Blue Candles

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MATERIALS REQUIRED:

Scrapbook Paper: SCR536 Snowflakes.

Creative Foil Coated Pack: FLESC.

Colorset Paper: COL162P Lime, COL163P Spring

Green and COL164P Evergreen.

Scrap of White Card.

Gold Label Peel Offs:

XL500U-02 Borders, XL701U-08 Snowflake

Strings, XL697U-08 Small Snowflakes,

XL500U-01 Gold Borders, ZL774U-81 Gem Dots

and ZL534U-55 Wording.

Silver Glitter Glue: GLI46.

Tracing Paper and Pencil.

Hole Punch.

Scissors.

Craft Knife and Cutting Mat.

Sticky Fixers: ADH18.

Double Sided Tape: ADH13. P.V.A. Craft Adhesive: PVA01.

Card Mount: SF01U-29 Dark Blue.

TO MAKE THE CARD:

Cut a strip of snowflake paper to 25mm x 195mm and another to 75mm x 195mm. Stick the narrow piece at the fold with an equal border top, bottom and left. Stick the large panel to the right of the card with an equal border top, bottom and right.

Stick a snowflake border down the centre of the small panel, trimming the ends to the panel.

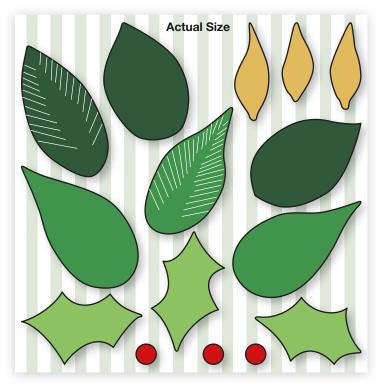
Use a medium width silver sticker to make a frame around each panel, place it just outside the paper so a tiny bit of the card shows between the panel and border. Add a gem dot to each corner.

Cut a 12mm wide strip from the short edge of the blue foil card and cut the candles from it, one at 70mm, one at 50mm and another at 45mm. Place a medium width gold border across each one, about 4mm from the top.

Use double sided tape to stick these to the card, position them 4cm from the bottom of the large panel, the largest in the centre, the smallest on the left and the other to the right leaving a gap of about 5mm between them.



Cut the flames from gold foil card, curve the top and bottom edges down and use a sticky fixer in the centre to stick them into place on the candles.



Trace all the leaves and transfer to the medium green, dark green and light green paper as shown then cut them out.

Fold the mid green leaves in half along the length and feather from the edge to near the centre by making several close together cuts, stop about 3mm from the centre fold. Cut along the whole length slanting them as shown on the diagram.

Unfold the leaves and place a little double sided tape down the centre uncut part then arrange them over the candles, or place them onto the diagram below, then transfer to the card when the cluster is complete.

Fold and cut the dark green leaves in the same way, use a bit of double sided tape on the bottom of these and a sticky fixer in the centre then arrange them over the medium leaves.

Place a little double sided tape on one end of the holly leaves and a sticky fixer in the centre of each before arranging them over the other leaves with the sticky ends to the centre.

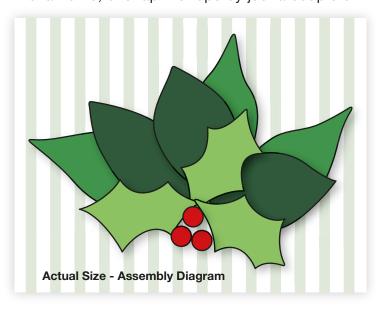
Punch three berries from the red foil and use a sticky fixer to stick them in the centre of the arrangement. Add a glitter glue centre vein to the holly leaves and add a little dusting of glitter over the other leaves, set aside to dry.

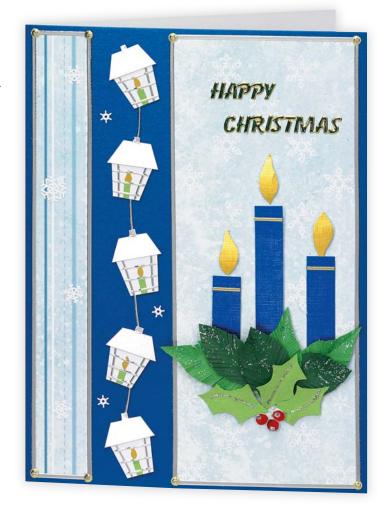
Trace the lantern base and top, transfer the base to white card 5 times and the top to the back of the silver foil card 5 times. Cut all of these out.

Place a 2cm length of double sided tape to the edge of the light green paper, cut along the edge of the tape to give you a sticky strip then trim 5 little candles from this, about 2mm wide. Stick one candle to the centre of each lantern.

Make a sticky strip of gold in the same way and cut little flames to sit on the candles. Use the narrow silver border to make the panes on the lanterns, see diagram, and trim all the ends neatly.

Use a little strip of clear tape to stick the tops onto the lanterns, overlap the tops by just a couple of





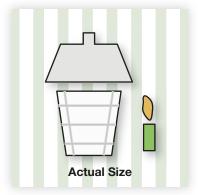
millimetres and place a sticky fixer at the top of the base, this allows the top and the bottom to bend down to give a nice 3D shape.

Stick a lantern at the top of the blue strip of card, about 5mm from the top edge, stick by the fixer only for now. See the photo for placement and angle. Add the bottom lantern then the other 3 spaced evenly between them. Cut lengths of narrow silver border for the wire, making them a little longer than the gap and tucking the ends under the lanterns.

Place a little glue on a piece of scrap card, tuck

the glued bit under the lantern to wipe some glue off the card and press carefully down to stick. Stick all the tops and bottoms in this way.

Add some snowflakes around the lanterns and over the wording and a few snowflakes to the main panel.



VARIATION:

The embossed snowflake paper I used on my main card is becoming hard to find, so why not try using the new ice blue papers SR181P & 182 as used in the above version along with a Centura card blank (SF01C-115) which has a pearly finish.

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