



– Tag Mini Album & Book Box –

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### Graphic 45<sup>®</sup> Supplies:

1 pk Let it Snow 12 x 12 Collection Pack	(4502323)
1 pk Let it Snow Journaling Cards	(4502327)
1 pk G45 Staples Flower Assortment—Blue	(4502344)
1 pk G45 Staples Regular Tags—Kraft	(4501123)
1 ea G45 Staples Book Box—Kraft	(4500844)
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Other Supplies: (not included) 16" Ribbon-Ivory or White

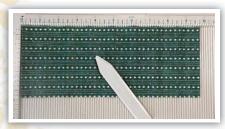
#### Tools, Adhesives & Ink:

Paper trimmer, detail scissors, ruler, scoring tools, bone folder, pencil, various adhesives, Optional: brown ink & blending tool

#### Notes:

- All measurements are width x height, unless specified.
- When cutting papers, be mindful of the pattern direction.
- Paper edges can be distressed with brown ink, which is optional. The sample shown in the directions has all edges inked with medium brown ink.

#### Tag Mini Album Directions:



1. To make the inner hinge, cut a 10" x  $3^{7}/8$ " piece of So Very Merry, making sure the stripes run horizontally as shown. Place in

scoreboard and score as follows:  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ , 2½", 3", 3¼", 3¾", 4¼", 4½", 5", 5½", 5¾", 6¼", 6¾", 7"  $7\frac{1}{2}$ , 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9, and 9, 2.



2. Fold on all score lines so you end up with 7 mountains. There will be ½" flaps

on both outer ends and 1/4" in between each mountain as well as next to the outer 1/2" flaps. Turn over the piece and place adhesive on the two outer 1/2" flaps, then on one side of each mountain fold as shown.



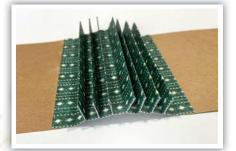
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3. Leaving the adhesive on the two outer flaps, peel and stick the mountains closed so you have a hinge resembling the photo.

4. Peel and stick the outer hinge flaps to join two tags, making sure the left tag's grommet is face down and the right is face up.





5. From Joyful Tidings cut two pieces 5" x 3%" and one 3%" x 3<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>". Score both sides of the smaller piece at ½".

6. Adhere the small piece from Step 5 to the spine, making sure the scored ½" sides wrap around the front and back tags. These are your album's front and back covers.





7. Flip the album over so the face-up grommet is on the right end. Adhere the two remaining papers from Step 5 to the front and back covers, trimming the two corners to match the tags.



8. Flip the album back over, cut two pieces of So Very Merry  $4^{7/8}$ " x  $3^{7/8}$ " and adhere, trimming as needed.



9. Locate the flower and leaf pieces, the sticker, and the 3" x 4" journaling card. Cut the card in half.

10. Locate the flower and leaf pieces, then round the corners of the half journaling card from Step 9.





11. Adhere the elements from Step 9 to the cover as shown. Feel free to pop up elements as desired.

12. Adhere the flower pieces from Step 10.



13. Adhere the elements to the inside front cover.





Locate the 4" x 3" journaling card shown in the previous image and adhere to the inside back cover, then add the remaining leaf piece.



14. Cut 1/4" off the bottoms of seven kraft tags so they're squared off, then turn sideways as shown with grommets facing up. Cut four 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" x 3<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" pieces of *Polar Bear* Prance and three

from *Christmas Dreams* of the same size. Adhere to tags alternating papers as shown.

15. Cut four 41/8" x 35/8" pieces of Holiday Happiness (flip one over) and three from Let It Snow of the same size. Put these aside in a pile in the order shown.





16. Working from front to back, adhere the tags to the hinges, leaving about 1/16" gap from the base of the hinge so the pages fold back and forth easily. Burnish each one for a strong bond, and make sure to fold back and forth several times on the hinges so they soften and turn easily.

TIME TO DECORATE THE PAGES (Follow the photos and the tips below to embellish the album)

17. Adhere a leafy stem and "Joy" sticker as shown.



18. Adhere the first paper in the pile from Step 15. Add a sticker border and three layered flower pieces.





19. Two corner stickers, opposing. Let It Snow and two small round snowflake stickers.

20. Adhere the next paper from the pile, then layer the flower pieces and add the large round sticker.







21. Locate the two identical 4" x 3" journaling cards. Score the front of one 1/2" across the top as shown.

22. Adhere the non-scored one first, with journaling side face up, then just the scored top of the second card over the top. Affix two round snowflake stickers together,



hanging off the bottom slightly to serve as a pull tab.







