

Core Classes

core'dinations

ColorCore Cardstock®

AUGUST 2011 Core'dinations Class: "It's a Celebration"

By Cari Locken

Parties are always so much fun for all ages! It's even more enjoyable when you can make all of the party decorations yourself using your Cricut machine! This exciting class will guide you through various steps using your Cricut machine so that you can create your very own party décor from banners, party hats and favors to cupcake toppers.



Supply List to make one of each project:

Core'dinations ColorCore Cardstock (1 sheet of each unless otherwise marked) :

Core Essentials Raspberry BR040-12

Core Essentials Scotch GX-HY010-12 (2 sheets)

Core Essentials In the Pink GX-BR020

Core Essentials Aquarium GX-AB020-12

Core Essentials Grassroots GX-GG010

Gemstones Pearl GX-GEM200 (3 sheets)

Glitter Silk Bermuda Bling GX-1700-08

Glitter Silk Silver Mist GX-1700-17

Dust Buddy GX-DBUDDY

Sand It Gadget GX-SIG

Other products:

White rick rack

White satin ribbon (approx. 60")

White tuille (10 strips approx. 2" wide and 6" in length)

White with red polka dot ribbon (or your choice) (22 strips ea. 6" long and one 12" strip)

Twine or string (10 pieces ea. 2" in length)

Candy stick or wooden skewers

Tools:

Cricut Expressions machine & cartridges (Sweet Treats & Birthday Bash)

Cuttlebug & 3 different embossing folders

Adhesive (tape runner, double sided tape, glue, etc) and pop/foam dots

Instructions for Party Hat:

1. Using the template provided, print onto white paper & cut out image. Then trace the image onto the backside of the Bermuda Bling paper. Cut out. Using double sided tape or glue adhere hat into shape, overlapping edges approx. 1/2".



2. Cut (2) 12"x 1" piece of Raspberry cardstock. Using a pair of scissors make small slits half way in, all the way across the strip of cardstock to create a fringe. Then adhere the 2 pieces together on the backside.

3. Adhere along the bottom portion of the hat with double-sided tape (make sure to have the slit/cut section facing up). Once you've gone all the way around the hat you will need to trim off the excess red cardstock and adhere end in place.



4. After the red strip is on the bottom of the hat adhere some wide white ric rack along the bottom edge (flat edge) of the red cardstock.
5. Then gently bend the slits outward with your fingers and "fluff" up the fringe.

6. Using Birthday Bash cartridge & Cricut cut:
 - a. Card/Tag <Gifts-s> @ 3 ¾" from Pearl cardstock.
 - b. Card/Tag <Elephant-s> @ 3" from Scotch cardstock. Emboss this circle with an embossing folder, sand raised portion with Sand It Gadget and clean off with a Dust Buddy cloth. Adhere this to the white scalloped circle.
 - c. Phrase <Balloons-s> \$ 4 ½" from Grassroots cardstock. Adhere to the upper portion of the yellow embossed piece.
7. Using Sweet Treats cartridge & Cricut cut:
 - a. <Hat2> @ 2" from Bermuda Bling cardstock.
 - b. Layers <Hat2-s> @ 2" from Bermuda Bling cardstock.
 - c. <Hat2-s> @ 2" from In the Pink cardstock. Emboss with embossing folder, sand embossed image with the Sand It Gadget and dust off with Dust Buddy. Adhere to the blue hat.
 - d. Layers <Hat2> @ 2" from Raspberry. Adhere overtop of the pink piece.
8. Adhere the blue dot "pom-pom" (that you cut in #7b) to the top portion of the hat. Now adhere this entire piece to the yellow embossed circle on a slight angle.
9. Adhere entire embellishment to center-front of party hat.
10. Take a 12" piece of white with red polka dot ribbon and tie in a bow. Adhere above the circle embellishment.
11. Cut 2 long strips of white ribbon (approx. 15-20" in length) depending on size of child's head and adhere one head on the inside SIDES of hat.
12. Repeat steps 1-11 for additional party hats.



Instructions for Party Favor:

1. Using Sweet Treats cartridge & Cricut cut:
 - a. Party Favors <Hat2> @ 4 ½" from Scotch cardstock. Emboss piece carefully. (*note* I cut off the hats in order to make room for the favor to go through my embossing machine)
 - b. <Hat2> @ 4 ½" from Aquarium cardstock.
 - c. Layers <Hat2-s> @ 4 ½" from Bermuda Bling cardstock.
 - d. <Hat2-s> @ 4 ½" from In the Pink cardstock. Emboss with embossing folder, sand image with Sand it Gadget and clean off with the Dust Buddy. Adhere to the blue hat.
 - e. Layers <Hat2> @ 4 1/2" from Raspberry cardstock. You can gently sand the edges if you wish but be careful to not rip or tear the cardstock. Adhere this overtop of the pink embossed piece.
2. Now adhere the blue dot "pom-pom" (that you cut from #1b) to the upper portion of the hat.
3. Repeat steps 1-2 and make another party hat.
4. Fold party favor and adhere together using double-sided tape or glue.
5. Adhere 1 party hat on each long side of the party favor (approx. ¼ - ½" from the bottom edge).
6. Finish by threading a long strip of white satin ribbon (approx. 20") through one side hole. Tie in a knot on the inside of the box. Trim ends. Take other end and thread through other side hole and make another knot on the inside of box. Trim ends. This will be your handle. Fill up with goodies. (or use to hold the cupcake).
7. Repeat steps 1-6 for additional party favors.

