

Place in Time Card Series - Part I

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The Place in Time Collection contains wonderful images that are perfect for card making. I have decided to make one card for each month, using the monthly Cut-Aparts. I will present these in a five-part series.

Part I - January, February, March

Part II - April, May, June

Part III - July, August, September

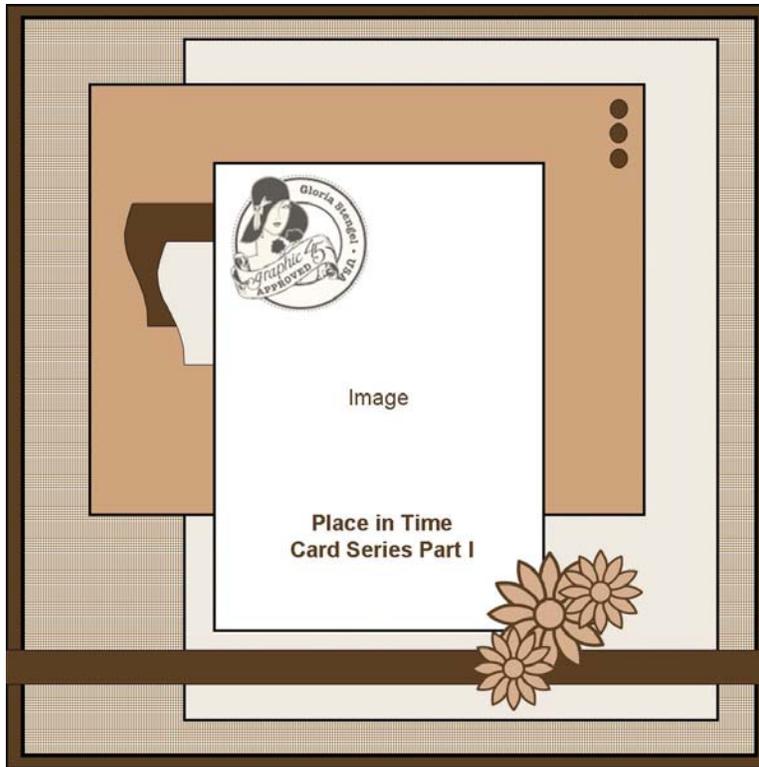
Part IV - October, November, December

Part V - Storage box

Each part will be available as a printable tutorial once they are released to the Graphic 45 Blog.



Each card will measure 5 x 5 inches and each set of the series will correspond to a card sketch. The cards for January, February, and March correspond to the sketch below.



I used the same sketch for all three cards in Part I, but each card is unique. I used the papers and images from the monthly cut apart sheets and added a few embellishments and a sentiment to each card.

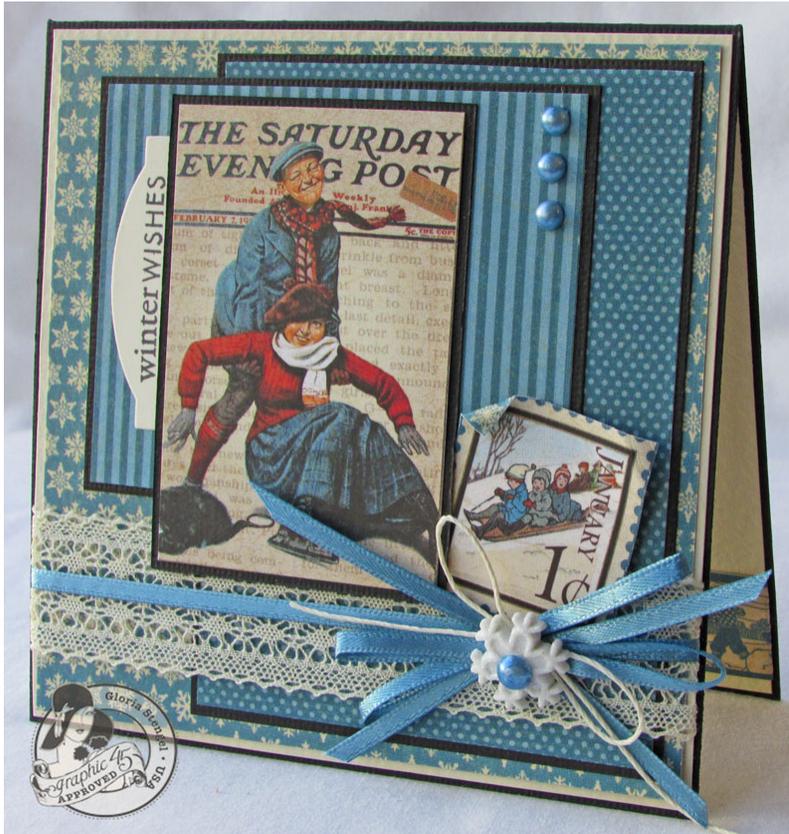
Cut List: I do not provide you with a cut list for the cards because you are working from a sketch. If you wish to figure out the exact measurements of the layers, simply copy the image into a photo editing program or a text editor and print it at 5 x 5 inches. You can then measure each layer. The beauty of working from a sketch is that you can customize the card to meet your own specifications. (My measurements may not match the sketch exactly.)

Measurements: I try to keep to the standard of length x width for my measurements. Length means from the top of the card to the bottom. Width means from the left to the right.

