A Little Christmas: Mouse Barn Door Card

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Cutting Instructions

Smoky Slate Cardstock

- **Card Base:** 5 ½" x 5 ¾", scored on the 5 ¾" side at 4 ¼".
- **Pop-Up Pieces:** 1 ½" x 5". Score at ¾" on the short side, then score an "X" on one end. See Figure 1. (2 per card)
- Using Figure 2, cut off the sections indicated by the gray areas.
- **Door Pieces:** 2" x 3 ½" (2 per card)

Very Vanilla Cardstock

- **Inside Card Base:** 3 ¾" x 8", scored on the long side at 4".
- **Embossed Layer:** 3 ⅝" x 3 ⅞", dry embossed using the Softly Woven Embossing Folder.

A Little Christmas Designer Series Paper

Wide Red and Narrow Green Plaid

- 1 ¼" x 5 ¼"
- ⅝" x 4" (2 per card)

Green and Gray DSP

- 2" x 3 ½" (2 per card)

Fussy-Cut DSP Scenes

- Mantle and mouse scene – fussy cut from DSP.
- Christmas tree and mouse scene – fussy cut from DSP.

Christmas Mice Dies

Cardstock Color	Die Cut	Quantity
Early Espresso	Door lock	2 per card
Peaceful Pine	Christmas tree	1 per card
Crumb Cake	Cardboard box	1 per card
Smoky Slate	Ornament	1 per card

Sweet Words and Labels Dies

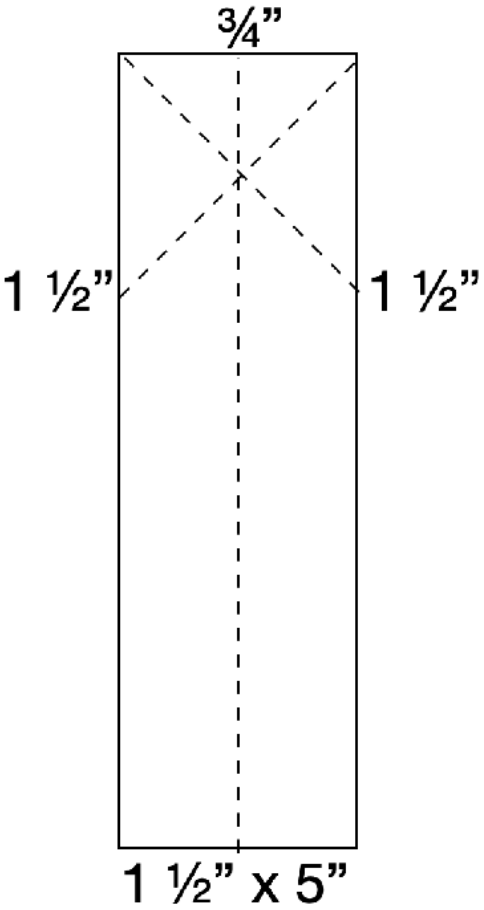
- **Basic White:** Small sentiment piece.

How to make the door locks and ornament tops shiny

Before die cutting, place a piece of clear packing tape on one side of the cardstock and a piece of Stampin' Up! double-sided adhesive on the other side. Then die cut your pieces. The packing tape gives one side a nice shiny finish, while the adhesive on the back makes them easy to attach.

