



## Christmas Cottage Explosion Box & Wrap-Around Album



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1. Take two sheets of *Snowflake Waltz*. Score each piece at 4" and 8" horizontally and vertically.

2. Cut out the snowflake template. (Note: when tracing this template, the side with three triangles must

always be on the diagonal score line. The side without triangles should line up with the 4" score line. You may need to reverse the template as you complete steps 3 - 7.)



3. Take one *Snowflake Waltz*. Fold the paper in half diagonally from the upper left corner to the lower right corner. Place the snowflake template in the upper left corner. Trace the triangle shapes in the template, then cut them out.

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### Graphic 45® Supplies:

- 1 pk Nutcracker Sweet Deluxe Collector's Edition (4502329)
- 1 pk French Lilac & Purple Royalty Trim (4502294)
- 1 pk G45 Staples 12 x 12 Chipboard Sheets—Kraft (4501807)

### Tools, Adhesives & Ink:

Paper trimmer, scissors, ruler, scoring tools, bone folder, pencil, 1" circle punch, various adhesives, paper clips, Opt: distress ink

### Notes:

- Project templates are found on the last page. (pg. 7)
- For a fun, detailed video tutorial, visit our YouTube channel!
- All measurements are width x height, unless specified.
- When cutting papers, be mindful of the pattern direction.
- Paper edges can be distressed with ink, which is optional.



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4. Now fold paper in half diagonally from the lower left corner to the upper right corner. Place the snowflake template in the lower left corner. Trace the template, then cut out small triangles.

5. Unfold paper. The snowflake designs should be in the upper and lower left 4" x 4" corners.



6. Take your second *Snowflake Waltz* and fold paper in half diagonally from the lower left to upper right corners. Place the snowflake template in the upper right corner and trace. Cut out the triangle shapes in the template.

7. Fold paper diagonally from the lower right to upper left. Place template in the lower right corner and trace; cut out shapes.



8. Unfold paper. The snowflake designs should be in the upper and lower right 4" x 4" corners.

9. Adhere the second *Snowflake Waltz* sheet on top of the first sheet, so that the left edge of the second sheet is flush with the 4" vertical score line on the first sheet. Your paper should measure 16" x 12".



10. Find *Enchanted Journey* (b-side) and cut one 7 3/4" x 12" piece. From this piece, cut three 7 3/4" x 3 3/4". With remaining paper, cut two 3 3/4" squares.

11. Locate *Sugar Plum Fairy* (b-side) and cut a 7 1/2" x 12" piece. From this piece, cut three 7 1/2" x 3 1/2". With remaining paper, cut two 3 1/2" squares. Adhere over the *Enchanted Journey* papers.



12. Find a sheet each of *Endearing Sentiments* and *Holiday Magic*. Cut out the images in photo; keep them grouped as shown.



13. Adhere images over *Sugar Plum Fairy* mats (as shown in image on the following page). Adhere just the top, left, and bottom sides of the Clara and postcard to form pockets. Adhere the top, right, and bottom sides of Mother Ginger image. Insert papers. Attach clock sticker and adhere tree image.



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14. Adhere *Sugar Plum Fairymats* inside the base of the snowflake box as shown.

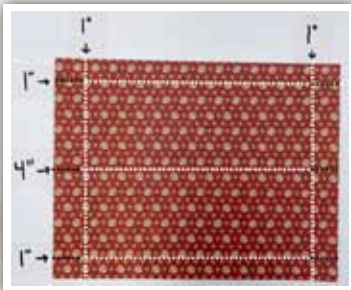
15. Take a sheet of chipboard and cut one 6" x 10" piece. Locate *Festive Fairytale* (b-side) and cut two 6" x 10" pieces. Adhere papers onto both sides of the chipboard.



16. Fold the sides up of the *Snowflake Waltz* paper (while tucking the snowflake corners in) to create a 4" x 8" x 4" box. (Use paperclips to

secure sides for now.) Then, adhere the box so that it's centered onto the *Festive Fairytale* (b-side) base.

