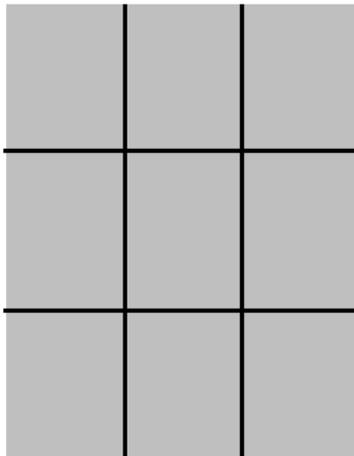


Buffalo Check/Stitched Tree Card - featuring Nothing Sweeter Bundle with Buffalo Check



Design Concept: Rule of Thirds



This rectangle which is approximately the shape of a card is roughly divided into thirds vertically and horizontally.

In a nutshell, the rule of thirds is that your focal point or main image often looks best when it is placed approximately at one of the places where two lines intersect.

This card takes advantage of that rule. If you were to measure the card, the tree probably isn't centered exactly lines would cross - but where I "eyeballed" it. Try this for yourself when arranging your own card designs. Often you will find that you like this arrangement. And, sometimes you won't. After all, in art, it's OK to break the rules...

Product Discussion:

Nothing Sweeter (stamps, **Sweetly Stitched Framelits**, and **Buffalo Check background** are products that work together, yet are able to stand on their own. The shapes in the the framelit dies are simple enough to be recognized without stamped images, especially when the detail stitching is added. Scalloped and zig zag stitches will find their way into many creations. The Nothing Sweeter stamps are great fun to use by themselves and cover a variety of occasions. The bold lines and simple shapes are forgiving when experimenting and learning to use Stampin' Up!'s alcohol markers, the Blends. You will find that their simplicity gives you plenty of room to express your own artistic flair. And, I can't say enough about the possibilities of the Buffalo Check background stamp. From rustic, masculine greetings to tender cards welcoming baby, it is sure to earn it's place in your stamp collection!

Supplies:

Paper

- 8 1/2 x 5 1/2" Crumb Cake (#120953) card base, scored and folded
- 4 1/4 x 5 1/2" Crumb Cake card stock
- 4 1/4 x 5 1/2" Real Red (#102482) card stock
- 3/4 x 6" Basic Black (#121045) card stock
- 2 1/2 x 3" Garden Green (#102584) card stock

Stamps/Dies

- Nothing Sweeter Bundle(#149955): Nothing Sweeter stamps (#147773) + Sweetly Stitched Framelit Dies (#147918)
- Buffalo Check background stamp (#147797 wood) (#147794 clear)

Ink

Black ink (Tuxedo Memento, Jet Black Stazon or retired Basic Black will work for this. The sample was made with Tuxedo Black for ease of cleaning.)

Adhesive

Multipurpose Adhesive or your choice - Multipurpose Adhesive gives you a few seconds to slide your layers around and make sure they are straight.

Other Supplies

- Big Shot and standard cutting plates
- Paper Cutter

Card Element Preparation:

Christmas Tree layer:

1. Stamp outline of tree with black ink on Garden Green card stock.
2. Use both the outline tree to cut and the smaller stitched tree thinlet to cut and decorate your tree. These can be used together on the same pass through the Big Shot.

Buffalos Check Layer

1. Stamp the Buffalo Check background image with black ink on the piece of Real Red card stock.
2. Cut diagonally at least 1 inch from opposite corners. This will give you Buffalo Check pieces for two cards. The diagonals in this card do not have to be exact.

Diagonal Crumb Cake Layer:

1. **This does not have to be exact. The following measurements will give you a diagonal similar to the sample card.**
2. Lightly make a pencil mark at the top of the "back side" of your Crumb Cake layer 2 1/8" from either side (in the middle). Make another mark 1/4" in from the "back side" lower right corner. Cut through the 2 lines.
3. *Optional: If you are making multiples of this card you may wish to place washi tape on your cutter to mark where the corners were. This way you can avoid marking each card and just line them up to the washi tape.*

4. Stamp the Christmas Greeting from Nothing Sweeter into the lower right corner of the diagonal Crumb Cake piece.
5. Lay the stitched zig-zag die along the Crumb Cake diagonal so that it is evenly spaced from the edge. For the sample card it was placed approximately 1/8" from the edge. Secure in place with a post it note. Run this through the Big Shot.

Card Assembly:

1. Adhere the Real Red Buffalo Plaid piece to the Crumb Cake card so that the 5 1/2" edge lines up against the folded edge.
2. Apply adhesive along one long edge of the black strip and attach it to the Crumb Cake diagonal edge.
3. Apply adhesive to the back of the diagonal Crumb Cake piece and attach to the card.
4. Apply 3 dimensionals to the back of the tree and apply to the card as desired/shown in the sample - kind of like the rule of thirds.

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