

Think Outside the Trash Can: Birthday Card Magnet

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Something in this month's Back Porch Memories Medley Kit caught my eye for this 'trash to treasure' piece. After using all the Primas in the little container for my layouts and other projects, I realized the tin itself had a magnet on the bottom. I thought it would be a cute way to hide a card, and could also serve as a magnet gift for the fridge at the same time.

Here's what the tin looked like before:

I didn't feel like the tin itself needed any altering. I loved the embossed flowers as they were, but if you want to try this project at home, feel free to paint or otherwise alter the tin.

My next step was to remove the paper circle insert inside the tin. I then used my Curvy Cutter to make three circles that are about 2 1/8" in diameter. You might want to practice making your circles on a piece of scratch paper first, just to make sure they're the right size to fit inside the tin. I used leftover Fancy Pants papers from the kit, but any double-sided heavyweight patterned paper will work.

After cutting my circles, I stacked them one on top of the other and used a small hole punch to punch a hole on each side through the circles. Next, I placed all three pieces in front of me in order and tied a 2" piece of thin ribbon through the holes to connect them like an accordion album. I also tied a loose ribbon on each end to finish the look and decorated the circles in a birthday motif. Here's what the card looked like at this point:

Finally, I folded the circles together and decorated the front cover. My card now looked like this:

I placed the card inside the tin and snapped on the top. I then embellished the tin with a couple of flowers, brads, a button and a piece of ribbon. In an instant, I made a wonderful birthday gift and card all in one!