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Figure 1

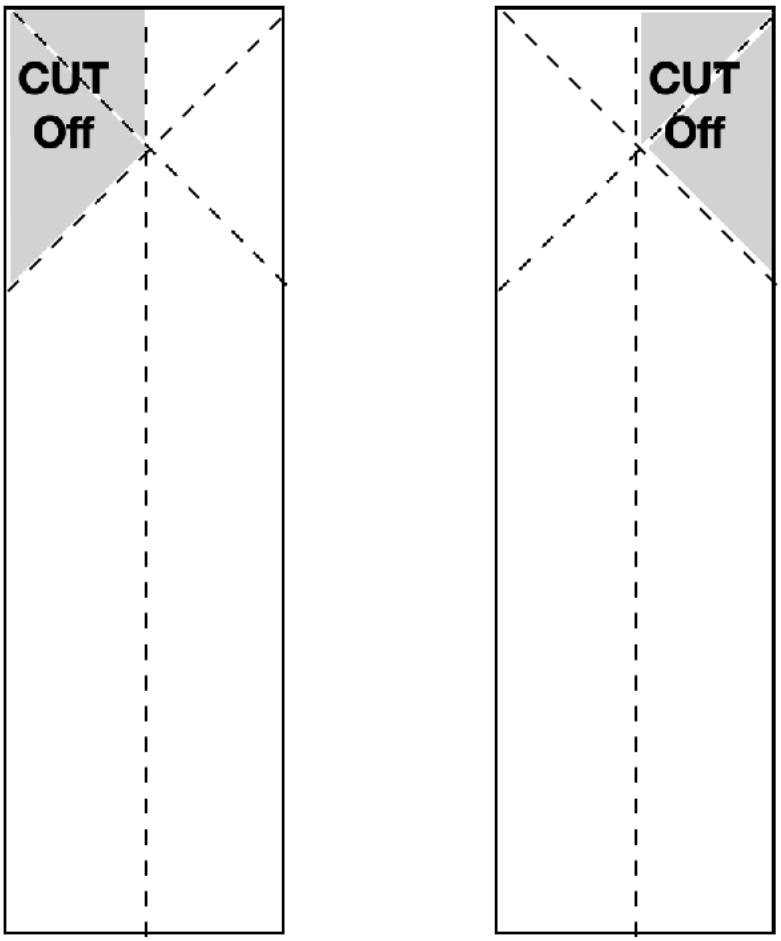




Pop-Up Pieces: 1 ½” x 5”. Score at ¾” on the short side, then score an “X” on one end. See Figure 1. (2 per card)

Using Figure 2, cut off the sections indicated by the gray areas.

