I Love Shoes - Tote Bag Gift Box Tutorial (Pink Pattern shown)

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This handbag gift box mini kit, matches my 'I Love Shoes' 3d model shoe kit collection. It extremely quick and easy to make and is a good size perfect for a set of beaded jewellery. I hope you like your finished project but more importantly, I hope your recipients/customers are even more delighted!

Finished Sizes:

The finished sizes shown are if you print the sheets at actual size. If you print to fit to the media you are printing on to, then the finished sizes will be slightly larger – please see at the end of the tutorial if your finished measurements are coming out larger than the designer has indicated.

Tote Bag Height 6 1/2 inch (16.7 cm) Top Width 5 5/8 inch (14 cm) Bottom Width 5 inch (12.8)

Gift Tag Height 2 5/8 inch (6.7 cm) Width 1 3/4 inch (4.2 cm)

Flower Width 2 3/4 inch (7 cm)

Materials Required:

2 sheets A4/Letter Size 250gsm to 270gsm Cardstock or 250gsm Photo Paper. For best results and a vibrantly coloured Tote Bag, please use photo paper.

Photo Glue or Wet Glue (I've found that a PVA glue doesn't give the best finished result)

PVA Quick Grab Glue (for 3d Rose)

3d Glue Gel or Silicon Glue
Double-sided tape (For best results, use the extra sticky double-sided tape, it usually has a red or a brown tape carrier)

Flower Stamens (optional) and thin craft wire to group stamens in half prior to gluing in to the centre of the rose

Double Sided Satin Ribbon for the Gift Tag – 1/4 inch (3mm) wide 14 inch (35.5 cm) long

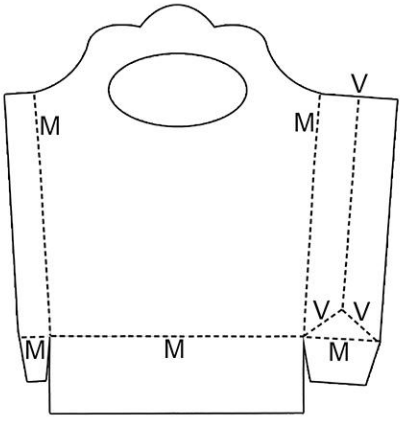
I Love Shoes - Tote Bag Gift Box – Pink Pattern, is the design shown in this tutorial

Print and Cut

Print and Cut out the Tote Bag pieces, there are 2 sheets in the mini kit. Punch out the holes in the two Tag pieces (D) (See photo 1, left)

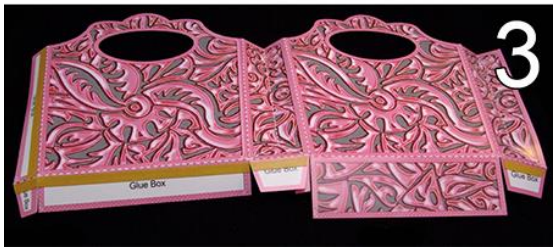
Score and Fold

Print and Cut out the Tote Bag pieces, there are 2 sheets in the mini kit. (See photo 2, left and diagram below left, which indicate which fold lines are Mountain (M) folds and which are Valley (V) folds



Score and fold along the dotted lines on both the front and the back Tote Bag pieces. I tend to find it easier to fold them all as Mountain Folds first as you can see all the dotted lines that way, and then just fold the Valley (V) folds, back the other way

Apply strong double sided tape to the Glue Boxes on the Tote Bag Front (A) and the Tote Bag Back (B)



Assemble the Tote Bag

Partly remove both ends of the tape carrier from the double sided tape you applied to the side glue box section in the last step, on the Tote Bag Front (A), and bend the tape carrier towards the front patterned section of the Tote Bag, as shown in photo 1 left)

I just remove a little of the tape carrier initially, because in the next step, if you don't get the piece you are going to apply, lined up properly first time around, providing you haven't pressed it down firmly on top of the double sided tape, it will allow you to take the piece off, and you are able to have another go at getting it right! If you are using a double sided tape that doesn't have a tape carrier then I'm afraid you will have to get it lined up properly, first time around to get a good finish!

Press down on to the exposed pieces of double sided tape at each end, when you are happy with the placement, as shown in photo 2 on the left. Then pull on one of the carrier ends to remove the rest of the tape carrier

Hopefully, you should now be at the stage, shown in photo 3 left, and can now continue on to the next step.

Turn over your Tote Bag project so that the wrong side is facing towards you. Remove the tape carrier from the small tab at the bottom of the side seam on the Tote Bag Front (A) (see photo 1)

Press down to attach the small tab to the larger tab underneath. You can just about see that the small tab is now attached to the larger tab in photo 2, left.

Partly remove one end of the tape carrier from double sided tape on middle tab (as shown in photo 3) on the Tote Bag Back (B), and bend the tape carrier towards the side patterned section of the Tote Bag back, as shown in photo 3 left

Attach the patterned bottom section on to the exposed tape as shown in Photo 4, and press together when you are happy with the placement and remove the rest of the tape carrier (that is, if you are using a double sided tape with a carrier, of course!)

Partly remove one end of the tape carrier from double sided tape on the other bottom tab at the side (as shown in photo 1) on the Tote Bag Front (A), and bend the tape carrier towards the side patterned section of the Tote Bag front, as shown in photo 1 left.

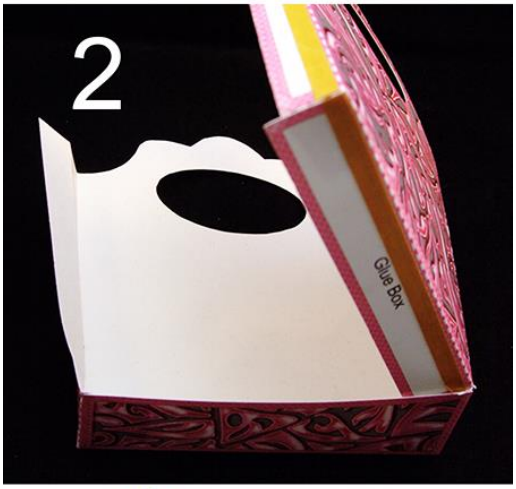
As before, attach the patterned bottom section on to the exposed tape as shown in photo 2.

When you are happy with the placement press together and remove the rest of the tape carrier.

So your Tote Bag should now be at the stage as shown in photo 3 left

Continue on to the next step, not much left to do now to fully assemble your Tote Bag!