Instructions for Cupcake Topper:

- Using Birthday Bash cartridge & Cricut cut:
 - Card/Tag <Elephant> @ 2" from Pearl cardstock. Fold in half but do not adhere together yet.
 - Card/Tag<Elephant-s> @ 2" from Scotch cardstock. Emboss with embossing folder, sand embossing image with the Sand It Gadget and clean off with the Dust Buddy. Adhere to the center of the white scallop piece.
- To make the mini party hat use Sweet Treats cartridge & Cricut and cut:
 - <Hat2> @ 2" from Bermuda Bling cardstock.
 - Layers<Hat2-s> @ 2" from Bermuda Bling.
 - <Hat2-s> @ 2" from In the Pink cardstock. Emboss with embossing folder, sand image then use Dust buddy. Adhere to front of blue hat.
 - Layers<Hat2> @ 2" from Raspberry cardstock. Adhere over the pink piece.
- Now adhere the blue dot "pom-pom" (that you cut in #2b) to the top part of hat.
- Adhere the party hat using pop/foam dots to the center of the yellow embossed circle.
- Take a small stick/wooden skewer and insert in between the white pieces. Adhere & seal shut using double-sided tape.
- Insert into cupcake.
- Repeat steps 1-6 for additional cupcake toppers.



Instructions for the Banner:



1. Using the Birthday Bash cartridge & Cricut cut:
 - a. Font <Sheep-s> @ 4 ½" from Pearl cardstock. Repeat 10 more times. (a total of 11 scalloped banner pieces).
 - b. Font <Sheep> @ 4 ½" from Scotch cardstock. (3 pieces)
 - c. Font <Sheep> @ 4 ½" from Grassroots cardstock. (2 times)
 - d. Font<Sheep> @ 4 ½" from Raspberry cardstock. (2 times)
 - e. Font<Sheep> @ 4 ½" from In the Pink cardstock. (2 times)
 - f. Font<Sheep> @ 4 ½" from Aquarium cardstock. (2 times)
2. Emboss each colored piece using an embossing folder. Sand embossed image & clean off with the Dust Buddy.
3. Adhere each colored piece to a white scalloped banner piece.
4. Using the Birthday Bash cartridge & Cricut cut out the letters to spell the word "celebrate" from Silver Mist cardstock.



- a. Font<Hat-s> @ 2". (C)
- b. Font<Beaver-s> @ 2" (E)
- c. Font <Kangaroo-s> @ 2" (L)
- d. Font<Beaver-s> @ 2" (E)
- e. Font<Sundae-s> @ 2" (B)
- f. Font<Bird-s> @ 2" (R)
- g. Font<Llama-s> @ 2" (A)
- h. Font<Donkey-s> @ 2" (T)
- i. Font<Beaver-s> @ 2" (E)

5. Adhere each letter to a colored banner in the following order: green, pink, red, blue, yellow, green, pink, red, blue. (You should have 2 yellow ones remaining).



6. Cut the 2 birthday hats as follows. Using Sweet Treats cartridge & Cricut cut:
 - a. <Hat2> @ 2 ½" from Bermuda Bling cardstock.
 - b. Layers<Hat2 @ 2 ½" from Bermuda Bling cardstock.
 - c. <Hat2-s> @ 2 ½" from In the Pink cardstock. Emboss with embossing folder and sand.
 - d. Layers<Hat2-s> @ 2 ½" from Raspberry cardstock. Adhere overtop of pink embossed piece.

7. Adhere the blue dot "pom-pom" (that you cut in #6 b) to the top of the hat.
8. Adhere the party hat using pop/foam dots to the center of 1 of the yellow banner pieces.
9. Repeat steps 6-8 for another party hat & adhere to last yellow banner piece.
10. Attach banner pieces together using 2" piece of twine to connect each banner piece through the pre-cut holes. Then tie a 2" x 6" piece of twine connecting the banner pieces together.
11. Once all pieces are connected you can tie some decorative ribbon through every hole. Trim ends.

GET CREATIVE

You can use whatever colored ribbon and cardstock you choose to create a party deco set that matches your chosen colors and goes with your theme (i.e. female birthday could be pastel colors, male birthday more earthy colors, 50th birthday could be silver in color, etc)

Also, there are many different shapes & designs on the cartridges that you can use to replace the party hats that have been shown in this particular class. So feel free to change things up and use what designs fit with your theme.



For more information and inspiration, visit www.coredinations.com.