Figure 2



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Assembly Instructions

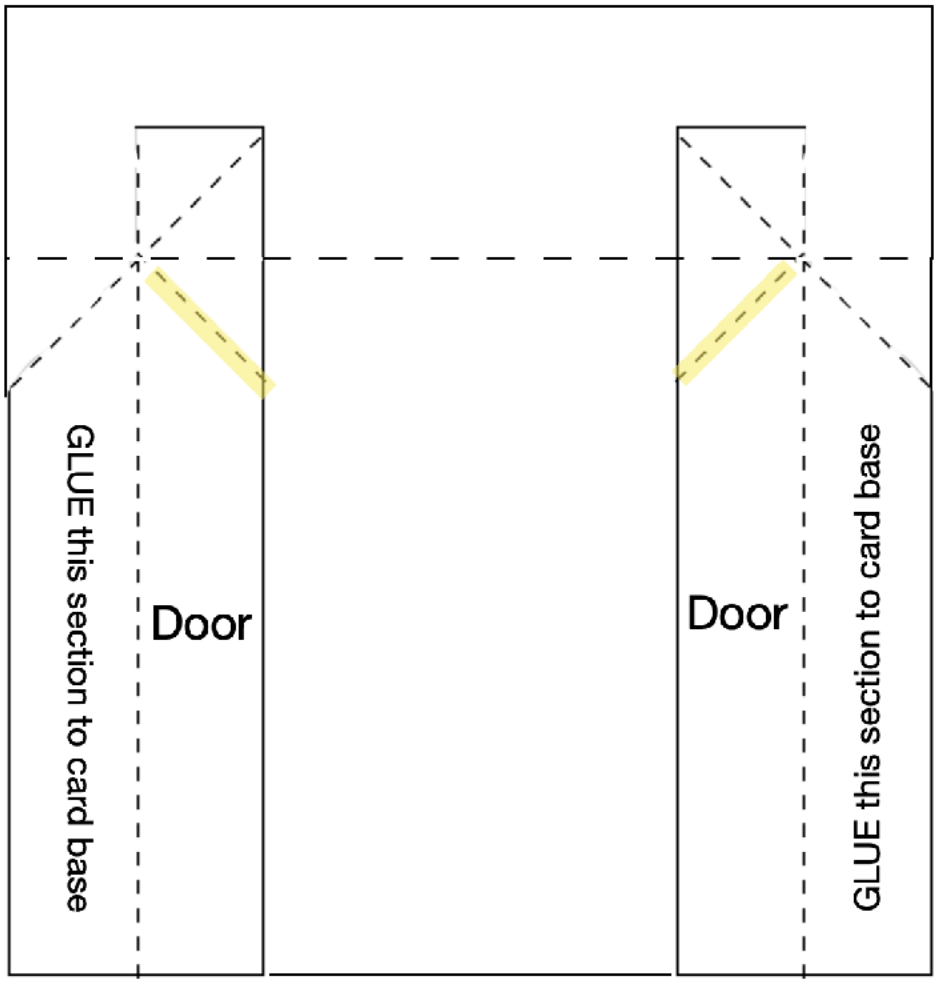
Assemble the Barn Doors and Card Front

1. **Fold the Card Base.**
   Start by folding the Smoky Slate card base (5 ½" x 5 ¾") along the score line. The short folded section will become the top of the card, which I refer to as the **barn roof**.

2. **Add the Plaid DSP to the Barn Roof.**
   Glue the 1 ¼" x 5 ¼" plaid DSP to the short folded section. This is the front of your card. Open the card base so you can work on the remaining pieces.

3. **Position and Attach the Skinny Smoky Slate Pieces.**
   Use **Figure 3** to help orient the two skinny Smoky Slate pieces.
   Glue only the section indicated in the figure. Be sure that when you fold along the angled score line, the piece does not cover the score line on the card base (see Figure 4).
   The only section you are gluing is the part closest to the outside edge of the card. **Do not cross over the middle score line.** The other half must remain free to move.
   Pay particular attention to the yellow-highlighted score line in Figure 3.

Figure 3



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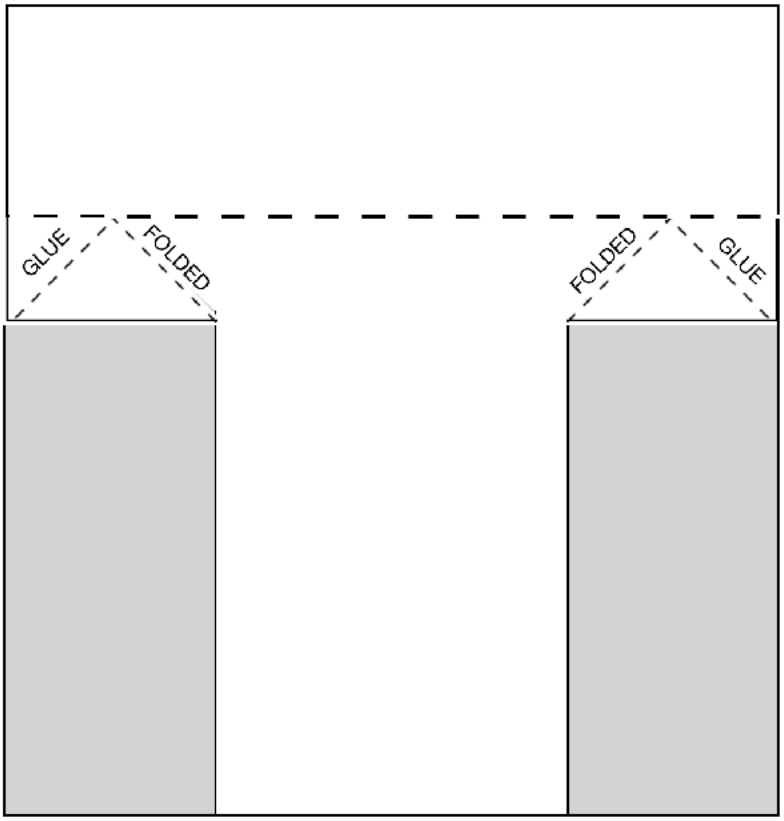
4. **Add the Skinny Plaid DSP Pieces.**
Glue the two skinny DSP pieces on top of the skinny Smoky Slate sections you just attached. These pieces will cover the entire side section, but be careful not to cross the middle score line or extend past the top score line.