Turn your project over (see photo 1, left)



….until it's on the front part already assembled, slightly tucking in the bottom tab (as shown in photo, 2 left)

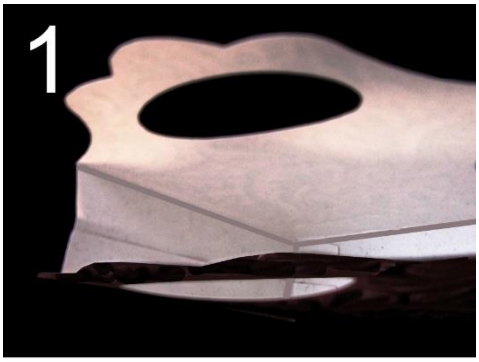
Partly remove both ends of the tape carrier from the double sided tape you applied to the bottom glue box section, on the Tote Bag Back (B), and bend the tape carrier towards the back patterned section of the Tote Bag, as shown in photo 3 left)

Place the bottom tab section fully into the inside of the Tote Bag and press down at each end when you are happy with the placement, as shown in photo 4 on the left, and then pull on one of the carrier ends to remove the rest of the tape carrier.

Partly remove both ends of the tape carrier from the double sided tape you applied to the side glue box section, on the Tote Bag Back (B), and bend the tape carrier towards the back patterned section of the Tote Bag, as shown in photo 1 left)

Place your hand into the inside of the Tote Bag and press the side of the bag on to the exposed pieces of double sided tape. As shown in photo 2 left

Pull on one of the carrier ends to remove the rest of the tape carrier and press down well as shown in photo, 3

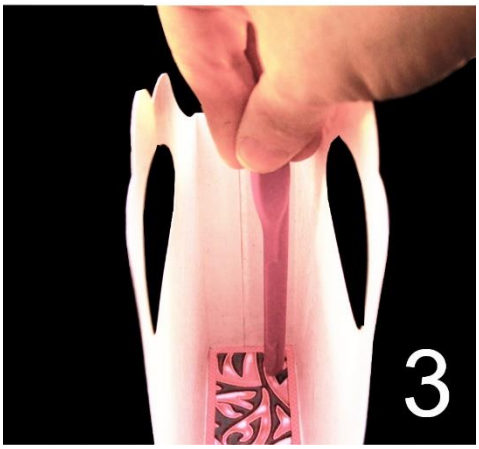


Place Inside Bottom Panel (E) into the Tote Bag

Now to neaten the inside bottom of the Tote Bag…

Add wet glue to the inside bottom of the Tote Bag.

Place the Inside Bottom Panel (E) into the bottom of the bag. If you have used wet glue slide, until it is in the correct position (see photo 2 left)



Tap down the Inside Bottom Panel (E) with a suitable tool as shown in photo 3 left (I've used my scoring tool)

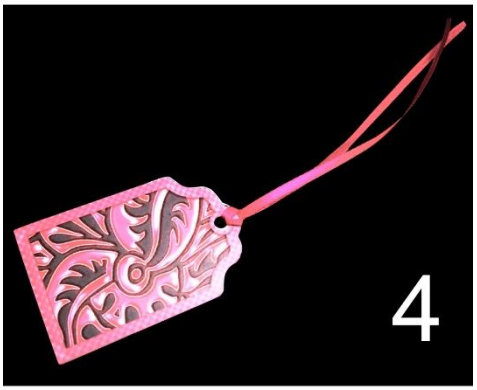
Assemble the Gift Tag (D)

Place the two Gift Tag (D) pieces wrong sides together as shown in photo 1, left.

You will need a length of Double Sided Satin Ribbon for the Gift Tag – 1/4 inch (3mm) wide 12 inch (30.5 cm) long

Fold the ribbon in half and thread the folded end through the punched holes on both Gift Tag (D) pieces as shown in photo 2, left.

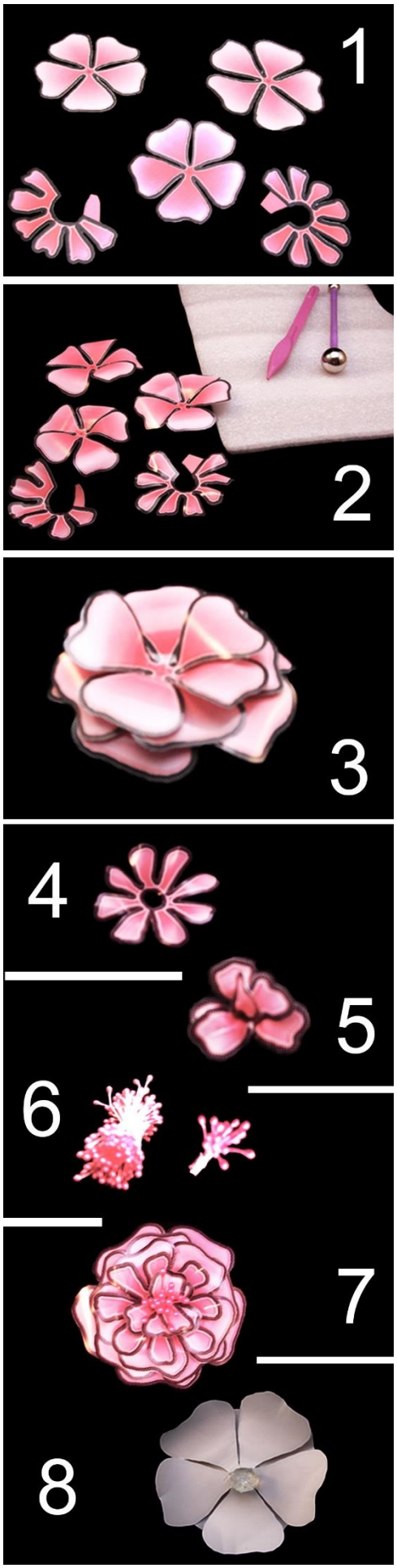
Thread the loose ends of the ribbon through the loop of ribbon as shown in photo 3, left.



Pull the ribbon ends fully through the loop and tighten, as shown in photo 4, left

Tie the Gift Tag ribbon around the top part of the Tote Bag handle and tie a bow, as shown in photo 4, left.

Obviously you will need to untie the ribbon when you are ready to place your gift in the Tote Bag, and re-tie the bow to close!



Assemble the Flower layers

There are 5 layers to the flower labeled Layers 1 to 5, see photo 1 left.

To make the flower you will need a piece of foam, a large ball embossing tool (the one you can see in photo 2 on the left, is an embossing tool that's normally used for making flowers in cake decorating), and a scoring tool which I use like a bone folder to curl the petals. Placing the flower layers 1, 2, 3 4 and 5 on to the foam, I use my embossing tool first, by placing it into the centre of each layer, which breaks down the fibres in the photo paper or cardstock. I then curve each of the petals on each layer with my scoring tool (or bone folder), making sure to support the petal at the base (i.e. centre of the layer) so that the petals don't rip off as I'm curling them. I then place the layers back on to the foam and press my embossing tool in the centre of the layer again. (See photo 2)

Place a blob of PVA fast grab glue into the centre of layer 1 (this is the biggest of the layers), and then place layer 2 on top of layer one, alternating the petals as shown in photo 3 left. Apply some PVA glue to the centre of layer 2 and place layer 3 on top, again alternating the petals as shown in photo 3 on the left.