17. Locate *Christmas March* (b-side). Cut one 10<sup>3/8</sup>" x 8" piece, then score 1" around each side. Score again at 4" horizontally.



18. Cut along the left and right side 1" score lines (black dots); you will make 6 cuts total.

19. Fold paper to create a roof shape and adhere sides. You may need to rest the roof on top of the snowflake box to ensure a proper fit. Take your 1" hole punch and cut six circles from *Land of Sweets* (b-side); adhere three circles onto each side of your roof.



20. Take your second sheet of chipboard and cut two 8" x 2<sup>3/4</sup>" and two 8" x <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" pieces. Locate your second sheet of *Christmas March* and cut two 8" x 2<sup>3/4</sup>" and two 8" x <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" pieces; adhere these on top of the coordinating chipboard pieces.

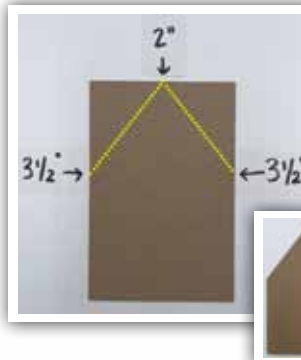


21. Center and adhere *Christmas March* papers under the roof for added sturdiness.

22. Adhere chipboard buttons and gingerbread man to the center top of the roof. Then, attach large sticker to the front of the explosion box.



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23. Take some leftover chipboard and cut a 4" x 6". Draw a point in the center of the top (2") and points on the left and right sides 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" from the sides. Use a pencil to connect the lines.

24. Cut at the diagonal lines; the result should resemble a house.



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25. Find *Clara's Dream* (b-side) and cut two 4" x 6" pieces. Trace the chipboard shape onto each piece; cut out the papers and adhere to both sides of the chipboard.



26. Cut out the door template.

Locate *Nutcracker Sweet* (b-side) and some leftover chipboard. Trace the door shape onto both the paper and chipboard. Cut both door shapes out and adhere the *Nutcracker Sweet* paper on top of the chipboard door.



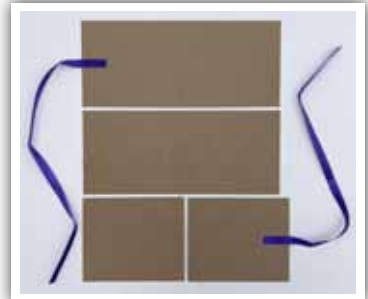
27. Take leftover chipboard and cut two  $\frac{5}{8}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{4}$ " and two  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces. Cut two  $4\frac{1}{4}$ " long pieces of the "The Land of Sweets" border from

leftover *Endearing Sentiments*. Take leftover *Land of Sweets* (b-side) and cut two  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces. Adhere papers over chipboard. Locate "Visions of sugar plums", nutcracker, and four small chipboard circles.

28. Adhere candy cane columns and door to your red chipboard base. Adhere chipboard tag. Align the edges of the "Land of Sweets" borders with the slanted edges of your chipboard base and adhere. Trim borders so that the sides of the gable are straight. Adhere remaining chipboard pieces.

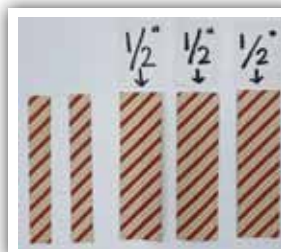


29. Take a third sheet of chipboard and cut three 12" x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces. From these, cut two  $8\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " and two  $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ". Cut two 12" long pieces of dark purple satin trim. Adhere 1" of trim to the left side of one  $8\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ". Adhere 1" of trim to the right side of one  $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".



30. Find your second sheet of *Clara's Dream* and cut three 12" x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces.

From these papers, cut two  $8\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " and two  $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ "; adhere these pieces over the coordinating chipboard pieces from the previous step. Keep the  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " piece with purple ribbon with the  $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " piece without ribbon (mini album pages 1 & 2); keep the remaining pieces together (pages 3 & 4).



31. With your leftover *Land of Sweets* (b-side), cut two  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " and three 1" x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ". Score the 1" x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces in half vertically at  $\frac{1}{2}$ "; fold them along the score lines, then unfold.

