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Welcome, my friend!

I'm so glad you're here. In this little mini class, we're making a sweet 3D Christmas tree that sits on top of a pull-out drawer box. It's adorable, simple, and such a fun way to package a small treat, a heartfelt note, or one of the little "treasures" you'll find later in this guide.

I first shared this drawer-box design years ago, and it remains one of my all-time favourites - especially when paired with these cute little 3D trees. Putting the two together creates a charming keepsake you can gift to anyone on your list.

To make this project even more special, I've included some lovely extras you can tuck inside your drawer: a whole list of gift ideas, my recipe for Buttermilk Squares (this is one of my favourite treats), and a cute Left-Right Christmas Gift Exchange Game you can roll up or fold inside for a fun holiday surprise.

So, here's what's included for you:

- All-in-One Treat Box & Tree Ornament Tutorial
- Measurements & basic supply list
- A list of treasures you can tuck inside
- Year of Gratitude gift idea
- Three recipes + gift tags
- A bonus Left-Right Christmas Gift Exchange Game
- Step-by-step class video (includes extra ideas and variations!)

Alrighty my friend, pour yourself a cup of something warm, relax, and enjoy creating this sweet little project with me.

Love,
TINA ☺

3D Christmas Tree Gift Box Tutorial

MEASUREMENTS

CARD BASE

- Cardstock: 3" x 12"
- Score on the 12" side at:
- 3", 4", 7", 8", and 11"

TREAT DRAWER

- Cardstock: 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ "
- Score at 1" on all four sides

INSIDE PANEL

- Cardstock or patterned paper: 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "



INSTRUCTIONS

Create the card base

1. Score the 3" x 12" cardstock at 3", 4", 7", 8", and 11".
2. Fold along all score lines and burnish well with a bone folder.
3. This forms a card that opens to reveal a centre section for the treat drawer.

Make the treat drawer

4. Score the 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ " cardstock at 1" on all four sides.
5. Cut up the score lines on each corner.
6. Add adhesive to the tabs and fold up to create a shallow box.

Add the drawer front

7. Create a layered embellishment (circles, labels, or die cuts).
8. Adhere it to the front of the drawer.

Create the drawer handle

9. Punch a hole in the centre of the drawer front.
 10. Thread ribbon or twine through the hole and tie a knot on the outside.
 11. Secure the ribbon inside the drawer with a glue dot.
- Decorate as desired & fill the drawer with treats.

Scan the QR code or go to
<https://youtu.be/6CxyrLe4CUo> to
watch this video!



3D Christmas Tree Ornament



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Die-cut or punch five (or more) trees using a tree punch or coordinating dies.
2. Stamp the trees or run them through an embossing folder for added texture, if desired.
3. Fold each tree in half lengthwise, lining up the edges carefully.
4. Glue the folded trees together, stacking them one on top of the other and aligning the folds.
5. Fan the tree open and glue the two end pieces together to form the 3D tree shape.
6. Punch or die-cut two small stars from gold cardstock. Glue them together and attach them to the top of the tree. Add a gem for a finishing touch.

Note:

If you'd like to add ribbon or twine to hang the tree as an ornament, glue the ribbon loop inside the tree before adhering the final two ends together.

3D Christmas Tree Spinner Base



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Die-cut or punch two circles:
 - one larger circle from cardstock
 - one smaller circle from a foam sheet
2. Cut patterned paper to $2\frac{3}{4}'' \times 2\frac{3}{4}''$ and place it on a piercing mat.
3. Layer the pieces:
 - place the cardstock circle centred on the patterned paper
 - centre the foam circle on top
4. Using a Take Your Pick tool, pierce through the centre of all three layers.
5. Insert a brad through the holes to secure the patterned paper, foam circle, and cardstock circle together.
6. Add foam adhesive strips to the back of the patterned paper and adhere the spinner to the top of the box.
7. Attach the tree:
 - add a generous amount of hot glue to the centre of the spinner
 - place the tree on top and hold briefly until secure
8. Add more hot glue around the base of the tree and sprinkle with glitter to create a decorative tree base.

Note: You can also use any of the alternate base ideas shown in the video.