23. Adhere the next paper from the pile, add a sticker border, then adhere a leaf stem and dark blue butterfly.

28. Adhere the next paper from the pile, then affix a border sticker and round poinsettia sticker.



29. Locate the flower piece shown and cut away the center for the

flower in the next step.

24. Affix the label sticker, then layer two small flower pieces.





25. Adhere the next paper from the pile, then affix the tag sticker and three small round snowflake stickers.

30. Affix polar bear border stickers across top and bottom. Adhere two leaf pieces and three flowers as shown.



26. Locate and cut apart the two journaling cards shown.





27. Adhere the bunny piece on three sides to make a pocket. Tuck the other cut-apart inside. Adhere one light blue butterfly.



31. Adhere the next paper from the pile. Affix the border sticker. Locate the 4" x 3" journaling card and fussy cut along the design, then adhere to the page.

32. Affix the border sticker and Merry & Bright tag sticker. Fussy cut a few poinsettias from Poinsettia Parade and adhere.







33. Locate the 4" x 6" journaling card and cut the left border off, as shown.

34. Adhere the last paper from the pile, then add the border from Step 33. Affix two bird stickers.





35. Affix the last bird sticker over the leaves to the inside back cover.

36. Close the album and curve the spine slightly in your hand. While it's curved, adhere the So Very Merry tag sticker using liquid glue to the spine. Hold this in the curved shape until the glue has set.

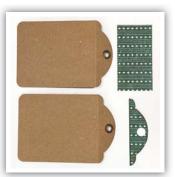




37. Cut a 16" length of ribbon and insert through the front and back cover tags and tie into a bow.

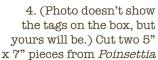
#### Poinsettia Book Box Directions:

1. Place a tag into a scoreboard with grommet face up and on the right. Score at  $4^{5}$ /s". Repeat with a second tag. Fold away from the score on both tags.



2. Cut two 11/2" x 4" pieces of So Very Merry (note the stripe direction). Lay the paper behind the tag with paper edge lined up with the scored line. Trace the tag top including inside the grommet. Cut out the shape and punch the hole with a ½" circle punch. Do this to both.

3. Adhere the papers to the tops of each tag then adhere one tag to the top of the box, centered, with the scored area hanging off the side. Repeat this to the back of the box with the other tag, centered as well.



Parade and adhere to the front and back of the box. Cut a 23/8" x 7" piece from the B-side of Poinsettia Parade and adhere to the box's spine





5. From Winter Wonders. cut two 5" x 7" frame pieces from the opposing corners of the page, as shown. Cut the "Merry Christmas" cut-apart around the green border, approx  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{8}$ ".





6. Adhere the frame pieces to the box front. (Note: as an option, you can miter the corners as Annette did in her sample shown in the final photo.) Complete the frame all the way around.

7. Cut the same two 5" x 7" frame pieces from the second sheet of Winter Wonders and repeat process on the back of the

box. Affix the "Merry & Bright" sticker to the spine



8. Adhere the cut-apart from Step 5 to the last kraft tag, then trim the tag leaving 1/8" space all the way around. Set aside.

9. Open the box flat. From Holiday Happiness, cut a  $4^{7/8}$ " x  $6^{7/8}$ " and a  $2^{3/8}$ " x 6<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" piece and adhere to the inside lid and spine of the box. From *Poinsettia* Parade, cut two 43/8" x 21/8"





pieces and adhere to the top and bottom of the box. From the same paper. cut two 21/8" x 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" pieces and adhere to the two sides of the box.

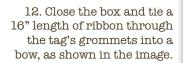
10. Cut a 41/4" x 61/4" piece of Holiday Happiness and adhere inside the box. Locate the journaling



card shown and adhere to the inside lid of the box.



11. Tie a 16" length of ribbon through the decorated tag into a bow. Adhere this tag to the front of the box with dimensional foam adhesive. Adorn with flower pieces and leaves. See next two photos for close-up details.





You've finished the festive Let it Snow Poinsettia Book Box! Perfect for storing your Tag Mini Album filled with photos and memories of this holiday season!

