

Altered Paper Clips Flower Pot Project

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MATERIALS USED:

Patterned Paper
Cardstock
Cardboard (I used the back of old notebooks)
Ribbon
Buttons
Chalk
Ink
Small and Large Paper Clips
Stickles™ Glitter Glue
Small Clay Flower Pot
Spanish Moss (for flower pot filler)

TOOLS USED:

Sakura Glaze™ Pens
Scissors (I prefer Cutter Bee™)
Paper Cutter (I prefer Fiscars®)
Cuttlebug™
Cuttlebug™ Spring Floral Die Set
Cuttlebug™ Garden Creatures Die Set
Cuttlebug™ Flowers #1
Stampin' Up® Tag Corner Punch

Color Buddy from **"Color Made Easy"** by Misti Tracey (Bluegrass Publishing)

- (Choose your favorite color palette with this great tool! I used the **Fanciful** color palette for this project)

"The Ultimate Guide to the Perfect Card, 2nd Ed." by Linda LaTourelle (Bluegrass Publishing)

- (This book has 384 pages of poems for every occasion—I used the verse on page 284 by CC Milam for this project)

ADHESIVES USED:

Xyron® 900
Xyron® 150
Mono Adhesive®

STEPS TO CREATE:

After picking the color palette you want to use, chose various patterned paper with similar colors. Select the die shapes you want to use. You will need 2 of each shape cut from your cardboard, per paperclip. I found it easier to run my cardboard through my Xyron® before I cut them with my Cuttlebug™. You will also need to cut 2 of each shape from the patterned paper you selected. After all the shapes are cut from the cardboard and paper it is time to adhere the paper to the cardboard shapes. You may embellish your shapes now before attaching them to your paperclips. Place a paper clip between the shapes with the adhesive sides facing each other and squeeze each shape together. Be sure to align each shape accurately, especially if you use flowers or shapes of varying sizes.

Next, cover your flower pot with patterned paper. Wrap coordinating ribbon around your flower pot, and attach the tag with your quote to the ribbon. Arrange paper clips in flower pot using your choice of moss to fill pot. The moss helps the clips to be held securely in place.

These make great inexpensive, yet unique gifts, unique place setting for parties, terrific for themed parties to hold a treat, too. Get creative and use the larger sized paper clips to make bookmarks or include personalized clips to complement a set of note cards or stationary. Fill the pot with potpourri and design the clips to match any room to add a pleasant fragrance that simply blends in with the décor. A fun, affordable project with many possibilities!