Apply the glue to the tab of layer 4 and fasten it to the other side of the layer, making a circle of petals as shown in photo 4 on the left. For layer 5 you will need to add glue to the 3rd petal and wind it tightly add some glue to the tab and wind the rest of the petals around and secure with the tab. You should then have the centre of the flower looking something like photo 5 on the left. I use glue gel to attach layer 4, on top of the layers already assembled. Cut a little off the bottom, of layer 5, and place glue gel into the centre of the flower and apply.

It's your choice whether you want to add flower stamens, it will look just as nice without! Take a few of the stamens fold them in half and wind around some craft wire close to the stamen heads, as you will need to cut quite a lot of the 'stalks' off as shown in photo 6 left. Apply glue gel to the stamen stalks and place into the centre of the flower as shown in photo 7. When the flower is completely dry, pinch a few of the petals to give it dimension and a little movement.

Apply a blob of glue gel to the back of the flower, (see photo 8), and apply to the front of the Tote Bag, as shown in the Final Views photo below. That's it all finished!

Please take a look in my store, or go further down the tutorial to see other designs that are available in my 'I Love Shoes - Tote Bag' collection. You might also want to take a look at my I Love Shoes' 3d Shoe keepsakes, which are available in every design, to match my 'I Love Shoes - Tote Bags' collection, perfectly!

Final Views

Please also see my matching range of 'I Love Shoes' collection

Please also see below for designs in my 'I Love Shoes Collection'

which match each of the 'I Love Shoes – Tote Bags' available from **CraftsUPrint**
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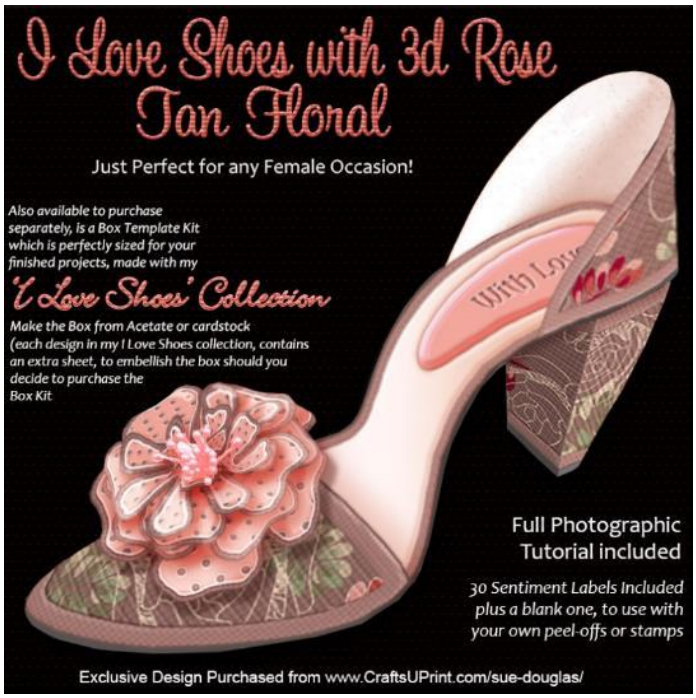

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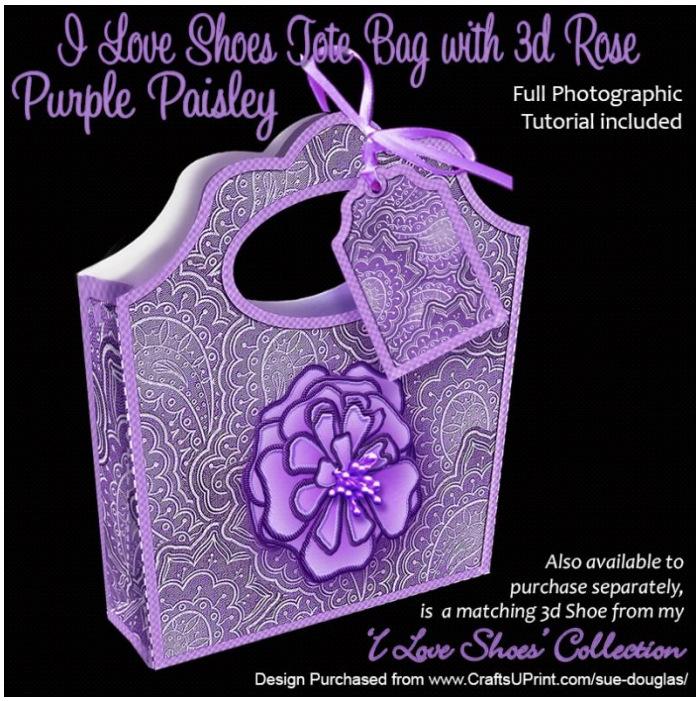

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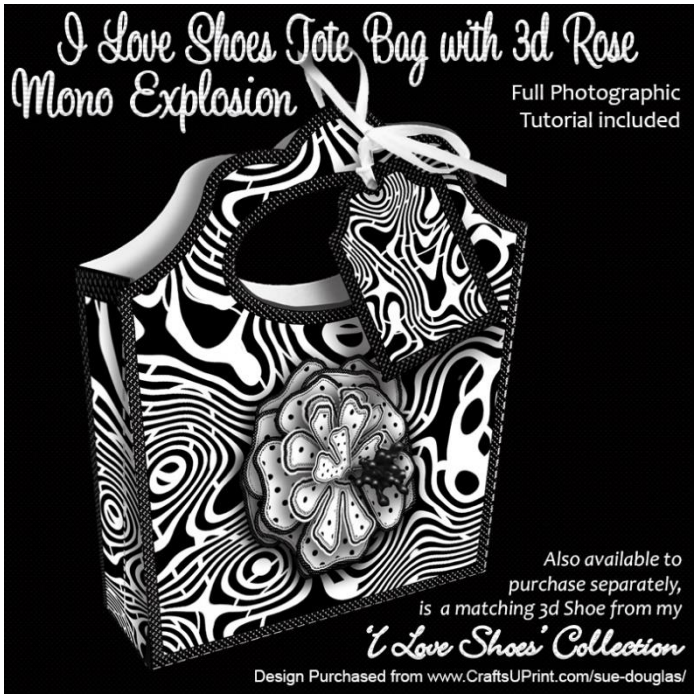