32. Adhere one  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " paper to the left side of page



1. Connect pages 1 and 2 by adhering the candy cane paper to both pieces, leaving  $\frac{1}{8}$ " space in between the pages so that your album can bend easily.

33. Adhere one  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " paper to the right side of page 4. Repeat the rest of step 32. Adhere part of the right edge of your last  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " piece to the left side of page 3, leaving most of the paper exposed so that it can be



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attached to page 2. (You will also want to account for  $\frac{1}{8}$ " space between pages 2 & 3.) Then, adhere the chipboard piece from step 28 in the center of page 3.

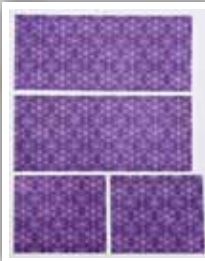


34. Take leftover *Land of Sweets* (b-side) and cut out eight circles with your 1" hole punch. Adhere the lower half of the circles above page 1, then center and adhere "Nutcracker Sweet" and two small chipboard circles.

35. Punch eight 1" circles and adhere to the top of pages 3 & 4. Attach two purple gift stickers.



37. Find your second sheet of *Nutcracker Sweet* (b-side) and cut three 12" x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces. From these pieces, cut two  $8\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " and two  $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces.



36. Connect pages 2 & 3. Then punch four 1" circles and adhere above pg 2.

38. Take the second sheet of *Sugar Plum Fairy* and cut two 8" x  $3\frac{1}{4}$ " and two 4" x  $3\frac{1}{4}$ ". Center and adhere over the *Nutcracker Sweet* (b-side) papers.



39. Find leftover *Endearing Sentiments* and cut out the images shown. Trim borders to 8" long; locate the chipboard pieces.



40. Flip mini album over. Adhere *Sugar Plum Fairy* mats behind pages 4 & 3.

Adhere just the left, top, and bottom sides of the pink image to form a pocket. Insert tag. Adhere remaining pieces, then attach gingerbread sticker.



41. Repeat step 40 for the back of pages 2 & 1 using remaining papers and chipboard.

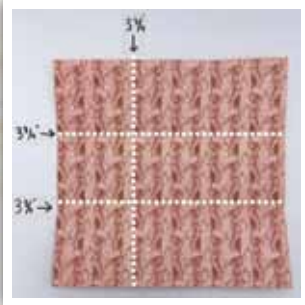


42. Wrap the mini album around the explosion box. Tie the ribbon to keep the album closed.



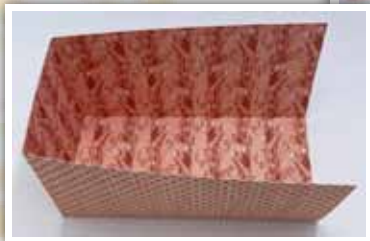
## Bonus Project: Nutcracker Sweet Gift Box

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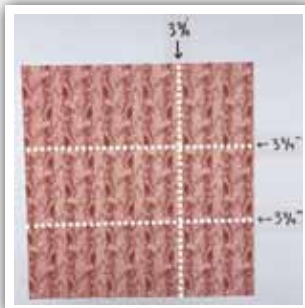
1. Take one sheet of *Beautiful Ballet* and trim to  $11\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $11\frac{1}{4}$ ". Then, score paper vertically  $3\frac{3}{4}$ " from the left of the page. Score horizontally  $3\frac{3}{4}$ " from the top and bottom sides.

2. Cut the top and bottom horizontal score lines up to the  $3\frac{3}{4}$ " vertical score line.



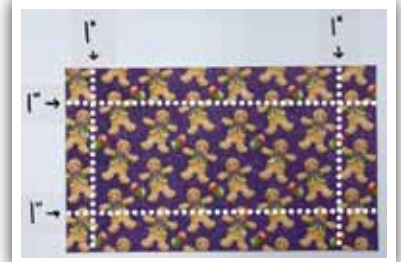
3. Fold the pieces up to form a box shape. Adhere edges.

