

Ribbon Reel Style Box Project

What you will need to recreate this project:

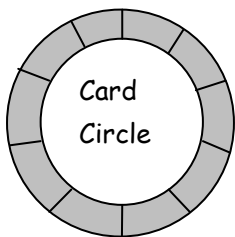
1 x heavy weight card stock such as stamp board
2 x 30 cm approx. normal weight card stock
A4 decorative paper
Silk flowers - one each in three sizes & hues of red
Trio of silk leaves - green
Medium brad - brown (recolour with permanent markers if you do not have one)
Decorative border peel offs - gold
Varnish - optional
Compass
Pencil, ruler & scissors
DST, tacky glue & silicone glue or 3D pad



How to assemble this project:

Set the compass against the ruler, position the needle on the zero mark and extend the pencil point to 3.8 cm, draw out 4 circles on the heavy weight card stock. Reset the compass in the same way to 2.25 cm on the ruler & draw a further 3 circles, and carefully cut out each one.

Using the tacky glue, firmly bond each of the two pairs together, and repeat with the three smaller circles. Cover each completely with the decorative paper as shown below:



Cut the paper larger than the card circle & using tacky glue bond firmly to one side of the circle. Snip cuts around the complete diameter of the paper, daub with tacky glue, and wrap over the edge - smooth out. Completely cover the second side with tacky glue & stick to more paper & trim around the edge. Repeat with other two circles of layered card.

Use the tacky glue & mount the smaller card circle centrally onto one of the larger circles & ensure a secure bond. Put to one side to dry.

With the strip of regular weight card & a ruler, lay card flat on work surface with the ruler upright & at right angles across the width, use one hand to keep firm pressure on the ruler & the other to pull the card from beneath the ruler. You may need to repeat the process a couple of times with the intention of softening the fibres of the card. Remove the ruler & using your fingers; gently manipulate the card to form a ring. Tighten the ring until it is almost a double ring and then position over the smaller card circle attached to the larger one, and adjust to fit snugly.

Using tacky glue, bond the second layer of the ring into position & then cover with decorative paper, then sit in position around the smaller card circle once more. Add more tacky glue to the exposed rim and line up the second large circle on top & press firmly. Before the glue is completely dry, turn the box onto its rim and roll to ensure that both top & bottom align correctly. Put box beneath something heavy to bond overnight. Once the box is dry you can varnish it and put it aside to dry completely.

Layer up the three silk flowers on top of the trio of leaves & secure with the brad. Decorate the top edge of the box with border peel offs as well as the visible lower edge. Use a dab of silicone glue to the back of the flowers & position centrally to the top of the box & put aside until completely dry.

You could make a tag book to insert into the box as a greeting or simply pop in a little treat & give as a gift.