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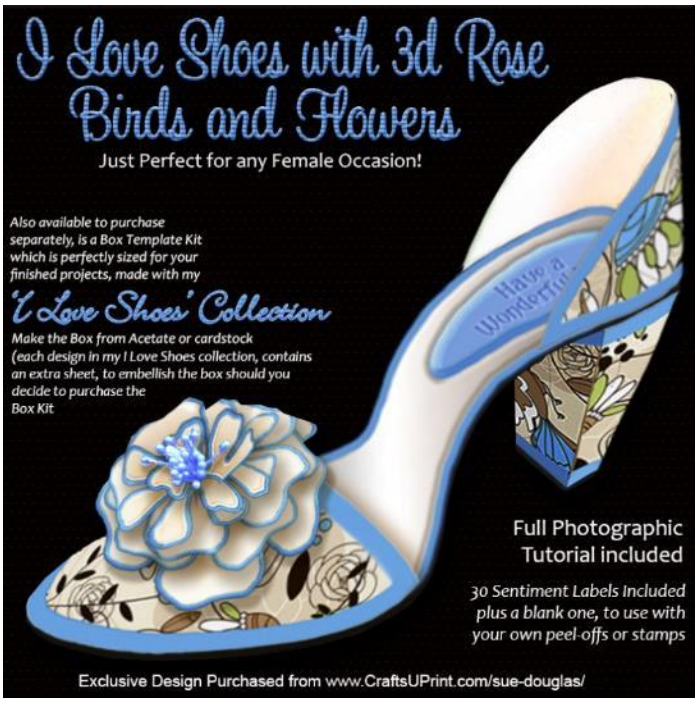

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I Love Shoes Box Template

Box Embellishments shown are from the Pink Pattern Shoe from my 'I Love Shoes' Kit Collection and the Box embellishments are included within each of the 3d Shoe Kits

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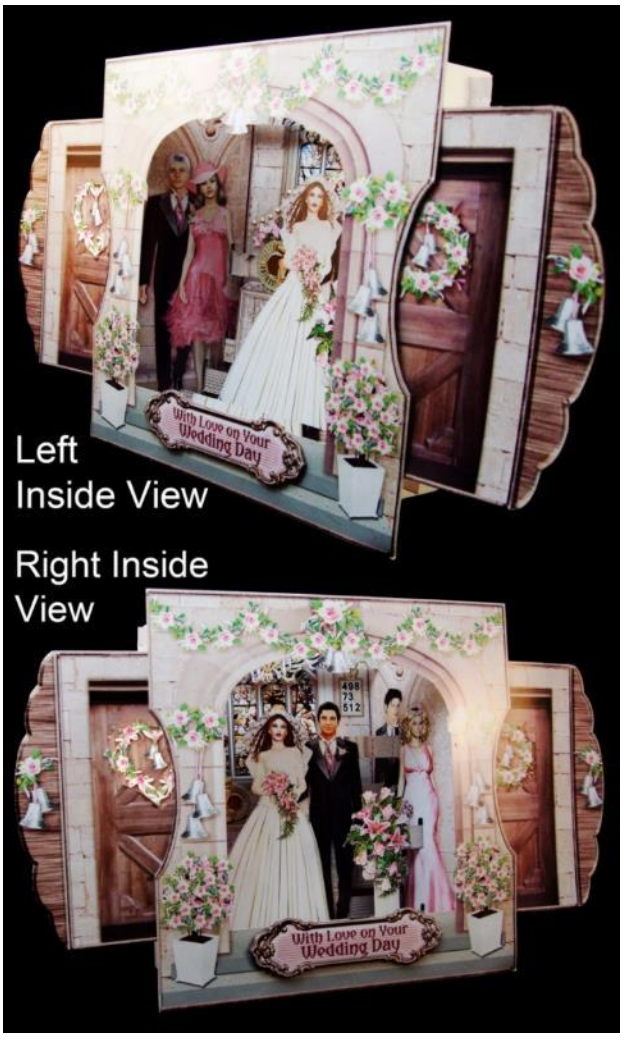

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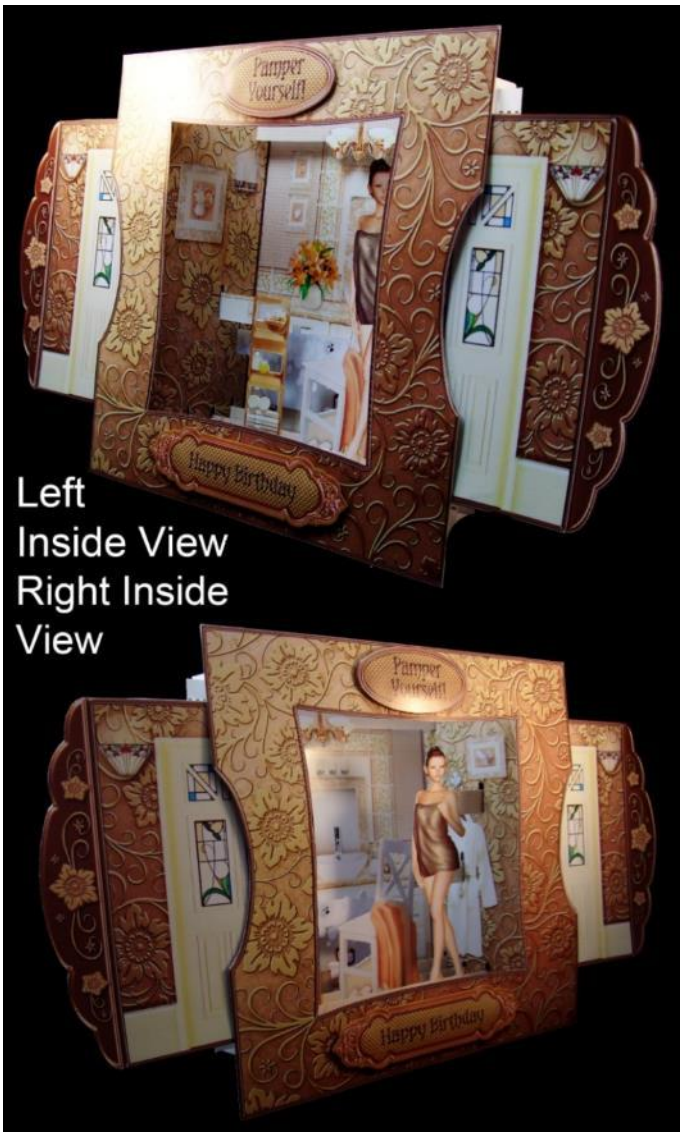