4. Find your second sheet of *Beautiful Ballet*; trim this paper to  $11\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $11\frac{1}{4}$ ". Score paper vertically  $3\frac{3}{4}$ " from the right of the page. Then, score horizontally  $3\frac{3}{4}$ " from the top and bottom sides.



5. Repeat steps 2 and 3. Then, adhere one of the box shapes inside the other to create a box with all four sides.

6. Locate *Gingerbread Delights*. Trim a  $9\frac{7}{8}$ " x  $5\frac{7}{8}$ " piece. Then, score a 1" border all around.



7. Cut along one 1" score line per side of the box. Fold and adhere edges to form the box's lid. Attach "Christmas Wish" sticker and adhere chipboard tag and small circle.

8. Attach lid to the bottom of the box. Tie 3 feet of chevron ribbon trim around the box.

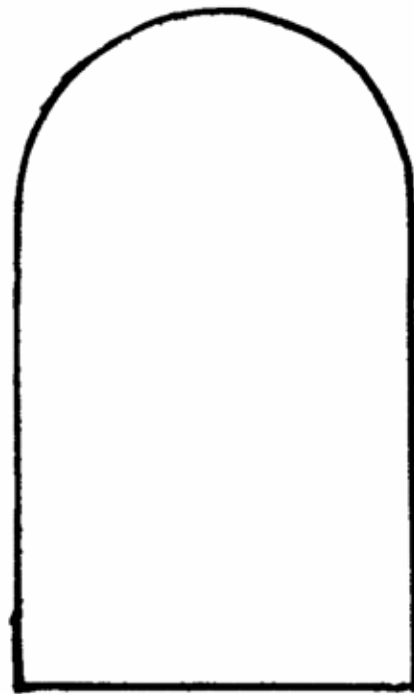
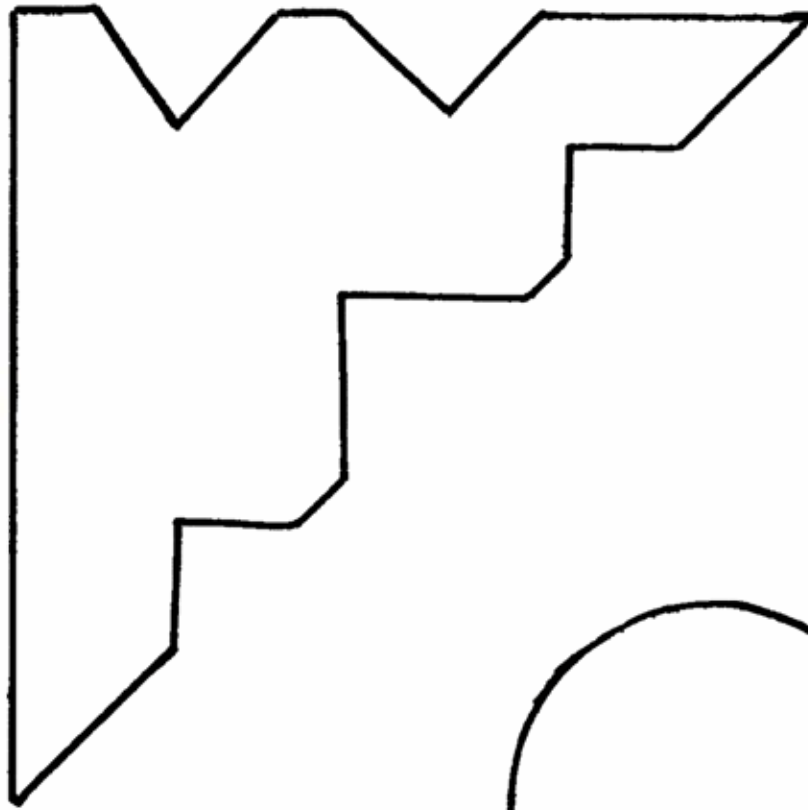


Well done!  
You've completed the Vol. 12 Nutcracker Sweet projects!

Don't forget, there's a fun coordinating Card Kit sold separately!

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## Snowflake Template



## Door Template