



Iris Pieced Pumpkin

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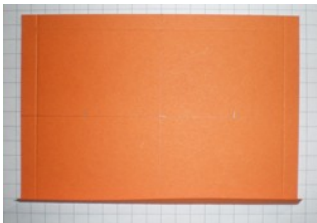
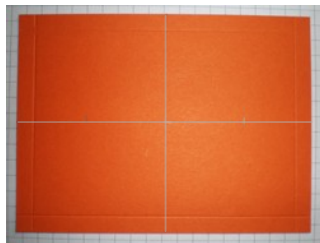
This design is based on what some fabric artists call "Iris Folding." The "iris" is the eye shape in the middle of the design when it has been completed. For paper crafting, folding the strips used for the design is not necessary. The center pumpkin element of both cards shown is done using the following set of instructions. Basic instructions for **Iris Paper Piecing** are in a separate printed and a video tutorial. More details about the full cards will be found on my blog in September 2011.

Supplies (all except design are Stampin' Up! products):

- Pumpkin Pie Card Stock (CS), 4-3/4" w x 3-1/2" h
- Chocolate Chip Card Stock 5" w x 3-3/4" h; small scrap
- 1/2" wide strips Patterns Pack Designer Series Papers (DSP)
Four colors of your choice; these used Pumpkin Pie, So Saffron & Old Olive (on both cards); More Mustard (left card); and Chocolate Chip (right card). Choose which side of the DSP you wish to be the "front."
- 1-3/4" Circle Punch
- Chocolate Chip Stampin' Write Marker (right card)
- Spider Web Embossing Folder (left card)
- Adhesive of your choice; I used Stampin' Up! SNAIL
- Pumpkin Pattern (attached to this tutorial)

Instructions:

1. Score Pumpkin Pie CS 1/4" from all edges. On back, draw pencil line through horizontal and vertical midpoints. Mark horizontal midpoint in from each end at 1-1/8"



2. Fold one long edge to the back (this will be the bottom of the design). (Folding the CS allows you to get your circle punch closer to the center of the CS; this will be unfolded later and will look just like the other 3 edges.)

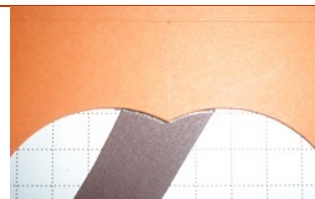
3. Position the Circle Punch so the right edge is at the right mark that you made at 1-1/8" then punch. Do the same with the left side. You will have two punches that overlap making the "pumpkin" shape.



4. Punch a scrap of Chocolate Chip CS with the Modern Label Punch. Place it where you will want your stem and hold it there (don't glue!)



5. Turn the CS over and trace the top center of the pumpkin shape onto the stem piece. Cut it and set it aside.



6. Lay the Pumpkin Pie CS with the opening over the pattern (see attachment) and tape it down with removable tape.

7. Following the instructions for "Iris Paper Piecing" to lay the strips around the pumpkin shape. NOTE REVERSE PLACEMENT OF NUMBERS 22 AND 23. Be sure to use the correct colors for these sections as shown in the Pumpkin Pattern.

8. When the opening has been completely filled in (minus the "iris" in the center), turn the CS over to decorate.

9. Adhere the pumpkin stem to the top of the pumpkin shape. For the card to the left, I stamped "Happy Thanksgiving" before the strips were laid down so that it would stamp cleanly.



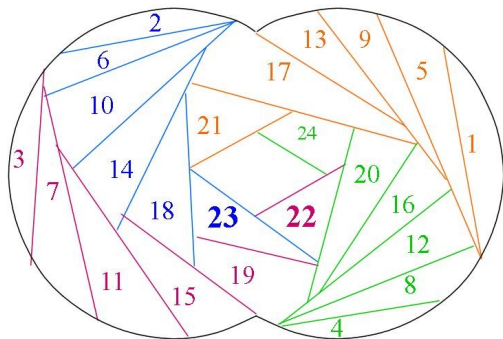
10. For both cards, I adhered the Pumpkin Pie CS with the pumpkin shape onto a piece of Chocolate Chip CS 5" w x 3-3/4" h.

- For the card on the right, I hand-drew "stitching" lines around the pumpkin with Chocolate Chip Stampin' Write Marker.
- For the card on the left, I placed the Pumpkin Pie CS in the Spider Web Textured Impressions Embossing Folder.

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Iris Paper Pieced Pumpkin Pattern (1-3/4" Circle)

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2	6	10	14	18	22
3	7	11	15	19	23
4	8	12	16	20	24

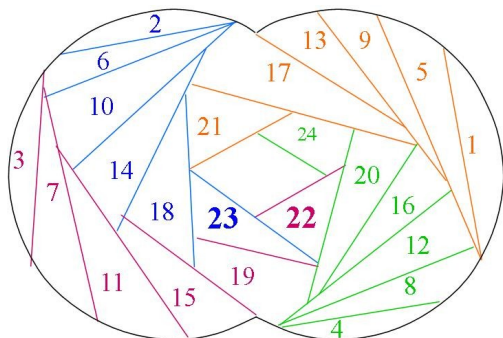
2-Color Striped Segments

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