Cardstock Mats: You will notice that all of my cardstock mats are 1/16 inches. To achieve this, cut your printed paper to size, and then increase the size of your cardstock by 1/8 inch. For example, if your printed paper measures 2 x 4 inches, then cut your cardstock mat to 2 1/8 x 4 1/8 inches. This will give you a 1/16 inch mat on all four sides. I work in 1/8, 1/4, and 1/2 inch increments for all of my projects. This makes measuring a snap!

Images: I trim my images from Graphic 45 paper, and then I use the Perfect Layers tool to achieve a 1/16 inch mat. You can use a paper trimmer, but I find it easier to use a craft knife and the Layers ruler.

January

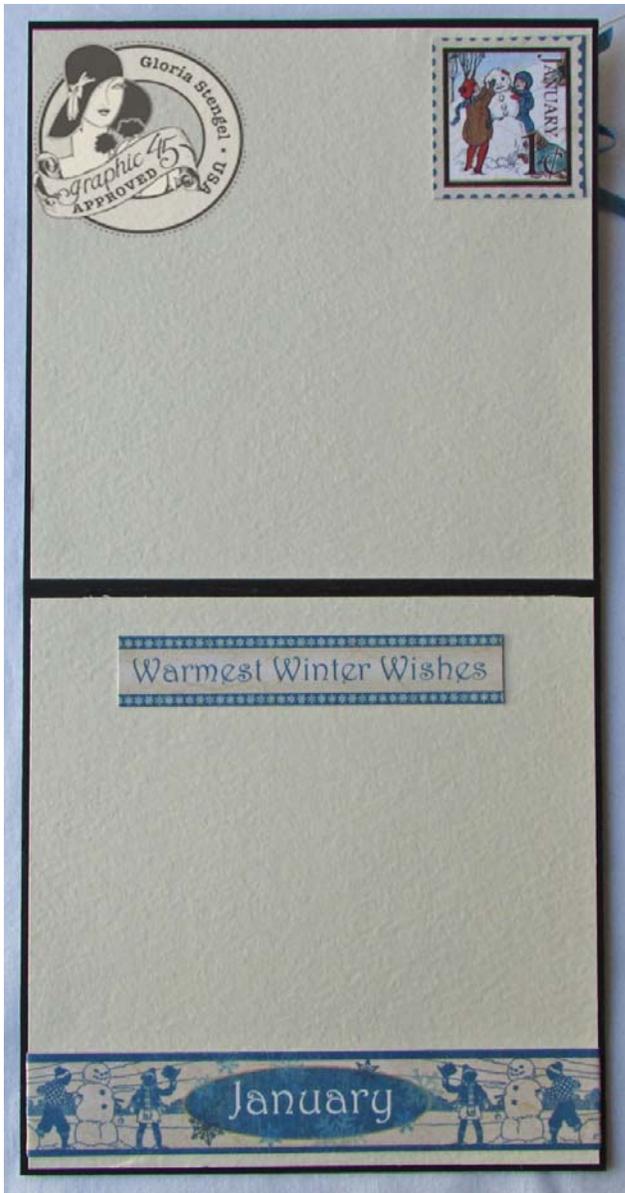


The January card is all about the cold weather. Doesn't it look frosty?!

Note: To achieve the 4 3/4 x 4 3/4 inch blue snowflake panel, I had to combine two pieces of the printed paper. You will notice that the back of each Cut-Aparts sheet has three printed designs. None of them is wide enough to cut a 4 3/4 inch square. You have to get creative!

Cut one piece of the snowflake paper to 4 1/4 x 4 3/4 inches. Cut a second piece to approximately 2 x 4 3/4 inches by inches. Combine the two pieces to form a 4 3/4 inch square. The ribbon will cover the seam!

I attach some of my elements with dimensional tape to give them "lift." When gluing ribbon to the cardstock, or when gluing buttons to ribbon, I always use Beacon Fabri-tac. It "grabs" the fabric qualities of the ribbon and seems to hold up to handling and mailing.



The inside of each card is decorated to match the month. I lined both the top and bottom with cream cardstock and then cut a few elements from the Cut-Aparts sheet to decorate. You could stamp a sentiment inside if you wish.

February



February is all about Valentine's Day. Follow the same steps that you used for the snowflake paper above to "stretch" the heart paper for this card. The trims will cover the seam where you piece together the heart paper.



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March



March is beautiful in green and purple. I mimicked the bird's nest by creating a flower "nest" on top of my bow.

You will once again, piece the green floral paper together to make a 4 3/4 inch square panel. The seam is hidden by the ribbon and lace.



I hope you enjoyed Part I of this card series.

If you have any questions, email me at stengelgloria@gmail.com or visit my blog at www.gloriascraps.blogspot.com.

Supply List:

Graphic 45 papers:

Place in Time: Cut-Aparts (January, February, March) - **you will need TWO (2) sheets for each month**

Graphic 45 Staples: Trims

Cardstock: Bazzill Heather, Butter Cream; American Crafts Black, Pomegranate; Neenah Natural White

Ink: Tsukineko Memento Tuxedo Black

Stamps: Papertrey Ink (Christmas Tags, Little Labels); Waltzing Mouse Spring Baskets

Ribbon and twine: Really Reasonable Ribbon

Flowers: Wild Orchid Crafts

Pearls: Creative Charms

Buttons: Buttons Galore and More; Craft Store

Markers: Copic

Die Cuts: My Favorite Things Die-namics Mini Tabs Quartet

Tools: Bow Easy; Sizzix Big Shot

Adhesive: Scotch 3M tape; Beacon Fabri-tac, 3-in-1 glue; Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L foam squares; Scor-tape