

Pinecone Surprise Card

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Cutting Instructions

Early Espresso Card Base

- Cut cardstock to **4 ¼" × 11"**.
- Score on the long side at **5 ½"** to create a top-fold A2 card base.

Crumb Cake Cardstock

- Cut 1 mat at **4 ⅛" × 5 ⅜"**.
- Cut 1 piece at **6" × 6"**. Score at **3"** on both sides and score along **one diagonal only**. See Figure 2.

Alpine Winter Designer Series Paper

- **4" × 5 ¼"** — cut 1 piece of Pecan Pie wood-grain Designer Series Paper.
- **4" × 5 ¼"** — cut 2 pieces of pinecone Designer Series Paper. Die cut both pieces using the **2 ¾" Tile Garden Die**. See Figure 1.
 - Keep both the die-cut pieces and the leftover pieces; you will use both.
 - Cut each of the two **2 ¾"** die-cut DSP squares in half diagonally.
- **2 ½" square** — cut 1 piece of Crumb Cake wood-grain Designer Series Paper. Die cut using the **2 3/16" Tile Garden Die**.

Basic White Cardstock

- Die cut 1 piece using the **2 3/16" Tile Garden Die**. Use the same die as for the Crumb Cake wood-grain DSP.

Early Espresso Cardstock

- Die cut **2 pieces** using the **2 15/16" Tile Garden Die**.
- Using the Frosted Pinecone Dies, cut:
 - 1 small detailed pinecone
 - 1 large detailed pinecone
- Using the Sweet Words and Labels Dies, cut the **larger sentiment mat**.

Crumb Cake Cardstock — Additional Die Cuts

- Using the Frosted Pinecone Dies, cut:
 - 1 large detailed solid pinecone
 - 1 large solid pinecone
- Using the Sweet Words and Labels Dies, cut the **smaller sentiment piece**.

Cutting Instructions continued

Peaceful Pine Cardstock

- Cut 1 of each of the two pine boughs using the Frosted Pinecone Dies.

Embellishments

- Gold Adhesive-Backed Dots

Important: Keep all leftover pieces from the pinecone Designer Series Paper die cuts, as they are needed for the card design.

