke the needle through the paper straw itself, as seen below. To secure each tag, just tie a little knot after you loop the twine through, and alternate tags and straws one by one.





That's all there is to it! It's simple to make your own adorable garland with die-cut tiny tags, and it can be for a tiny Christmas tree or as long as you would want for a bit tree.

In this project, we used solid colored card stock to coordinate with Doodlebug Milk and Cookies Christmas papers from a 6"x6" pad or some 12"x12" single sheets.

Wishing you a fabulous November, Thanksgiving and start to your Christmas and holiday decorating season! Thanks for visiting, and we will see you again soon!