

Perfect Blend Center Step Card Tutorial

As the card says, "Coffee & friends are the perfect blend".

Supplies Used:

Stamp Set(s), Ink and Coloring Accessories:

Perfect Blend by Stampin' Up
Soft Suede Stamp Pad by Stampin' Up
Staz-On Black Ink

Card Stock:

(8 1/2" x 11" unless otherwise specified)
Island Indigo, Soft Suede & Very Vanilla by Stampin' Up

Patterned Paper:

Venetian Romance DSP

Other Paper Products:

Very Vanilla Medium Envelope

Other Coloring Tools and Accessories:

Stamping Sponge

Dies, Embossing Folders & Punches:

Big Shot and standard cutting plates
Square Lattice Embossing Folder
Small Heart Punch
Large Oval Punch
Scallop Oval Punch

Ribbon & Embellishments:

Linen Thread

Other Accessories:

Stampin' Trimmer by Fiskars
Snail Adhesive
Stampin' Dimensionals
Mini Glue Dots
Paper Snips
Paper Piercing Tool and Stampin' Pierce Mat





Assembly Instructions:

1. Cut the Soft Suede card base to 4 ¼" x 11", then follow the instructions provided in the Center Step-Vertical tutorial. Also cut 2 ¾" x ¾" squares for front corner mats. From scrap, punch two hearts using the Small Heart Punch.
2. Cut the Island Indigo to 2 1/8" x 5 3/8" and attach to the center front panel, cut two 7/8" x 4 3/8" pieces and attach to the side front panels then cut two 7/8" x 7/8" squares for the bottom sides. From scrap, also punch the Scallop Oval and set aside.
3. Cut the Venetian Romance DSP to 3/4" x 4 ¼" and attach to side Island Indigo panels.
4. Attach the Island Indigo squares to the Soft Suede squares and attach to the bottom corners.
5. Sponge the edges of the pre-printed, with coffee rings. (*Refer to the notes below regarding these pre-printed pieces.) Very Vanilla card stock and attach to the Island Indigo center panel. Also sponge the edges of the interior panel* and set aside.
6. With Staz-On Black Ink, stamp the Perfect Blend coffee cup twice each on Soft Suede, cutting out the entire cup, the Very Vanilla cutting only the lid and the Island Indigo cutting only the holder.
7. Sponge the lids lightly with Soft Suede just to tone it down a bit. Also stamp the "Coffee & Friends" greeting, sponge the edges with Soft Suede and set aside. Attach the lid to the cup with dimensionals.
8. Emboss the Island Indigo cup holders with the Square Lattice embossing folder.
9. Retrieve the two Small Hearts and make two holes in the center of each about ¼" apart using the Paper Piercing Tool and Mat. **You can also just make a small bow and attach with the Glue Dot.
10. Using the Linen Thread, wrap each cup holder making sure the ends are in the front. Thread the ends through the holes in the heart and tie a small bow, cutting off any excess.** Refer to the picture for placement. Secure the hearts to the holder with a glue dot.
11. Attach holders to each cup with dimensionals.
12. Attach the left cup to the center panel with Snail. Attach the right cup to the center panel with double dimensionals. Refer to the picture for placement.
13. Attach the interior panel.

*The pre-printed pieces need to be converted from their .pdf format to a .png and the background must be erased. If you don't remove the background, when you print on very vanilla, it will print white. If you have a photo editing program, this is easy. If not, e-mail me and I can send you the .png file. Or you can simply use white and do a little extra sponging.

Want to take this card up a notch? Try one of these ideas:

- Turn this card into a scented greeting by placing 1" double sick tape to a piece of Soft Suede. Remove the protective covering and cover with ground coffee. Cover with a piece of scrap paper and push the coffee down into the paper. Use a brayer if necessary. Fill in any areas lacking full coverage.
- On the center panel, complement the coffee marks by pierced circles using the Essentials Paper-Piercing Pack
- Or just add a little bling by adding rhinestones to the hearts.

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