Figure 1

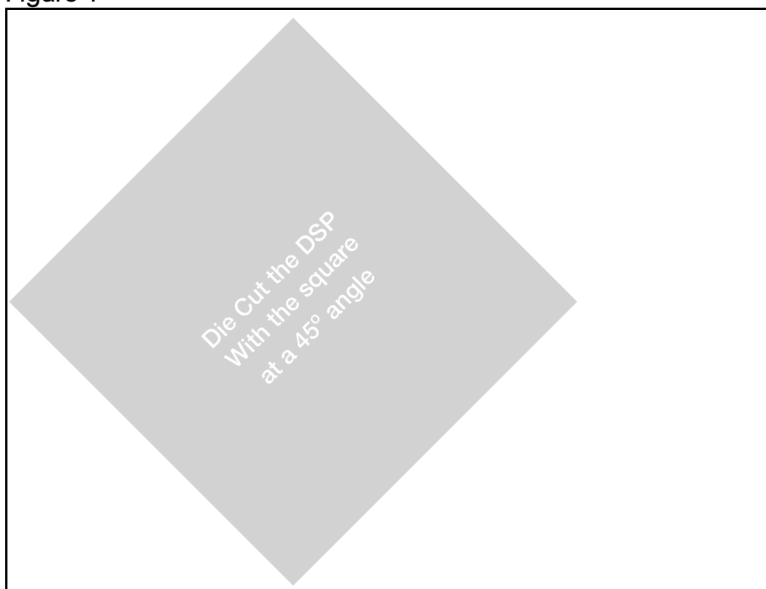
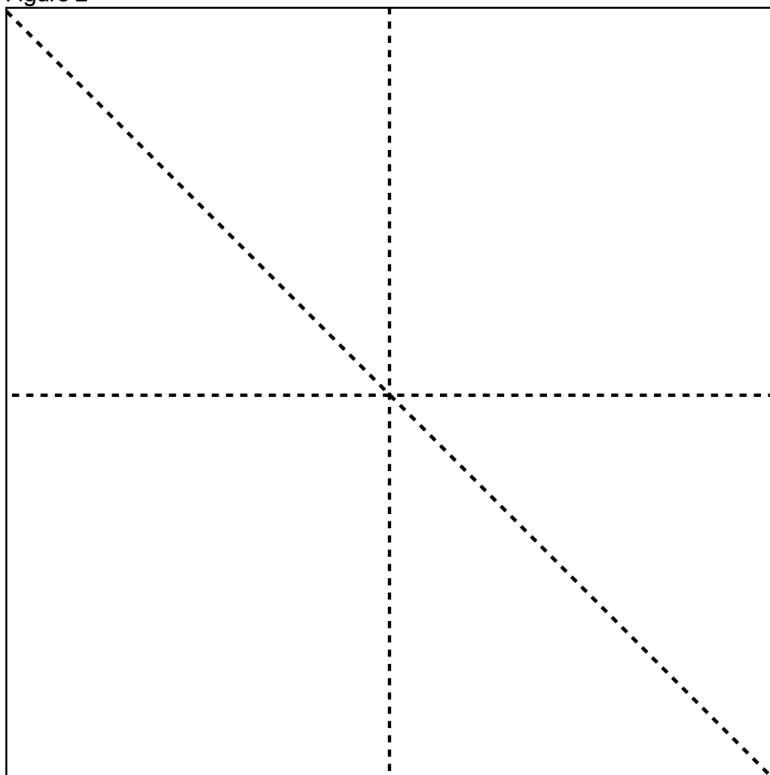


Figure 2



Assembly Instructions

1. Prepare the Sentiment Pieces

Stamp the Crumb Cake sentiment die-cut piece for the front of the card and the Basic White die-cut piece for the inside. The sample uses the Winter Adventure Stamp Set with Early Espresso ink.

Note: The sentiment on the inside Basic White piece should be stamped with the square positioned on point, as shown in the sample.

2. Assemble the Card Front

1. Fold the Early Espresso card base in half along the score line.
2. Glue the 4 $\frac{1}{8}$ " $\times$ 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ " Crumb Cake mat to the front of the card base.
3. Glue the 4" $\times$ 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " wood-grain Designer Series Paper (DSP) to the center of the Crumb Cake mat.
4. Assemble the pinecones by layering the Crumb Cake solid pinecone die cuts with the detailed Early Espresso pinecone die cuts.

My tip for layering detailed die cuts: I use Tombow Multipurpose Liquid Glue to apply several small dots to the back of the detailed pinecone, making sure to cover each side and add a little glue in the middle. I let the glue dry until it becomes tacky. This turns the die cut into a sticker, allowing me to layer the pieces without squeezing excess glue onto unwanted areas. Use whatever method works best for you!

5. While the pinecone glue dries, apply Tombow Multipurpose Liquid Glue to the backs of the Peaceful Pine boughs and allow the glue to dry until tacky.
6. Layer the stamped Crumb Cake sentiment piece onto the larger Early Espresso sentiment mat. Glue the completed sentiment piece to the bottom of the card front.

3. Attach the Pinecones and Pine Boughs

Once the glue on the pinecones and pine boughs is tacky, finish assembling the two-layer pinecones and attach them to the card front.

Leave a little space along the edges of the pinecones without adhesive so you can tuck the pine boughs slightly behind them. Arrange the boughs to create a natural, layered evergreen look.

