

Shutter Card Tutorial

From the Easy Shutter Card

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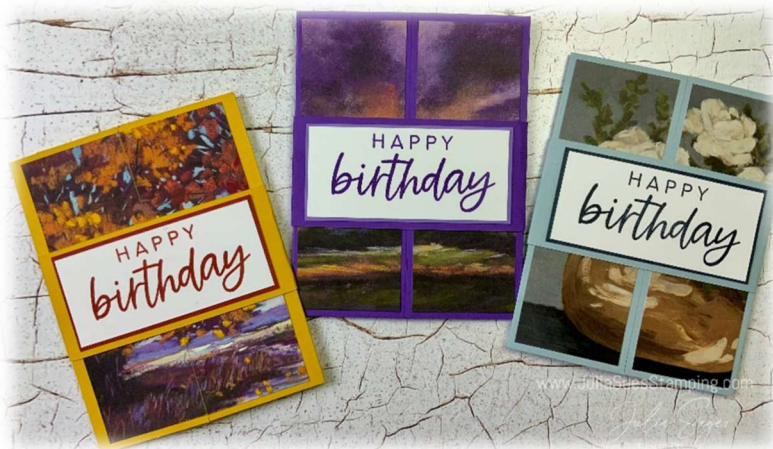
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Supply List:

- **Cardstock/DSP:** Gorgeous Grape Cardstock, Highland Heather Cardstock, Basic White Cardstock, Splendid Autumn Designer Series Paper, Cloud Cover Cardstock (alternate), Beautiful Gallery Designer Series Paper (alternate), Crushed Curry Cardstock (alternate)
- **Stamps/Dies & Ink:** The Right Words Stamp Set, With You in Mind Stamp Set, Stylish Shapes Dies, Gorgeous Grape Classic Ink Pad
- **Adhesives & Tools:** Acrylic blocks, Adhesives of choice (glue, tape roller, glue dots), Tear & Tape Adhesive, Stampin' Dimensionals, Multipurpose Liquid Glue, Paper Trimmer, Bone Folder, Grid Paper, Silicone Craft Sheet, Cut & Emboss Machine, scissors
- **Embellishments:** Use whatever will work for your project



Instructions: (all measurements are in inches)

1. **Create the Card Base:** Cut Gorgeous Grape cardstock to 8-1/2" x 5-1/2". Score at 2-1/8" from each end on the long side and fold both sides inward to form a gatefold card base. Burnish folds well.
2. **Prepare the Shutter Mechanism Pieces:** Cut two pieces of Gorgeous Grape cardstock to 3-7/8" x 3-1/2". On the 3-1/2" side, score 1/2" on one end of each piece. With the 3-7/8"

side along the top of your trimmer, mark the center at 1-15/16" (halfway). Mark the center of the 3-1/2" side as well. Draw a light guide line across the 3-7/8" center mark. Cut from the center mark on the 3-1/2" side up to the line drawn, then cut from each bottom corner



to that top center point—creating a large banner shape. Use this first piece as a template to cut the second shutter piece.

3. Soften the Score Lines:

Fold the scored 1/2" tabs back and forth several times on each shutter piece to break down the fibers of the cardstock so the mechanism opens smoothly.

4. Create the Center Panel:

Cut Gorgeous Grape cardstock to 3" x 5-1/2". Cut a coordinating piece of Splendid Autumn Designer Series Paper to 2-3/4" x 5-1/4" and adhere it to the Gorgeous

Grape panel.

