

Merci Card



Supplies:

All Supplies are Stampin' Up! unless otherwise noted.

*** Denotes items from the Occasions Mini Catalogue**

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- **Stamps:** Chic Boutique, Sanded background, Tres Chic background
- **Ink:** Versamark pad, Sahara Sand, Creamy Caramel and Basic Brown Classic inks, Gold Glow Smooch Spritz**
- **Paper:** Sahara Sand CS, Pretty in Pink CS, So Saffron CS, Old Olive CS, Sweet Pea Stack DP*
- **Accessories:** Grid paper, Snail adhesive, mini glue dots, sponge daubers, paper piercing tool, mat pack, Extra Large Two Step Bird punch*, Spiral Punch, Boho Blossoms punch, 5 Petal Flower punch, Chocolate Chip ¼" epoxy brads*, Button Latte designer buttons, ½" library clips, Pretty in Pink Taffeta ribbon, Gold Stampin' Emboss powder, embossing buddy, Heat tool, Stamp-a-ma-jig, Color Catcher** **Non SU:** Spray bottle

Directions:

1. Take a 4 ¼" x 11" piece of Sahara Sand CS and fold it in half with your bone folder to create a 4 ¼" x 5 ½" card.
2. Drag a Creamy Caramel ink pad along the edges of the card front.
3. Center and stick a 4 ⅞" x 5 ⅜" piece of Pretty in Pink CS to the card front.
4. Center and stick a 4" x 5" piece of Sweet Pea DP to the card front. Set your card aside for a moment.
5. Ink up the Tres Chic background stamp with Sahara Sand Classic ink. Stamp off once onto a piece of grid paper and then stamp onto a 2 ¾" x 4" piece of Sahara Sand CS.
6. Ink up the Sanded background stamp with Creamy Caramel Classic ink. Stamp off once onto a piece of grid paper and then stamp onto the 2 ¾" x 4" piece of Sahara Sand CS.
7. With the Spiral punch, punch along one of the 2 ¾" sides.
8. Dampen your Sahara Sand CS piece by spritzing water on both sides. Crunch the paper up really well, smooth it out, and repeat. Set aside to dry.
9. Once the CS is dry, run an embossing buddy all over the surface of the CS piece. stamp the Eiffel tower image using a Versamark pad.
10. Sprinkle Gold embossing powder over the image, turn the CS over and tap off any excess powder.
11. Using a Heat tool, heat the image until the embossing powder melts.
12. With Basic Brown Classic ink and a Stamp-a-ma-jig, stamp your greeting in the top right corner of the 2 ¾" x 4" piece of Sahara Sand CS.
13. With a Sponge dauber and Creamy Caramel Classic ink, sponge around the edges of the Sahara Sand CS. As you are sponging, start off of the CS and then work in a circular motion, sponging towards the center of the CS.
14. Drag a Creamy Caramel ink pad along the edges of the Sahara Sand CS piece.
15. Place your CS in the color catcher. Hold the Gold Glow Smooch Spritz about 8" away from your CS and spritz 2-3 times.
16. Tie an 8" piece of Pretty in Pink Taffeta ribbon in a bow. Stick the bow onto the top of a Chocolate Chip ½" library clip using a mini glue dot. Clip the library clip to the left hand side of the 2 ¾" x 4" piece of Sahara Sand CS.
17. Stick the 2 ¾" x 4" piece of Sahara Sand CS to the front of the card, on an angle, using Snail adhesive.
18. Punch 4 "branches" out of Old Olive CS using the Extra Large Two Step Bird punch.

19. Place some Snail adhesive on the end of the branches, and then stick them to the card front by tucking them underneath your main image.
20. Punch three flowers out of a pink piece of Sweet Pea DP using the 5 Petal Flower punch, and one of the large flowers from the Boho Blossoms punch.
21. Spritz all the flowers on both sides with water to dampen them. Crunch the flowers up really well, then smooth them out and let them dry.
22. Layer the flowers on top of each other, off setting the petals.
23. With a paper-piercing tool and a foam mat, pierce a hole in the center of the flowers.
24. Insert a Chocolate Chip epoxy brad.
25. Stick the pink flower to the card using a mini glue dot.
26. Shape the flower petals with your fingers.
27. From a yellow piece of Sweet Pea DP, punch out six of the large flowers from the Boho Blossoms punch. They will be layered onto a seventh flower punched out of So Saffron CS following the tutorial referenced in the next step.
28. Follow the tutorial found here http://scrapbookgirl.typepad.com/paper_scissors_and_superh/2010/03/make-your-own-spring.html to see how the flower was made.
29. Stick the yellow flower to the card using a mini glue dot.
30. With paper snips cut two very thin pieces of yellow Sweet Pea DP.
31. Take two So Saffron buttons from the Button Latte designer buttons collection.
32. Insert the sliver of CS into each button.
33. Stick both ends of the CS sliver to the back of each button using a mini glue dot. Trim the ends of the CS sliver.
34. Stick the buttons in the upper right hand corner of the DP, one above the other, using mini glue dots. You're done!