

Paper Bow

Project Sheet

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Did you know that you can quickly and easily make a bow out of designer series paper or cardstock to coordinate with your handmade cards? I CASE'd this project from The Paper Boutique YouTube channel. The directions below are my own. Let's dive in!

1. Paper Cuts:

- Cut one piece of your favorite DSP to 6" x 12":
- Turn the 6" x 12" piece of paper to the long edge and cut at 11", 10", 9", 8", 7", 6", 5" and 4". This will give you eight (8) strips measuring 1" x 6".
- From the remaining DSP, turn to the long edge and cut at 5". This gives you one (1) strip measuring 1" x 4".
- From the remaining DSP, turn the paper to the short edge and cut at 3", 2", and 1". This gives you four (4) 1" x 5" strips.

2. Additional Supplies Needed:

- Single hole paper punch
- (1) Brad

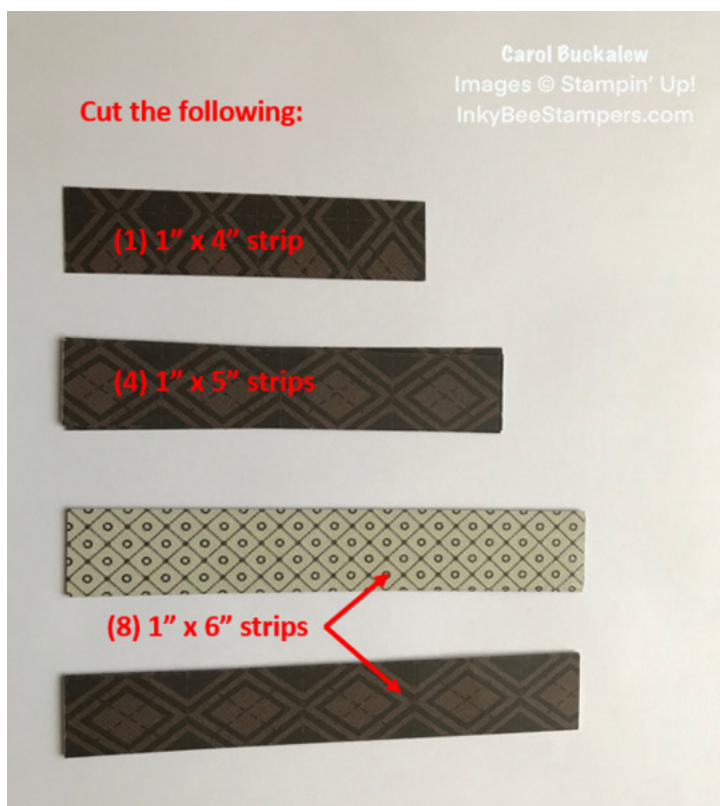
Note: For the 1" x 6" strips, separate these into two groups of four so that you have two

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different patterns showing. Refer to photo below.



3. **How to form Bow Sections:** On the 1" x 6" strips, lay out the strips and place a small amount of Stampin' Seal on one short end of each of the strips. To form the bow section, hold the strip in one hand with the Stampin' Seal side towards you. With your other hand, grasp the other short end and bend the strip towards you, then slightly twist the strip end to the right and adhere the two ends together. The joined ends will not be flush with each other - they will be at an angle to allow the middle section of the bow to come to a point (refer to photo below). Form the remaining bow sections. Refer to photo below for how the completed bow sections should look. Remember that for just the 1" x 6" strips you will have 4 of one pattern and 4 of another pattern.

