

Gift Coupon Book

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I made this Gift Coupon Book exclusively with Stampin' Up! materials, including gift coupons made using *My Digital Studio*, Stampin' Up!'s digital design software. Those who do not use *My Digital Studio* should be able to construct coupons using standard computer graphics software. Instructions are provided only for the coupons using *My Digital Studio*.

MATERIALS

- 1 piece of Stampin' Up! Card Stock, 12" x 3-1/4"
- 1 sheet light colored card stock, 11" x 8-1/2"
- Rubber stamps, inks, Designer Papers and embellishments
- Perforating Tool from Stampin' Up!'s Cutter Kit
- Adhesives, including Sticky Strip



For my project, I used Cherry Cobbler and Very Vanilla Card Stock and inks, and papers from the 2010-2011 Stampin' Up! catalog set, Jolly Holiday. I used stamps from the set, Punch Pals.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CREATING A COUPON

Step 1: Select the following from the *My Digital Studio* galleries:

Stamp: Frames With A Flourish

Embellishment: The Write Stuff

Step 2: Select the frame that matches the outline of the coupons in the above photograph. It will be black and in a vertical position.

- Rotate the frame so that it is horizontal
- Color the frame to match the papers and inks you are using
- Resize the frame to Width: 172 Height: 304
- Copy the frame to make other colors as you wish.

Step 3: Select the embellishment that is the 22nd one down in the list of embellishments. It has gray lines surrounded by a squiggly red border.

- Resize the embellishment to Width: 249 Height: 206
- Open four pieces of Whisper White Card Stock and position them to cover the red border art around the lines.
- Select the embellishment and all four pieces of Whisper White and group them together (Arrange>Group)
- Position this grouping behind the frame(s).

Step 4: Export the project to a .jpg file (Share Project>Export to .jpg).

Step 5: Open the software you use to work with photos/graphics and copy/crop/resize/rearrange your coupons as needed to end up with 4 coupons. Each coupon should be able to be trimmed to be 5-1/2" wide by 3" high. I printed two across/two down on Very Vanilla paper, as shown above.

Step 5: Stamp the Coupons as you wish.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR CREATING THE BOOKLET

Step 1: Line a metal ruler or straight edge close to the left edge of the coupons. Use the Perforating Tool to perforate along ruler. Work from the top to the bottom for best results. Repeat for the other two coupons.

Step 2: Cut each coupon to be 5-1/2" wide x 3" high. Use the Ticket Corner punch to punch both right side corners of each coupon.

Step 3: Stack the coupons and adhere them together to the left of the perforations using the adhesive of your choice.

Step 4: Prepare the Card Stock to make the book by scoring 5-3/8" and 6" in from the left short side of the card stock. Fold and crease at the 6" score line, keeping the side with the other score line to the front of the project. Fold gently on the other score line.

Step 5: Apply Sticky Strip to the left edge of the coupon stack on both the front and the back of the stack. Position the left edge of the coupon stack so that it fits into the fold of the book and adhere first to the back inside of the book then the front.

Step 6: Decorate the front of the book as you wish. I tied 5/8" Satin Ribbon around the spine end of the book. Another choice for the ribbon is to tie it around the front cover.



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