

Small Christmas Storage with Pockets

Hello everyone! I'm Sandra Christel, and today I'm joining you to create this lovely little storage piece with **8 pockets** — perfect for slipping in memory photos or small Christmas treats. We'll be working with the stunning **Neutral Noel** collection by Stamping'Up!, with its golden tones and enchanting die cuts. This project closes with magnets and can be personalized in endless ways to suit your taste. Let's get started!

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Materials & Supplies

Paper Needed

- **Thick white cardstock** — for the pockets (4 sheets for 8 pockets)
- **Neutral Noel Specialty Paper** — golden tones, ref. per collection
- Colored cardstock (alternative if no thick white cardstock available)

Essential Tools

- Precision paper trimmer
- Bone folder (especially on white cardstock!)
- Double-sided tape and adhesive sheets, dimensionals, and Glue Dots
- Magnets (4 minimum)
- 1" punch, stamp, ink, and scissors

❏ **Tip:** if you don't have thick white cardstock, choose a colored cardstock instead — sturdiness is essential for this project!

Step 1 — Making the Inner Pockets

We start with the **8 pockets** that are inserted inside the project. From each sheet of thick white cardstock, you cut two — so you'll need **4 sheets** in total.

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Cut Along the 8 1/4" Side

Make a fold at 3 15/16", then another at 7 7/8". There is a remaining 3/8" border that will serve as the gluing tab.

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Cut Along the 29.7 cm Side

Score a fold at 5 7/16" and cut at 5 13/16". For the 2nd pocket, same fold at 5 7/16" — it is already cut at 5 13/16".

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Gluing & Finishing the Pocket

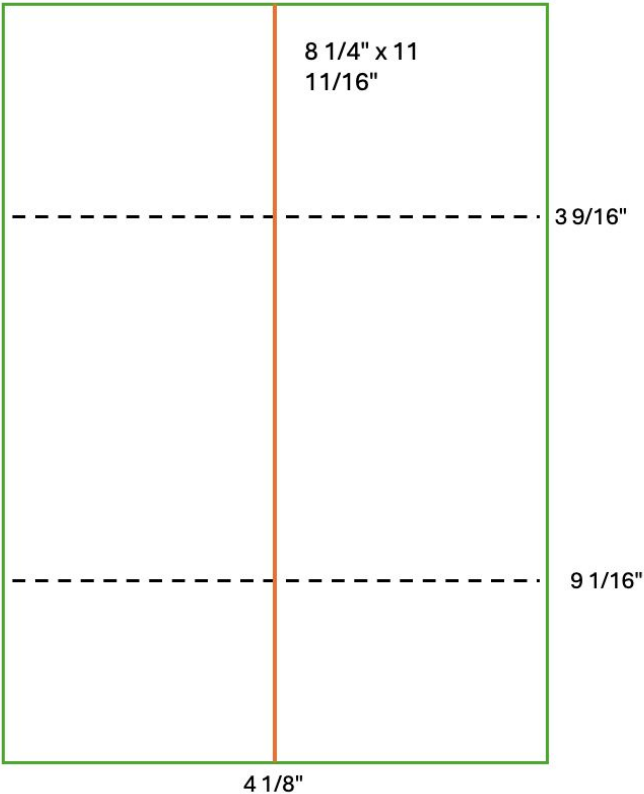
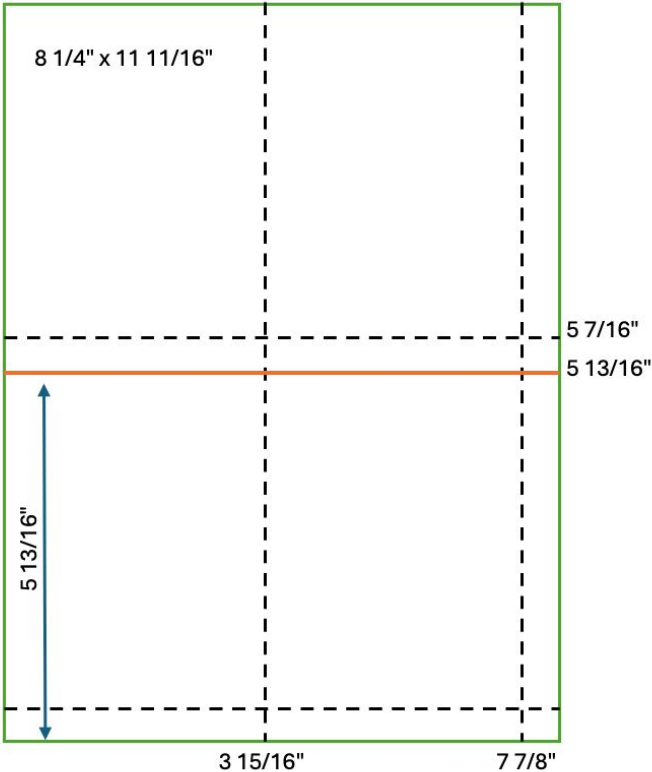
Apply double-sided tape to the small 3/8" tab. Do NOT bevel this side — keep the cut straight for a clean result. Bevel only the remaining sides.

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Covering with Designer Paper

Cut your pieces of designer paper to 5 1/4" × 3 3/4" and adhere them to each side. Remember to glue the pockets first if your paper has a directional pattern!

Cutting plan:



Step 2 — The Outer Structure & Magnets

Structure Cuts

Take a sheet of thick white cardstock. Along the 11 11/16" side, make a fold at 3 9/16" and a second one at 9 1/16". Along the 8 1/4" side, cut at 4 1/8". Assemble these two pieces together.

To line the inside, cut your decorative paper to 5 5/16" × 3 15/16". For the top, plan a strip of 2 1/2".

Placing the Magnets

Before decorating, place **4 magnets** (2 on each side) using your glue dots — make sure to check the polarity! Then hide them with a piece of the same paper for a seamless tone-on-tone finish. I love the little snapping sound of the magnets — it's so satisfying!

Inserting the Pockets

Glue the 3/8" tabs of each pocket directly onto the edge of the structure. I don't press too hard with the bone folder to keep the whole thing flexible. Make sure to check the pattern order if you're mixing different decorative papers — alternate them for more visual interest!

The Pull Tab Hole

Once all the pockets are in place, use your **1-inch punch** on the first one as a guide for all the others. Cut your small sheets to 3 9/16" × 4 15/16", punch a circle, and fold them over the pocket with a little glue. You can vary the color of the small circle to easily identify each pocket!

Step 3 — Decoration & Finishing Touches

This is my favorite part! I work with die-cuts from the **Neutral Christmas** collection: little houses, trees, and gold motifs. For the words "**Merry Christmas**," I ink my stamp, press it onto a scrap of paper, and cut **inside** the pen line — a technique I picked up from an American creator that gives a really clean and professional result.



Dimensionals

Place foam dimensionals under your house die-cuts and main elements to create dimension and depth.



Adhesive Sheets

To securely attach your die-cuts — especially if the project is meant to be gifted — adhesive sheets are my go-to essential.



Gold Accents

A few gold motifs from the stamp set warm up the composition — not everywhere, just a few well-placed touches.



Personalize It

Photos, treats, tea bags... It's up to you to choose what you'll tuck inside! And don't forget to share your creations with me — it's always such a joy.