Basic Supply List



**MOST ITEMS USED IN THIS PROJECT ARE RETIRED FROM STAMPIN' UP!.
FEEL FREE TO SUBSTITUTE WITH WHAT YOU HAVE ON HAND.**

- Tree punch or tree dies
- Circle punch (1 $\frac{3}{8}$ ") or coordinating circle dies
- Small star punch or star dies
- Stylish Shape Dies (or similar nested shape dies)
- Simply Scoring Tool
- Bone folder
- Paper trimmer
- Scissors

TOOLS

- Take Your Pick tool (or paper piercer)
- Piercing mat
- Crop-A-Dile (or hole-punch tool)
- Hot glue gun

EMBELLISHMENTS & ADHESIVES

- Brad(s)
- Gems or rhinestones
- Ribbon or twine
- Glitter

PAPER

- Cardstock (assorted colours)
- Patterned paper
- Gold metallic paper
- Fun foam sheets

OPTIONAL

- Peaceful Deer stamp set
- On Display Bundle

Little Treasures to Tuck Inside Your Gift Drawer:

1. Mini Affirmation Slips

- holiday affirmations
- winter wellbeing
- gratitude
- “serene moments”
- kindness quotes
- scripture-inspired sayings
- crafting-themed affirmations

2. Tiny Handmade Tags

- rustic kraft tags
- watercolour wash tags
- mini sentiment tags
- “to/from” tags

3. Mini Bookmarks

- winter-themed
- faith-themed
- coastal/cottage-themed
- inspirational words

4. A Folded Mini Recipe Card

- hot cocoa mix recipe
- Christmas cookie recipe
- favourite soup recipe
- slow cooker recipe

A single recipe becomes a cute keepsake.

5. A Tiny Handmade Ornament

- a flat stamped ornament
- a punched/die-cut 3D star
- a mini wooden charm
- a bookmark



More Treat Box Gift Ideas:

6. Stir & Enjoy

- Single tea sachets are like a hug in a mug!
- Mix up a batch of Winter Spiced Tea Mix or my cozy Camp Coffee, portion it into small cello bags, and tuck one inside the treat box.
- For a special finishing touch, include the printed recipe, add a mini candy cane, or tie a little vintage teaspoon to the box for an extra bit of charm.

7. Keepsakes

- Jewellery
- Key charm
- Photo strip
- Small pressed flower
- Tiny shell or stone

8. A Small Note / Letter / Gratitude Slip

A folded message of love or encouragement:

- *“Open when you need a smile”*
- *“You are loved”*
- *“Thinking of you this Christmas”*

9. A Pocket Prayer or Blessing

- *“May peace fill your home this season”*
- *“Blessings for a joyful Christmas”*

10. A Mini DIY Craft Kit

- die-cut pieces to make a matching tag
- punched shapes
- a little string/twine bundle
- embellishments (gems, buttons, etc)





A Year of Gratitude

This treat box can also be used as a meaningful keepsake for the year ahead. Invite the recipient to write down good things that happen throughout the year — big or small — on little slips of paper and tuck them into the drawer as the months go by. Moments of joy, answered prayers, small wins, and everyday blessings all count.

At the end of the year, they can open the box and read through the memories — a gentle reminder of just how much goodness the year held.

This idea works beautifully as a New Year gift, an encouragement gift, or a thoughtful keepsake for someone who could use a little extra hope.

Title ideas:

- A Year of Gratitude
- Moments Worth Remembering
- Little Notes of Joy

One-line instruction card:

Write down moments of gratitude, joy, or answered prayers throughout the year and tuck them into the box. Open at the end of the year and read them all again.



Left-Right Christmas Gift Exchange Game

Looking for a fun and festive activity to go along with your handmade gift box?

I used to play a different version of this Left-Right game at my stamping classes and workshops as a little icebreaker, and it was always such a hoot. Everyone ended up laughing! I've turned it into a Christmas version for you to enjoy!

Enjoy this cute Left-Right Christmas Gift Exchange Game - perfect for parties, family gatherings, or Christmas Eve fun. Print the page and roll it up with twine, or fold it and tuck it inside your drawer box, along with a little gift, for an extra surprise.



You'll find the full printable game on the following page.



The Left-Right Christmas Gift Exchange Game



HOW TO PLAY

1. Everyone sits in a circle holding a wrapped gift.
2. Read the story aloud slowly.
3. Every time you hear the word “LEFT,” pass your gift to the left.
4. Every time you hear the word “RIGHT,” pass your gift to the right.
5. When the story ends — the gift you’re holding is yours!



It was Christmas Eve and the **RIGHT** family was bustling about, trimming the tree and humming their favourite carols.

Mrs. **RIGHT** handed the lights to Mr. **RIGHT**, but of course he couldn’t find the **RIGHT** outlet anywhere.

So he **LEFT** the room to hunt down an extension cord, muttering that he knew he had one somewhere.

Meanwhile, the children **LEFT** the cookies out for Santa, but in all the excitement they forgot to place the milk on the **RIGHT** table like they were supposed to.