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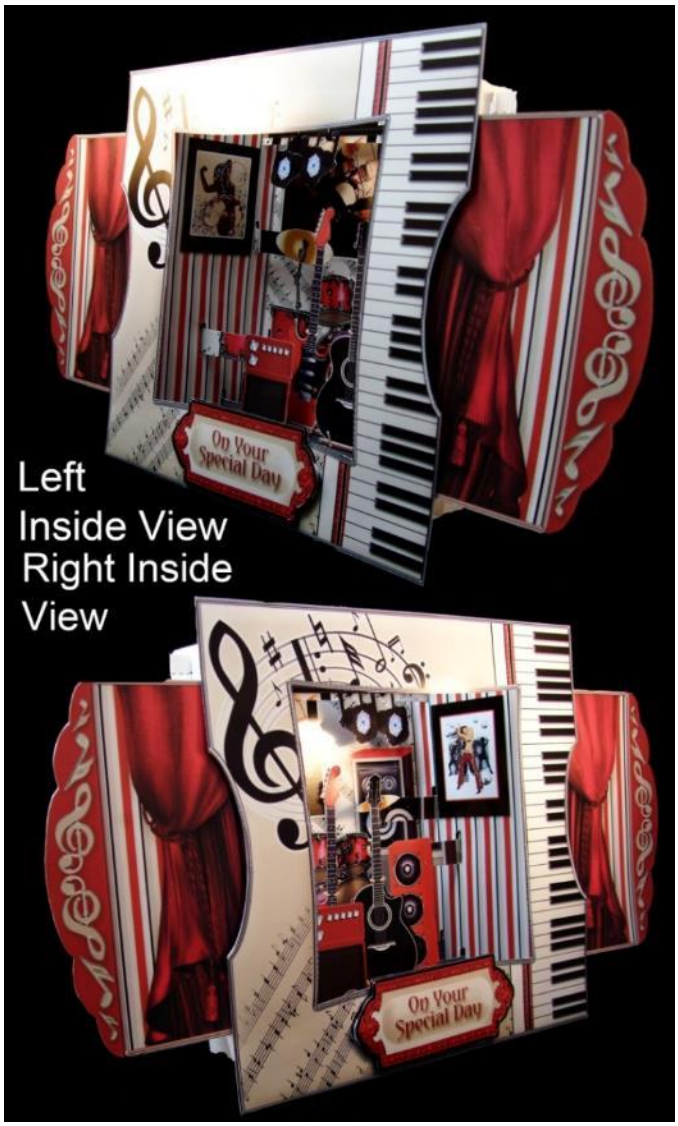

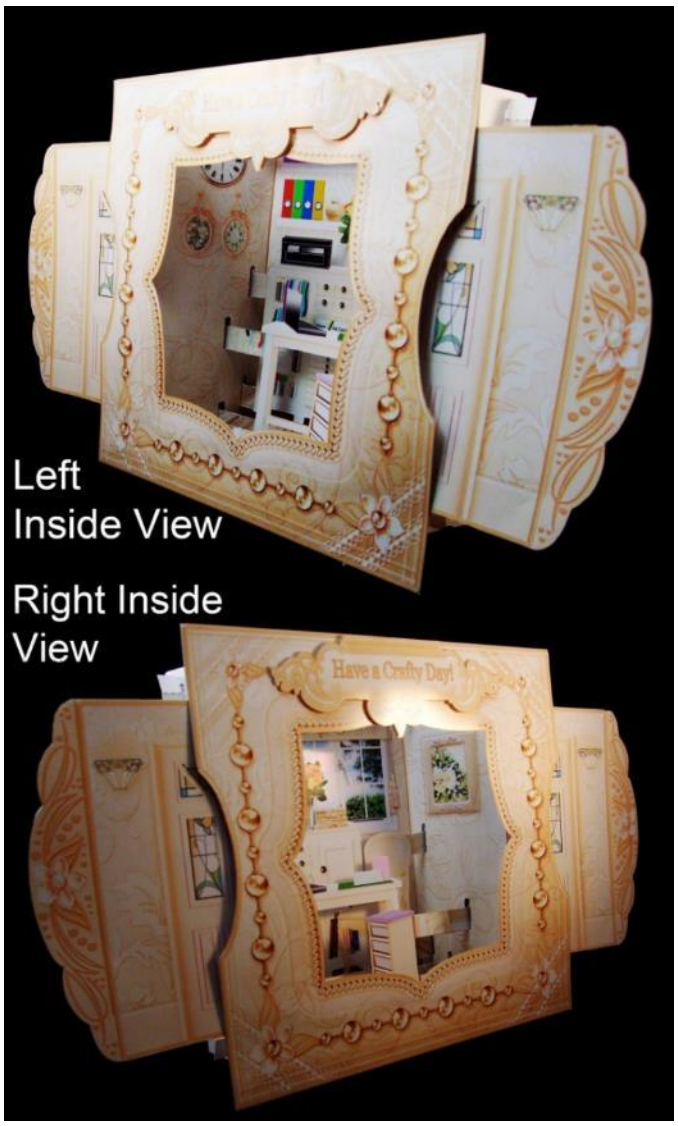

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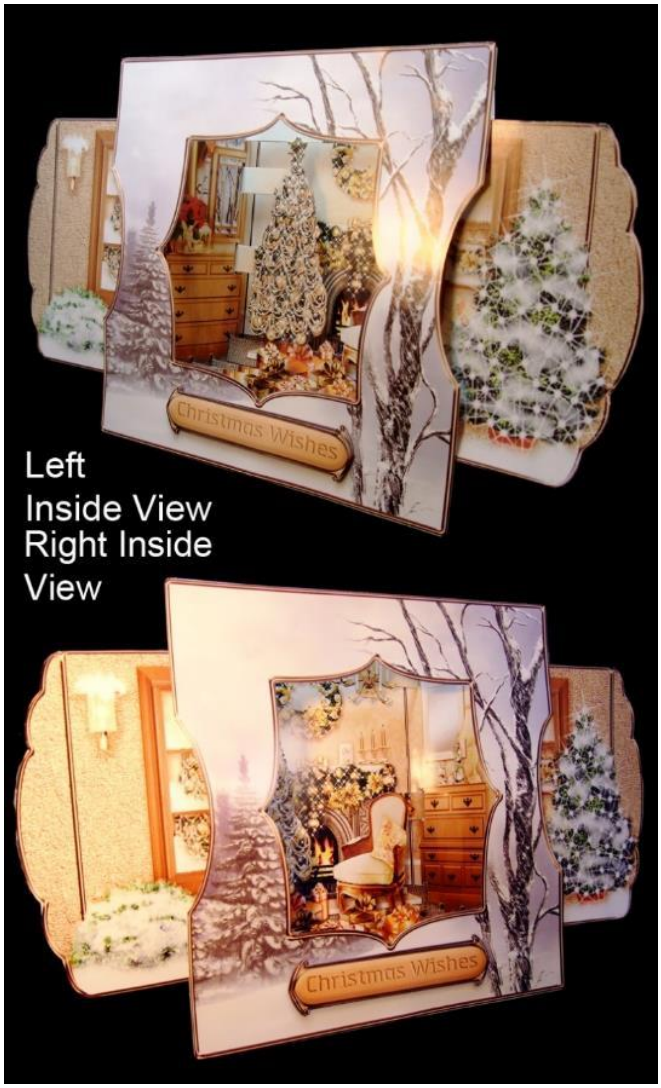

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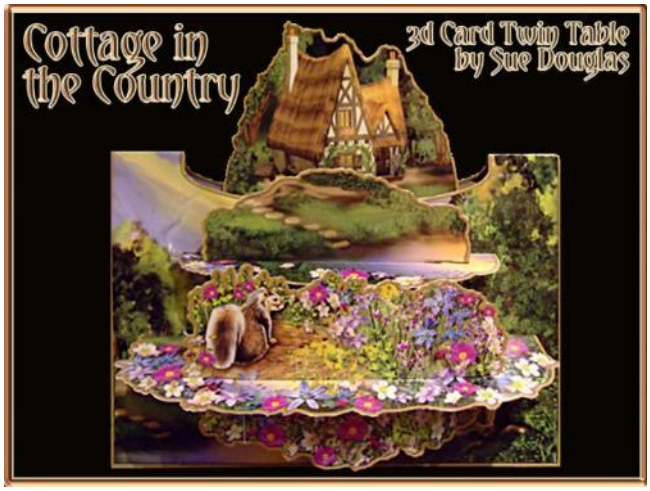