4. Assemble the Surprise Mechanism

1. Fold the 6" $\times$ 6" Crumb Cake piece along all the score lines. Refer to Figure 2.
2. Glue the two Early Espresso die-cut squares to the two square sections that do not have a diagonal score line. These layers go on first, in the same sections that will receive the wood-grain Basic White and stamped Basic White die-cut squares. See Figure 4.
3. Glue the stamped Basic White die-cut square to one Early Espresso square.
4. Glue the wood-grain die-cut square to the other Early Espresso square.
5. Glue the four triangular DSP pieces to the four triangular sections of the Crumb Cake mechanism, positioning them as shown in Figure 4.

Folding the surprise mechanism: Bring the two angled score lines between the triangular sections together. This will cause the two square sections to come together while the triangles fold inward between them. When folded, you should see the back of one of the square sections.

5. Prepare the Inside of the Card

1. Take the two 4" x 5 ¼" DSP pieces from which the square die cuts were removed.
2. Glue one piece to the upper inside panel of the card base and the other to the lower inside panel. Position them so the missing square section from each die cut is closest to the center fold. See Figure 3.

6. Attach the Surprise Mechanism Inside the Card

1. Open the card base with the bottom of the card closest to you.
2. Fold the 6" x 6" surprise mechanism so the triangles are tucked inside the squares.
3. Position the folded mechanism inside the card, with the folded point of the square close to the center score line. You may need to move it slightly away from the score line to allow the card to close properly.
The goal is for the folded surprise mechanism to cover the missing sections of the DSP on the inside of the card.
4. Check the placement by gently folding the card closed before gluing anything down.
5. Once the position is correct, apply glue to the back of the top square of the folded mechanism. Close the card carefully to adhere the square to the upper inside panel.
6. Hold the piece in place, then open the card to check that the square covers the missing section of DSP.
7. Once the top square is secure, open the card and fold the surprise mechanism upward so you can apply glue to the back of the bottom square.
8. Close the card again to adhere the bottom square to the lower inside panel.

Allow the adhesive to set before opening and closing the card to test the mechanism. The surprise piece should move smoothly as the card opens and closes.

7. Add the Finishing Touches

Add the Gold Adhesive-Backed Dots to complete your Pinecone Surprise Card!