5. **Cut the Window Opening:** Using the 2-1/2" circle die from Stylish Shapes, cut through both layers of the matted panel (cardstock and DSP) centered horizontally and vertically.
6. **Prepare the Sentiment Circle:** Cut a circle from Basic White cardstock using the same 2-1/2" Stylish Shapes die. Stamp the sentiment "To Someone Worth Celebrating Every Single Day" from *The Right Words* stamp set in Gorgeous Grape ink on the circle.
7. **Attach the Center Panel:** Add Stampin' Dimensionals to the top and bottom edges on the back of the center panel (leaving space for the shutter mechanism). Remove backing from the bottom Dimensionals only. Center this panel inside the card base and adhere the bottom portion.
8. **Install the Shutter Mechanism:** Place the right shutter piece inside the card, aligning its straight edge with the right gatefold score line. Add Tear & Tape to the 1/2" scored tab and fold the right gatefold over to adhere. Repeat with the left shutter piece, aligning it with the left gatefold score line and adhering in the same way. Ensure both pieces overlap neatly in the center.
9. **Adhere the Sentiment Circle:** Apply adhesive to the back of the stamped sentiment circle. Using a bone folder as a tool to extend your reach, carefully slide the circle into place beneath the shutter opening and press down when it's centered.

10. Secure the Center Panel: Remove the paper backing from the top Dimensionals of the center panel and press down to seal, ensuring all edges align cleanly.

11. Add Writing

Panels: Cut two Basic White panels to 1-3/8" x 5-1/4" and adhere one to the inside of each gatefold. Add a coordinating strip of DSP (3/4" x 1-3/8") along the bottom of each white panel. For extra space to write, adhere a Basic White panel (4" x 5-1/4") to the back of the card and decorate with a DSP strip (1/2" x 5-1/4") along one side.



12. Create the Belly Band: Cut Gorgeous Grape cardstock to 11" x 2". Wrap it around the closed card, aligning the top and bottom edges, and gently crease at the folds. Remove the band, reinforce folds with a bone folder, and adhere ends together with Tear & Tape. The seam can be placed at the back or front—your choice.

13. Decorate the Belly Band: Stamp "Happy Birthday" from *With You in Mind* in Gorgeous Grape on a piece of Basic White cardstock (1-5/8" x 3-5/8"). Mat it with Highland Heather cardstock (1-3/4" x 3-3/4"). Adhere the sentiment panel to the front center of the belly band.

14. Finishing Touches: Slide the belly band onto the card to hold it closed. Open and close the shutters a few times to ensure smooth movement—and admire your stunning, interactive creation!

Follow along with the video: <https://youtu.be/leLah0IFSfl>

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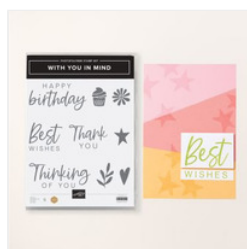
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[The Right Words Cling Stamp Set \(English\) - 165316](#)

Price: \$26.00



[With You In Mind Photopolymer Stamp Set \(English\) - 164747](#)

Price: \$20.00



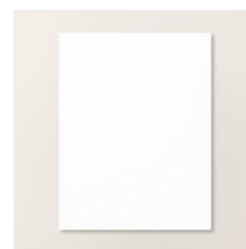
[Splendid Autumn 6" X 6" \(15.2 X 15.2 Cm\) Designer Series Paper - 164173](#)

Price: \$12.50



[Gorgeous Grape 8-1/2" X 11" Cardstock - 146987](#)

Price: \$14.00



[Basic White 8-1/2" X 11" Cardstock - 166780](#)

Price: \$14.00



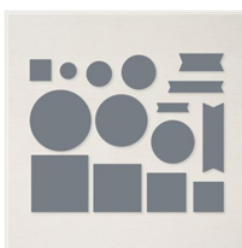
[Highland Heather 8-1/2" X 11" Cardstock - 146986](#)

Price: \$14.00



[Gorgeous Grape Classic Stampin' Pad - 147099](#)

Price: \$9.00



[Stylish Shapes Dies - 159183](#)

Price: \$30.00



[Bone Folder - 102300](#)

Price: \$8.00



[Stampin' Cut & Emboss Machine - 149653](#)

Price: \$140.00



[Paper Trimmer - 152392](#)

Price: \$28.00



[Tear & Tape Adhesive - 154031](#)

Price: \$7.00



[Stampin' Seal - 152813](#)

Price: \$8.00



[Stampin' Dimensionals - 104430](#)

Price: \$4.25