After a few more giggles, a little rearranging, and a lot of “Is this the **RIGHT** spot?”, everything finally looked just **RIGHT**.

Satisfied at last, the whole family **LEFT** to go caroling, their voices drifting down the snowy street.

Later that night, Santa slid down the chimney, brushed off the soot, looked **LEFT** and then **RIGHT**, and smiled. He knew instantly he was in the **RIGHT** house — the cookies gave it away.

And as Santa **LEFT** to guide his sleigh through the sparkling night, he whispered, “Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!”

...now isn’t that **RIGHT**?



Laugh, pass, and enjoy the chaos -
that’s what Christmas is all about!



From My Kitchen to Yours:



Buttertart Squares Recipe

These. Are. Sinful. I once made a pan of these for friends and was promptly told to never make them again - because once you eat one, you're done for. You simply have to go back for another! The buttery shortbread crust paired with that rich, caramel-y raisin filling is pure heaven. This recipe makes a generous batch and the squares freeze beautifully. Enjoy... I know you will!

Recipe Variation: If you want to, add 3/4 cup chopped walnuts to the caramel mixture.

Ingredients:

Crumb Base

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup butter
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar

Topping

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 4 eggs
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Pinch of salt
- 1 1/2 cups raisins
- (Optional: 3/4 cup chopped nuts)

Note: If you're not a fan of raisins, this recipe is also delicious if you omit them.

Directions:

Make the Crumb Base:

1. Combine flour and sugar.
2. Cut in the butter until the mixture is crumbly.
3. Press evenly into a 10" x 15" cookie sheet.
4. Bake at 350°F for 15 minutes.

Prepare the Topping:

1. In a bowl, combine the softened butter and brown sugar; mix well.
2. Add the eggs and mix thoroughly.
3. In a separate bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, salt, and vanilla.
4. Add this mixture to the wet ingredients.
5. Stir in the raisins (and nuts, if using).
6. Spread the topping evenly over the baked base.

Bake:

1. Return the pan to the oven and bake at 350°F for 20–25 minutes.
2. Let cool completely.
3. Cut into squares, make a cup of tea & enjoy!

Camp Coffee Mix

This cosy Camp Coffee mix is perfect for packaging up and tucking inside your treat box. Warm, comforting, and easy to make ahead, it's a lovely little gift for chilly days or quiet moments at home. So good. Enjoy!



INGREDIENTS

- 2 CUPS POWDERED NON-DAIRY COFFEE CREAMER
- 1 ½ CUPS INSTANT HOT CHOCOLATE MIX
- 1 ½ CUPS INSTANT COFFEE GRANULES
- 1 ½ CUPS WHITE SUGAR
- 1 TEASPOON GROUND CINNAMON
- ½ TEASPOON GROUND NUTMEG

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large bowl, stir together the coffee creamer, hot chocolate mix, instant coffee, sugar, nutmeg and cinnamon.
2. Store in an airtight container at room temperature.

TO SERVE:

- To make 1 cup, spoon 2 heaping tablespoons of the mix into a coffee mug, and add 1 cup of boiling water. Stir until dissolved.

Note: This is the tea blend I originally tucked into the treat box. I purchased the instant tea powder while visiting the UK and have never been able to find the same product here in Canada.

If instant tea powder isn't available, you can still enjoy a similar flavour by brewing a strong cup of black tea (using 1 tea bag) and stirring in 2-3 teaspoons of the spice mix (lemonade powder, orange drink mix, cinnamon, and cloves). Alternatively, feel free to substitute the tea altogether and fill the treat box with a favourite tea bag, candy, or small seasonal treat.

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Spiced Winter Tea Mix

"Also known as Friendship Tea, I loved making this to tuck inside the treat box and to serve at my classes and events. It was always a hit and a much-requested recipe. Enjoy!"



INGREDIENTS

- ½ CUP INSTANT TEA POWDER
- 1 CUP SWEETENED LEMONADE POWDER
- 1 CUP ORANGE-FLAVOURED DRINK MIX (SUCH AS TANG)
- 1 TEASPOON GROUND CINNAMON
- ½ TEASPOON GROUND CLOVES

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large bowl, combine the instant tea powder, lemonade powder, orange drink mix, cinnamon, and cloves.
2. Mix well and store in an airtight container.

TO SERVE:

- Add 2-3 teaspoons of the mix to a mug.
- Pour in 1 cup of boiling water, stir well, and adjust to taste.

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Winter Spiced Tea

SIP & ENJOY!

TO MAKE ONE CUP:

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A COZY HUG IN A MUG!

Camp Coffee



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