5. **Attach the Barn Door DSP.**
Glue the two larger DSP rectangles to the skinny Smoky Slate sections marked *Door*.
These pieces should be attached only to the narrow strip so the doors can open and close freely. Do not glue over any of the score lines, although the fit will be very close.
Important: The two doors should meet in the middle when closed. This is a tight fit, so I recommend laying everything in place before applying adhesive to get a feel for the proper positioning.

6. **Reinforce the Doors.**
Once the DSP is attached, glue the two Smoky Slate door pieces (2" x 3 ½") to the backs of the DSP door pieces. This will add stability and support to your doors.

7. **Fold the Barn Roof Supports.**
Fold the top of each skinny Smoky Slate piece along the score line, as shown in Figure 3. Your pieces should now look like Figure 4.

Figure 4



8. **Attach the Barn Roof.**
Figure 4 also shows where to apply adhesive to attach these pieces to the skinny flap on the large card base (the section I call the *barn roof*).
Apply glue to both of the triangular sections. Fold the barn roof down over the glued triangles and hold it in place until the adhesive is secure.

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Finish Decorating the Card Front

At this point, you can finish decorating the outside of your card.

9. **Add the Door Locks.**
   The door lock die cuts already have adhesive on the back. Simply peel off the backing and position them on the doors as shown in the picture.

10. **Add the Christmas Tree.**
    Cut the Peaceful Pine Christmas tree die cut in half. Glue one half along each outside edge of the card, as shown in the picture.

11. **Add the Sentiment.**
    Stamp a sentiment on the small Basic White sentiment piece and glue it to the barn roof. The sample card uses Peaceful Pine ink and the Christmas Mice stamp set.

Assemble the Inside Card

1. **Fussy Cut the DSP Images.**
   Start by fussy cutting the mouse hanging the stockings and the mice decorating the Christmas tree.
   A little tip: When I fussy cut these images, I left a small border of Very Vanilla cardstock around them. This blends nicely with the Very Vanilla background and saves you from having to cut too close to the tiny details and accidentally cutting them off!

2. **Fold the Inside Card Base.**
   Fold the Very Vanilla inside card base (3 ¾" x 8") along the score line.

3. **Add the Embossed Layer.**
   Glue the embossed Very Vanilla cardstock piece to the front of the inside card base.

4. **Add the Stocking Mouse.**
   Glue the mouse hanging the stockings toward the top of the embossed piece, closer to the fold.

5. **Add the Cardboard Box.**
   Glue the Crumb Cake cardboard box die cut to the lower-right corner of the embossed piece.

6. **Add the Ornaments.**
   The ornament die cuts already have adhesive on the back, just like the door locks. Peel off the backing and attach them where indicated in the picture.

7. **Position the Tree-Decorating Mice.**
   Open the Very Vanilla card base and position the fussy-cut mice decorating the Christmas tree where you want them on the inside. **Don't glue them down just yet!** Use the image as a placeholder while you stamp your inside sentiment.
   The sample card uses Peaceful Pine ink and the Christmas Mice stamp set.

8. **Stamp the Inside Sentiment.**
   Once you are happy with the sentiment placement, stamp it on the inside card base.

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9. **Attach the Christmas Tree Scene.**
   After stamping your sentiment, glue the Christmas tree and mice scene into position.

10. **Attach the Inside Card Base to the Barn Doors.**
    Close the Very Vanilla card base and glue it to the inside of the barn doors. Be sure to leave an even Smoky Slate border visible all the way around the Very Vanilla card base.

Your Mouse Barn Door Card Is Finished!

I hope you have fun assembling this adorable interactive Christmas card!



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