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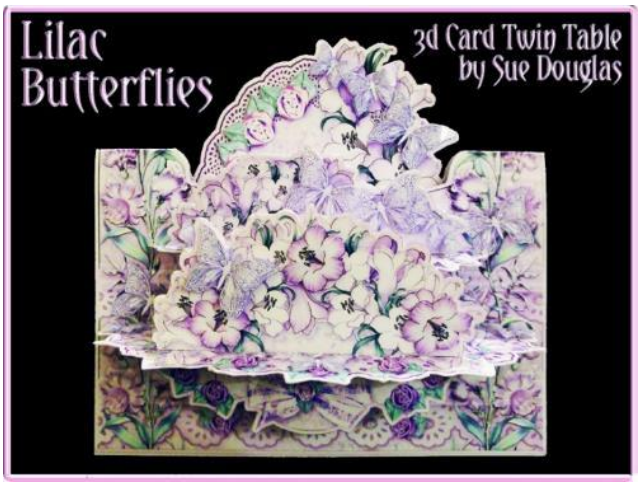

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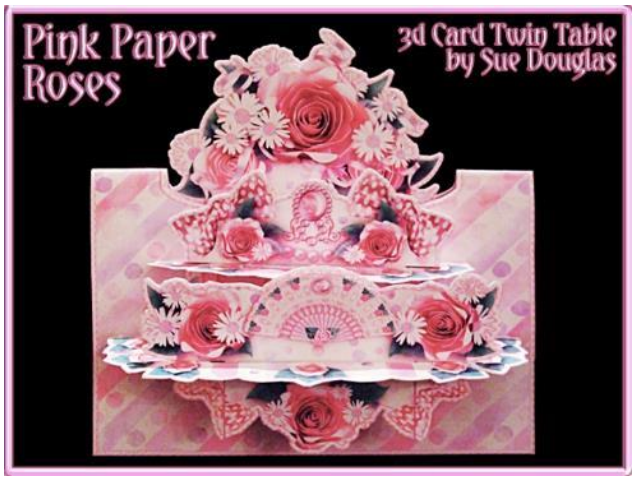

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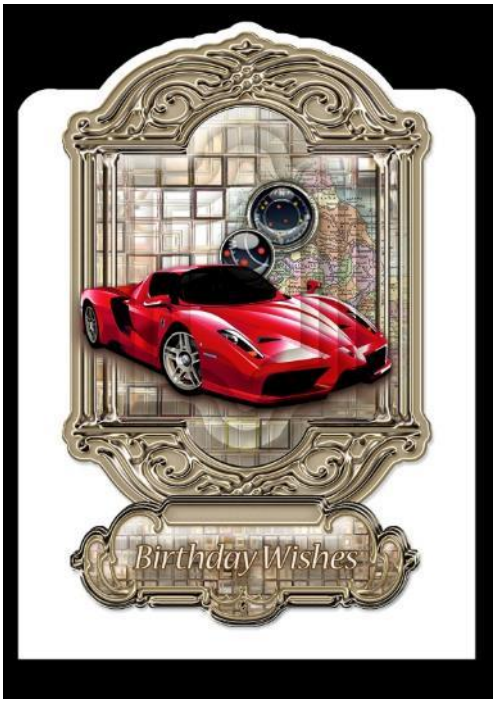

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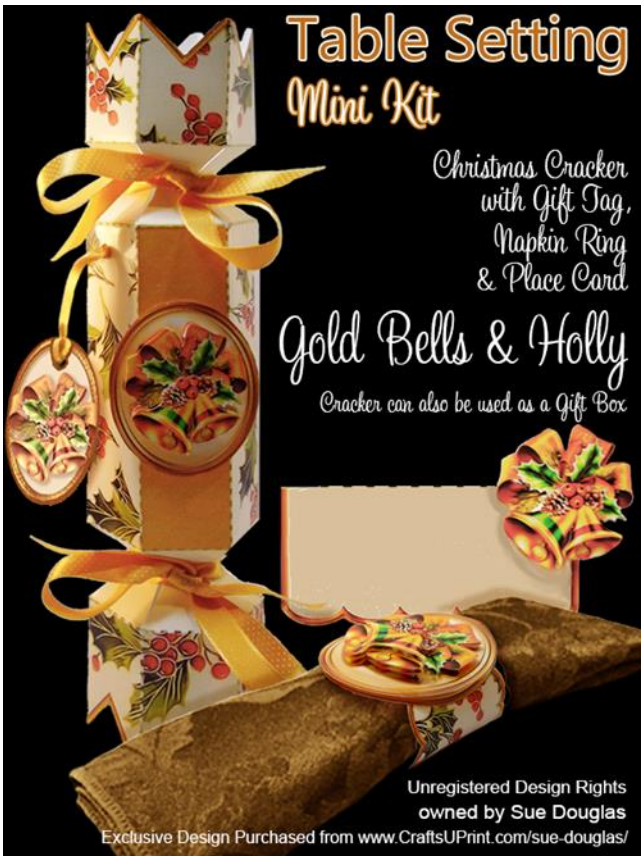

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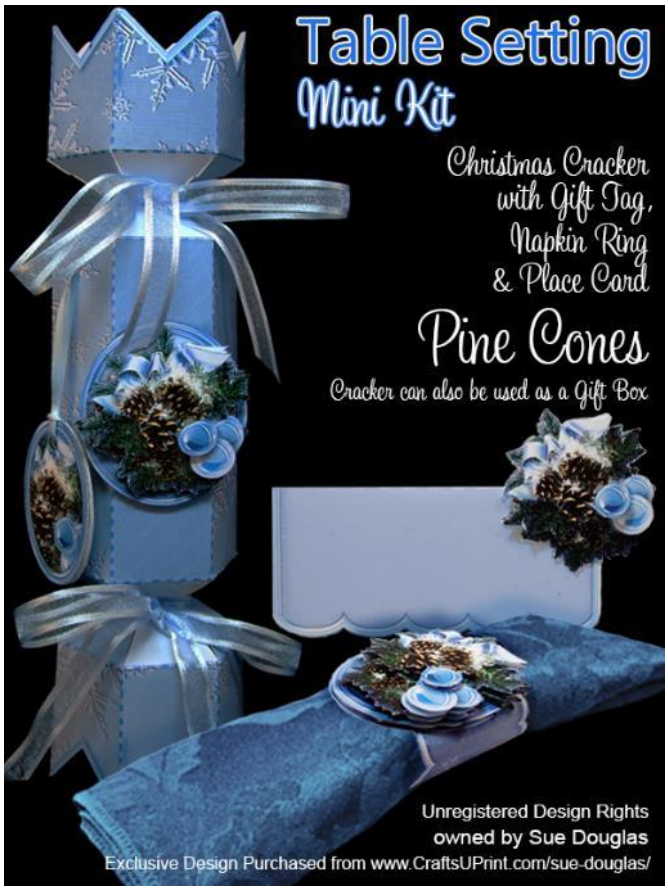