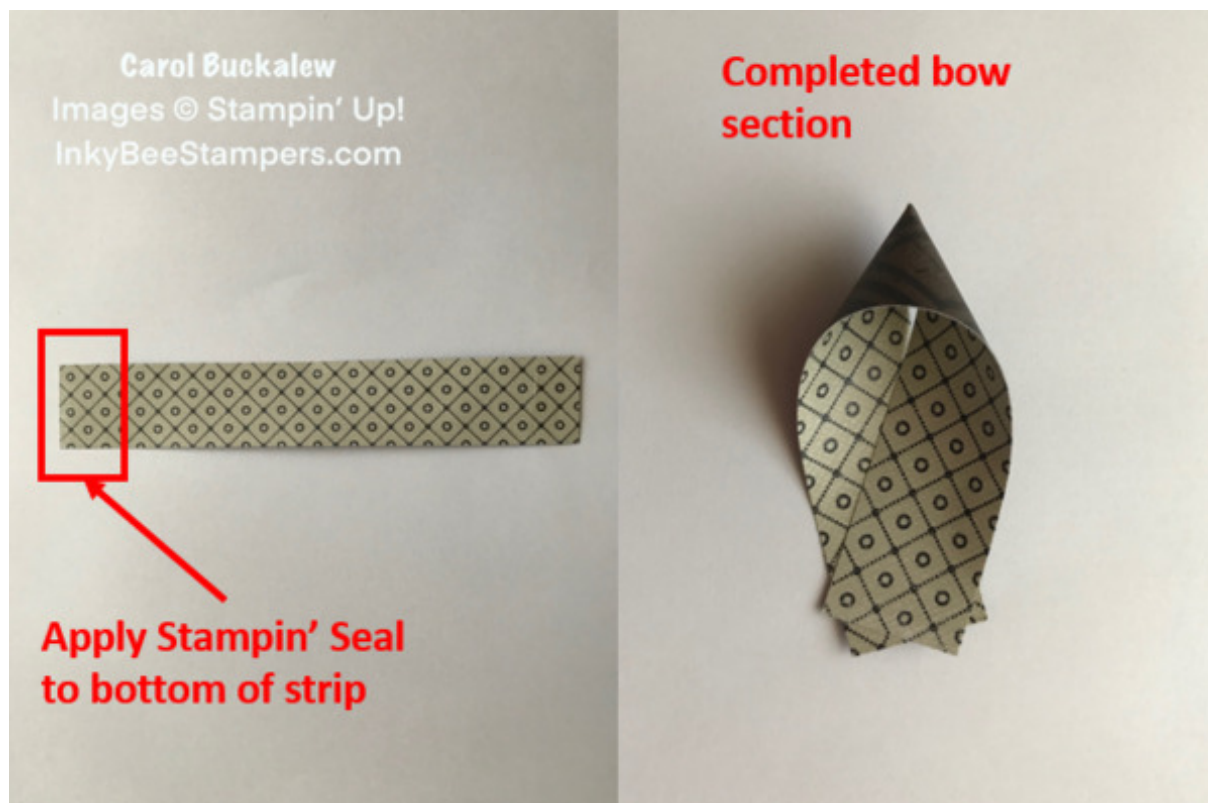
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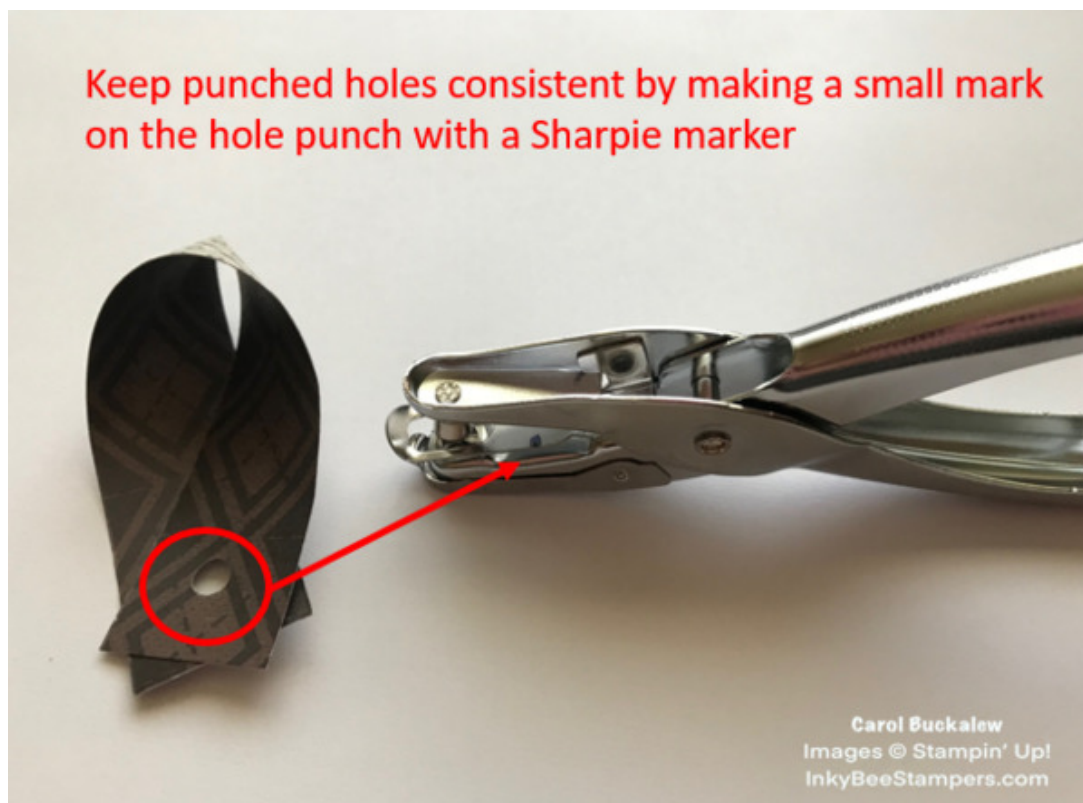