Figures for Assembling



Figure 4

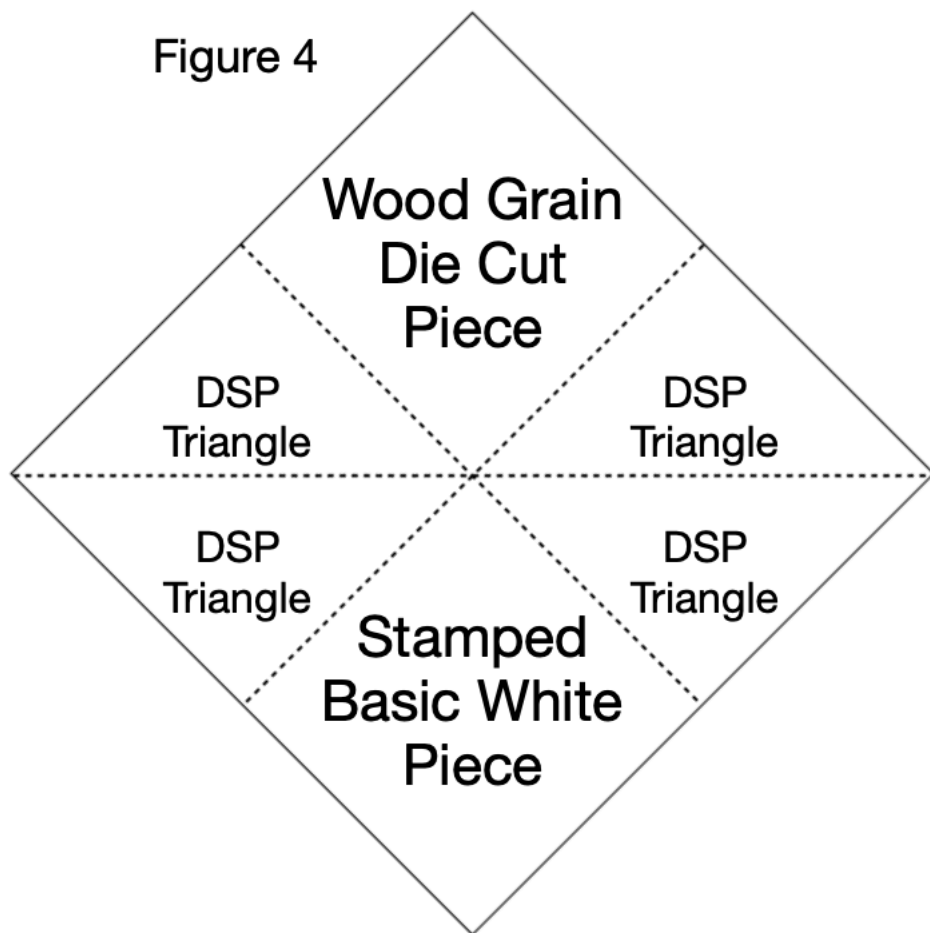
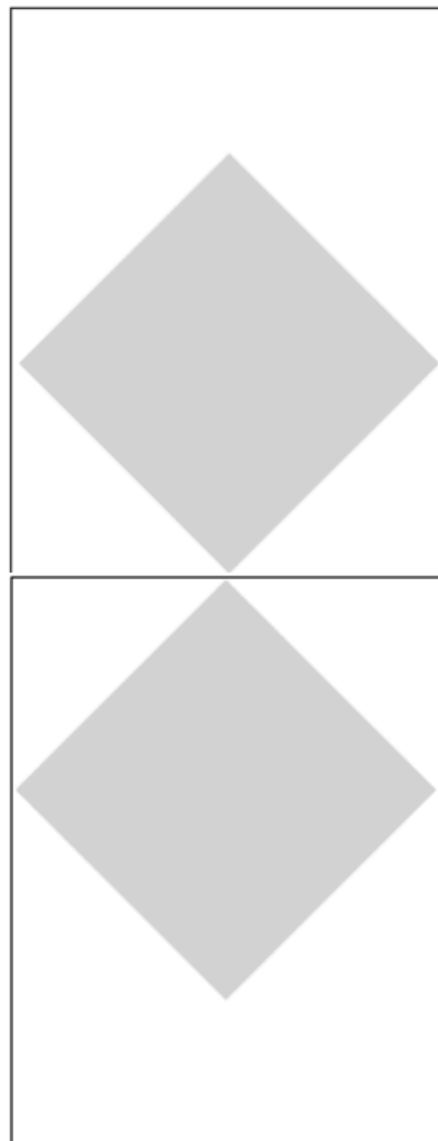
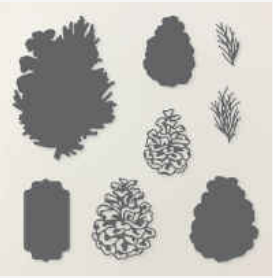
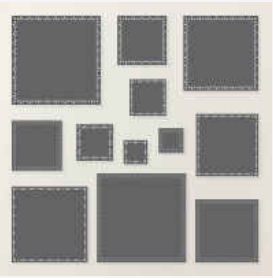


Figure 3



Products

Product List				
				
Alpine Winter 12" X 12" (30.5 X 30.5 Cm) Designer Series Paper [168304] \$13.00	Frosted Pinecones Dies [168371] \$34.00	Frosted Pinecones Photopolymer Stamp Set (English) [168369] \$25.00	Tile Garden Dies [168573] \$37.00	Sweet Words & Labels Dies [167627] \$37.00
				
Basic White 8 1/2" X 11" Cardstock [166780] \$14.00	Early Espresso 8-1/2" X 11" Cardstock [119686] \$14.00	Crumb Cake 8-1/2" X 11" Cardstock [120953] \$14.00	Peaceful Pine 8 1/2" X 11" Cardstock [167691] \$14.00	Gold Adhesive Backed Dots [168467] \$9.00