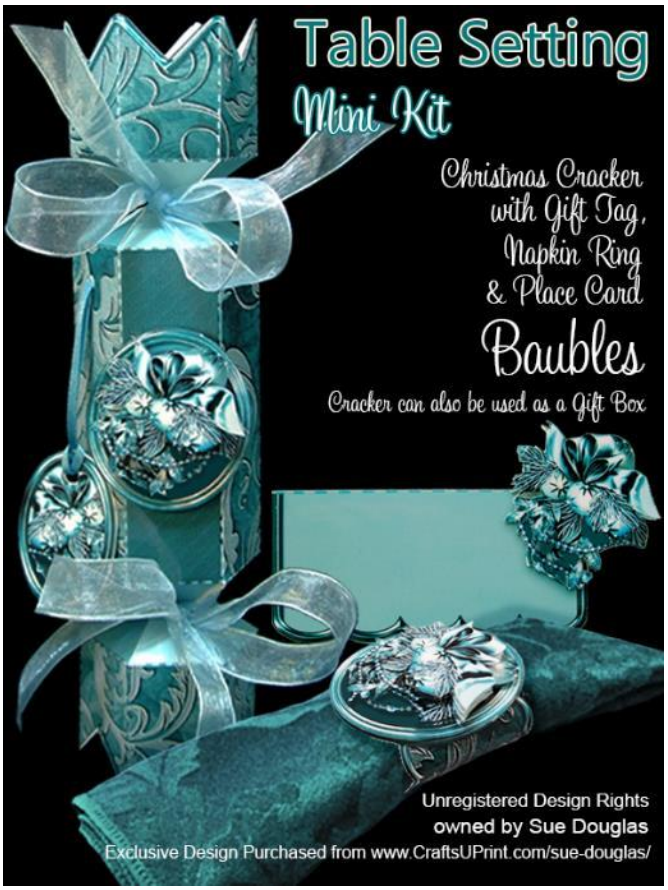

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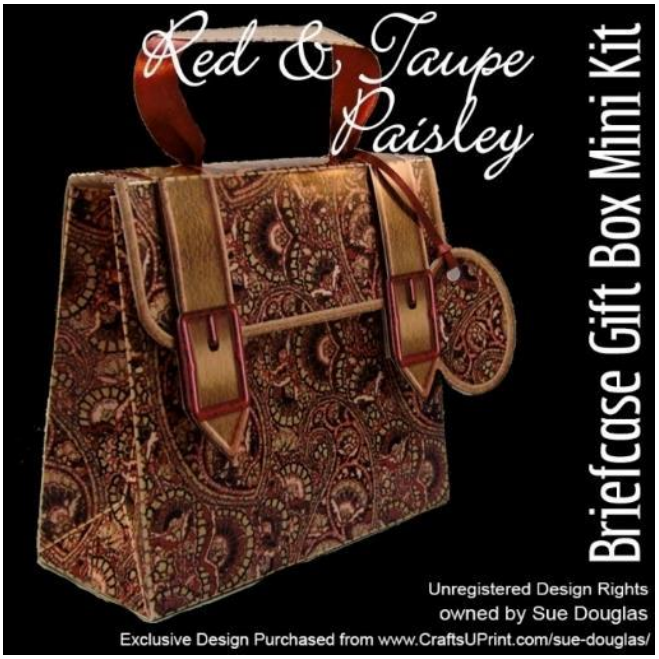

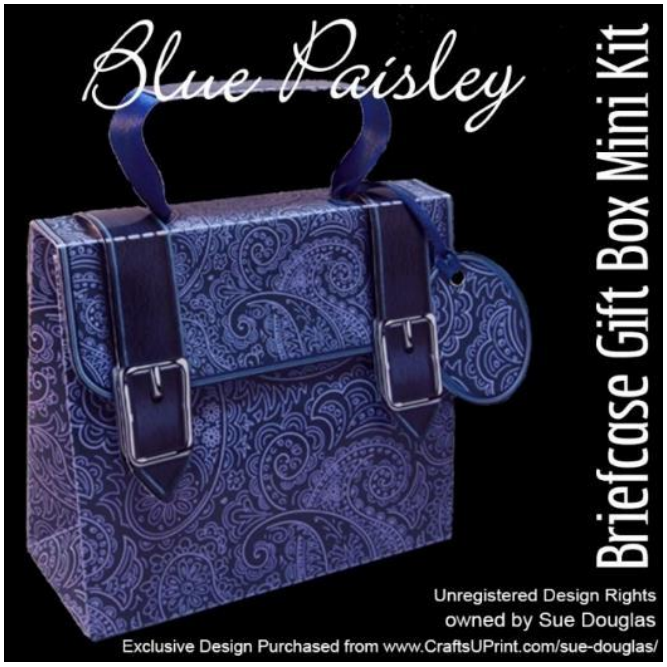

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Gift Card Money Envelope Kits with 3 choices of Decoupage

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Printer options to use, so that CraftsUprint sheets/kits are printed at Actual Size

Please note that the finished measurements of the project and card blanks that are stated in my tutorials, rely on you printing the sheets at 'Actual Size' and NOT to 'Fit to media' (i.e. not to the size of the cardstock you are printing on). The printable area on Craftsuprint sheets are less than A4, this is to allow for a border all around the sheet, so that ALL printers will be able to print out the sheets, on to the recommended size of cardstock, whether they have a 'borderless' option, or not on their printer. This also caters for our US customers who print on to Letter Size cardstock, instead of A4. So because of this, if you choose the 'Fit to Media' option when you print out your sheets, you will end up, with a finished project that is larger, than the dimensions I have stated, in my tutorials. In some cases this is not an issue, but if I'm asking you to use an 8in x 8in card blank, you may find that the card front, is actually too big for an 8in x 8in card blank! So the way around this, is always to choose the 'Actual Size' option (or the equivalent), when you send the sheets to your own printer. It's not necessary to change the settings on your physical Printer, it's just the options that you can set, in Printer Properties, when you send the sheets to your printer to print. If you normally click on a fast print icon, you will have to go into printer properties instead, but you only need to do this once, and providing the properties haven't been changed to something else, you can then just click on the fast print icon without going into properties, from then on. (I always go to Printer Properties myself so that I can check the settings are correct before printing). This will also be fine for any other printing you want to do, because in most cases if the printable area is the same as the size of the media (which is the norm), there in that case there's no difference between the 'Actual Size' and 'Fit to Media' options. So unless you specifically want to print a sheet bigger, than the printable area, than the media you are using (such as CraftsUPrint sheets for example), then the setting of 'Actual Size' will be fine for any other printing, you do on your home printer. So if you want the finished project to have the correct measurements, please choose 'Actual Size' or you may be disappointed, that the card front is too big, to fit on to the card blank sizes I recommend, and the finished project will be bigger, than I, the designer, intended!

