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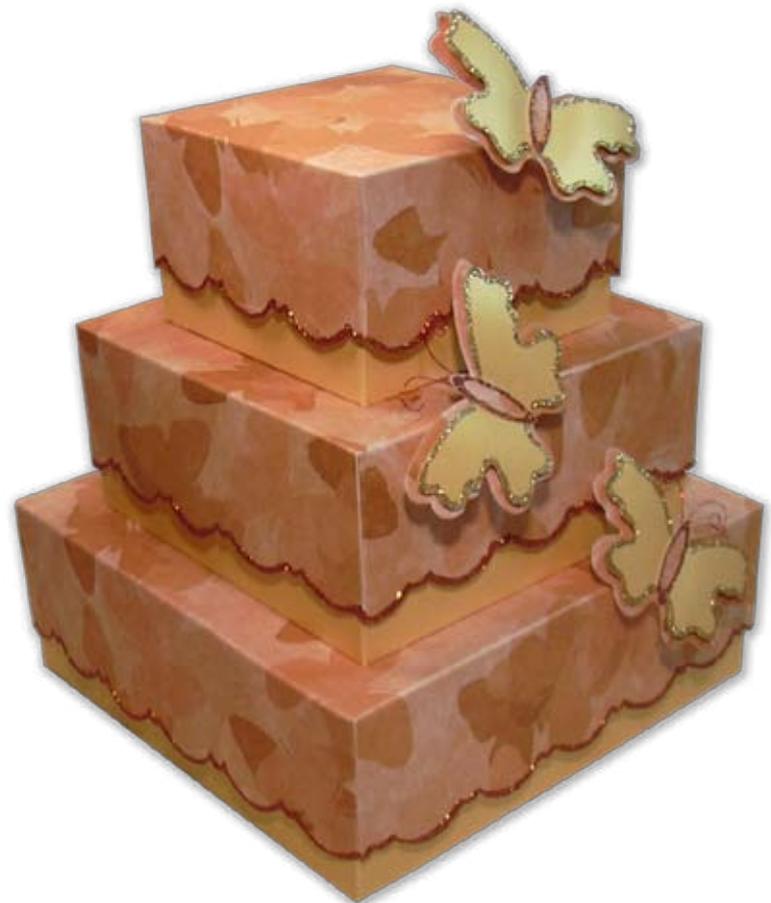
- ~ New Ultimate & scoring tool
- ~ 3 sheets of patterned 12x12 cardstock
- ~ 3 sheets co-ordinating plain 12x12 card
- ~ Scissors
- ~ PVA or other quality wet glue
- ~ Silicone glue
- ~ Gold & bronze glitter glue
- ~ Pencil
- ~ Paperclips or soft grip clothes pegs

Butterfly Gift Box

This beautiful stack of three gift boxes is very easy to make. The decorative edging just adds a perfect finishing touch.

Here we show you how to make a stack of three boxes, and these look lovely as a table centre-piece decoration.

Once you've mastered the basic technique, you can expand on this and make various shaped gift box stacks, such as triangles and hexagons.



STAGE 1



Firstly, cut one piece of your box base cardstock, and one piece of your box lid cardstock to 11"x11". Cut a second piece of your box base and box lid cardstock to measure 10"x10".

For all three boxes, place the pieces of card one by one on the box scorer and score along the 5th line. Score all of the plain card on the base side and the patterned on the box lid side.

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STAGE 2



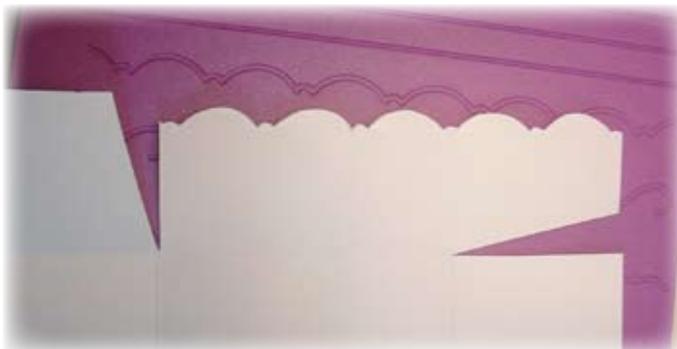
Take the three box bases and crease, trim out the triangle at the corners and glue them as with any box. (Full instructions are in the accompanying booklet). Use pegs to hold the joints together while the glue dries to make sure they don't slip out of place before the glue has set.

To create the decorated lids, crease the lines and trim out the small triangle as normal. To create the decorative edges on the lids, start by laying the first side of a box against one of the decorative embossing lines on the Ultimate. (Line up the box edge against one particular point, so that all the scored lines end up in the same place as each other). Score the line across the edge of the box, including the corner flap.

STAGE 3



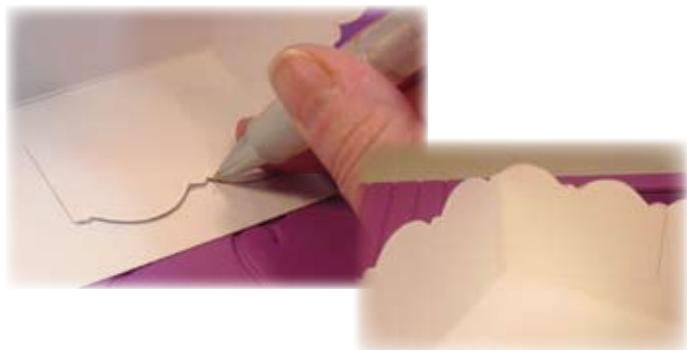
STAGE 4



With scissors, trim away the edge below the score line to leave the decorative edge.

To make sure that the pattern on the next side matches up, hold the box corner together in the position it would be glued in and pencil in the line on the next side of the box. When you open the box flap back out, you can easily lay the next side in the correct position to score it accurately, using the pencil mark as a position guide.

STAGE 2



STAGE 6



The pattern on the fourth side may not match up perfectly. In this instance, trim away a larger section of the glue flap so that the edge will be hidden and adjust the decorative edge of the box with scissors, so that the pattern continues smoothly around the corner to match up with the first side. (For speed, you can complete all the corners this way, but it doesn't give as much stability in the box).

You can now begin to decorate your boxes. Try adding glitter glue around the cut edges (this not only looks great, but helps to hide any less than perfect cutting). Alternatively, use peel offs.



STAGE 7

STAGE 8



To decorate the finished stack, emboss some of the smaller butterflies that are next to the Enveloper part of the Ultimate. Make three in gold, three in patterned and three of the bodies in patterned. (You can do all of this with the off-cuts from the boxes).

Cut out the patterned butterflies leaving the embossed line showing. When you cut out the plain gold ones, trim away the embossed outline. (You need only concentrate on cutting out the wings for these two layers) Layer these on top of each other, gluing behind the body only, so that the wings can be shaped and separated with 3D foam pads and stick the butterfly body over the top. Add some antennae using wire and add a highlight around the edges using gold & bronze glitter glue.



STAGE 9