4. Following the directions in Step #3 above, complete the four (4) bow sections from the 1" x 5" strips.
5. The 1" x 4" strip will be the center of the bow and this section becomes a circle rather than a pointed section. Apply a small amount of Stampin' Seal on one short end, then form a circle and adhere the short ends together. If you refer to the first picture above, you can see the center "circle" section.
6. You will need to punch a small hole in each of the bow sections, with exception of the one circle section. Using a single-hole punch, punch a hole in each bow section where the two ends meet. **Important: You will want the hole placement to be consistent in each bow section. Using a Sharpie marker, make a mark on the hole punch so that you can punch the hole on each section at about the same depth. Refer to photo below.**

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7. To assemble the bow, begin by placing a brad through one of the 1" x 5" bow sections, then add the remaining 1" x 5" bow sections for form a star (think north, south, east and west).
8. Add the larger 1" x 6" bow sections in the reverse pattern as the previous bow sections, feeding each through the brad.
9. Add the remaining 1" x 6" bow sections. Each bow section should be offset from the previous bow section. Secure the brad ends on the back of the bow.
10. Using a Mini Glue Dot, adhere the dot on the seam of the circle section and place in the middle of the bow.

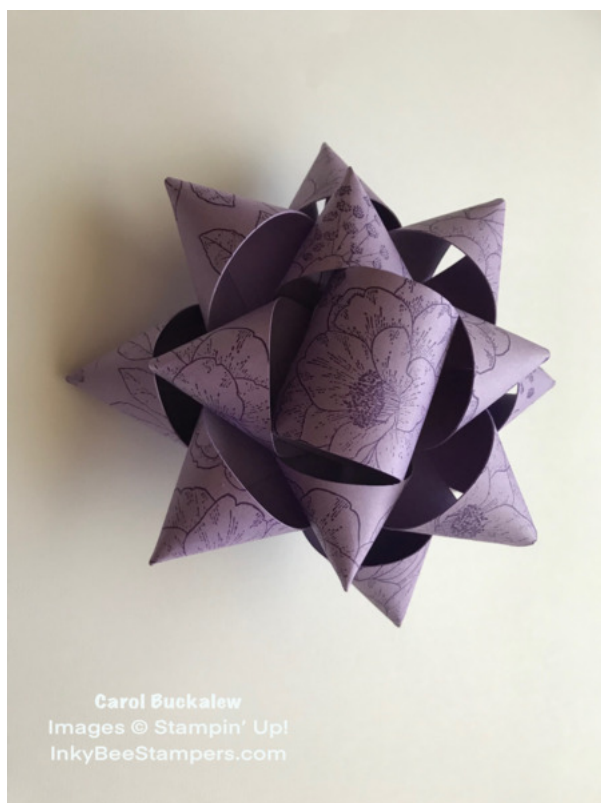
The bow is complete! Your gift will look beautiful with a coordinating bow to match your card!

Alternate Idea: Stamp a pretty flower image across one sheet of 8-1/2" x 11" cardstock for a tone-on-tone look, then cut as directed above to create your bow. **Hint: Because cardstock is heavier than designer series paper, regular Stampin' Seal has a hard time holding the bow sections together. I recommend using Stampin' Seal Plus if making a bow from cardstock, although I was able to do it with regular Stampin' Seal.** On the bow shown below, I cut the center circle section wider, to fill up the space more.

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Products used to make this project are included on the next page.

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