Below are three screenshots, of what I see, when I send a print to my own printer (using printer properties). All printer software interfaces look a little different in this respect, depending on your make and model of printer, but you will have a term that has a meaning equivalent to 'Actual Size', and you will have a term that has a meaning equivalent to 'Fit to Media' (i.e. fit to the size of cardstock I'm printing on)

On my printer, it uses the term 'Fit to A4' which is the equivalent term for 'Fit to Media' and for the 'Actual Size' option, and my printer uses a term called 'Scale' which has a percentage box which I set at 100% Your printer may name the terms it uses, differently to mine, but whatever they are called, on your printer, there will be settings that will have the meaning of 'Actual Size' and 'Fit to Media'

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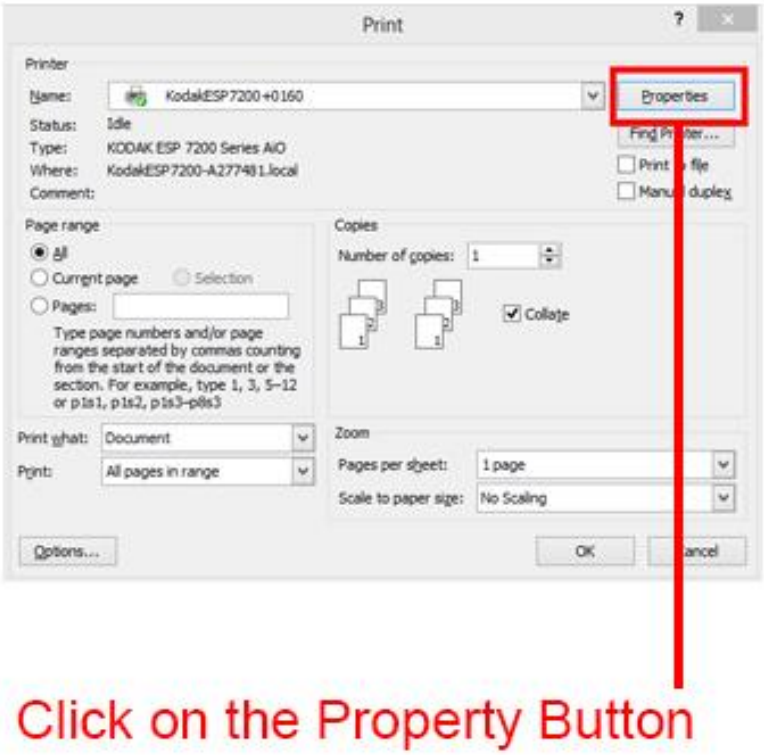

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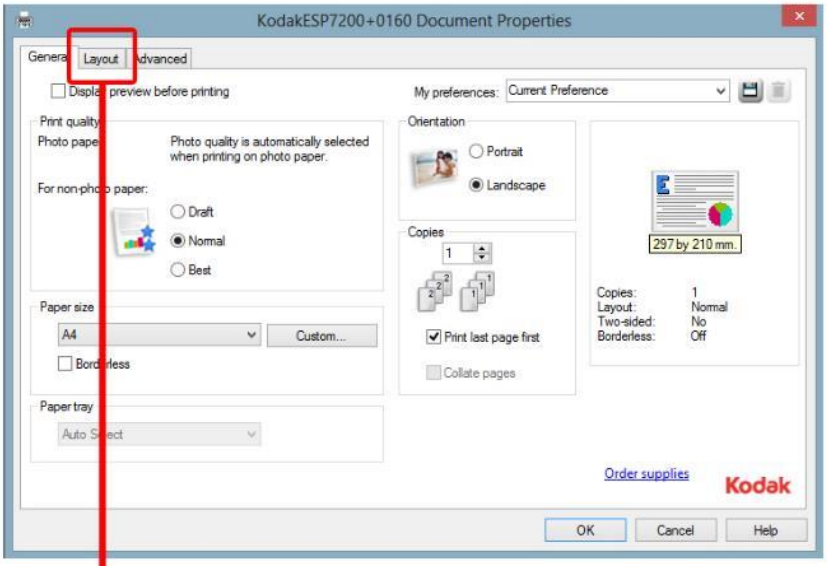

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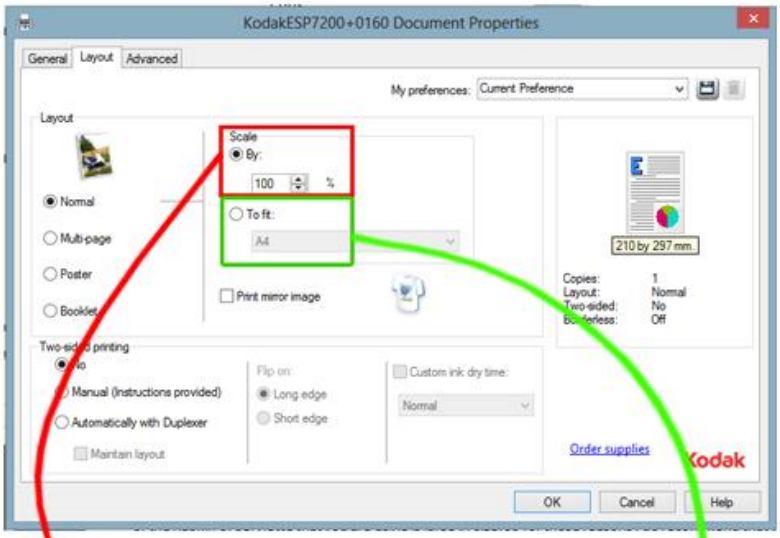

This 'Scale' option is checked/ticked which shows that I print any CUP sheets at their 'Actual Size' i.e.100%

You will see that this 'To Fit A4' option, (i.e. the equivalent to 'Fit to Media') is not checked / ticked on my settings above. If it was, then because a CUP sheet has a printable area, which is less than A4, the effect of checking / ticking this option will increase the printable area to A4 and the sheet will be printed in a size larger than the designer intended.

This ‘Scale’ option (my printer’s equivalent to ‘Actual Size’) is checked/ticked, which shows that I print any CUP sheets at their ‘Actual Size’, i.e.100%

You will see that this ‘To Fit A4’ option, (i.e. my printer’s equivalent to ‘Fit to Media’) is not checked / ticked on my settings above, if it was, then my Craftsuprint sheets would be printing out bigger than I intended. I have a Kodak printer, and I hope this section helps you to print out the CraftsUPrint sheets to the Actual Size the designer intended.

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