

Pre-Retreat Challenge #1

Fall 2025 - Project by Brandy Cox

Simple Pull-Out Pocket Card





Supplies:

- **Stamps:** Gingerbread Man
- **Cardstock/Paper:** Basic White Thick, Pecan Pie, Pool Party, Pretty in Pink, Elegant Pine Snowflakes Designer Series Paper (DSP), 2024-2026 In Color DSP
- **Stampin' Pads:** Summer Splash, Strawberry Slush, Watermark Ink
- **Other:** Gingerbread Man Dies, Forever Plaid 3D Embossing Folder, White Embossing Powder, Heat Tool, Baker's Twine Essentials Pack (white), Scissors, Stampin' Dimensionals, Adhesive of Choice, Basic White Medium Envelope

Cutting & Scoring Instructions:

- **Basic White:**
 - (card base) 4 ¼" x 5 ½"
 - (embossed layer) 4 ¼" x 2 ¼"
 - (sentiment) 4" x 5/8"
 - (gingerbread mini card) 7 ½" x 5 ½"
- **Pool Party:** (strip) 4 ¼" x 1 ⅛"
- **Pretty in Pink:** (strip) 4 ¼" x 7/8"
- **Pecan Pie:** (gingerbread man layers) 7 ½" x 5 ½"
- **Elegant Pine Snowflakes DSP:** (base layer) 4" x 5 ¼"
- **Pretty in Pink DSP:** (envelope) 6" x 2 ½"
- **Scraps:** Basic White, Pretty In Pink DSP

Instructions:

- Center and adhere the DSP layer to the Basic White card base.
- Emboss the Basic White layer using the Forever Plaid 3D Embossing Folder.
- Place Stampin' Dimensionals along the bottom edge and sides of the embossed Basic White layer. Then, with the sides and bottom edges flush, carefully adhere along the bottom of the card base, creating the pocket for the mini card.
- Center and adhere the Pretty in Pink strip to the Balmy Blue strip.
- Use Summer Splash ink to stamp a sentiment on the Basic White strip.
- Cut banner edges on both sides of the sentiment strip.
- Center and adhere the sentiment banner to the layered Pretty in Pink strip using Stampin' Dimensionals. Then, adhere across the top of the pocket as pictured.
- Die cut a double gingerbread man from Basic White. Then, die cut two snow hats from scraps, one from DSP and the other from Basic White.
- Fold and burnish the Basic White double gingerbread man to create the mini card. Then, use Strawberry Slush to stamp a sentiment inside the mini card.
- Use watermark ink to stamp the gingerbread icing image on the left side of the Pecan Pie layer (use the gingerbread die to help determine placement). Before the ink dries, sprinkle the image with white embossing powder and tap off excess. Then, use a heat tool to set the embossing powder and let cool.
- Use the double gingerbread man die to cut out the embossed Pecan Pie gingerbread man. Be sure to line up the embossed image within the left side of the die.
- Use scissors to trim around the outer edge of the Pecan Pie heat-embossed gingerbread man.
- Adhere the plain Pecan Pie gingerbread man (from the right half of the double gingerbread man) to the front of the Basic White mini card. Then, use scissors to carefully trim the excess Pecan Pie from around the left arm, using the mini card crease as a guide.
- Adhere the embossed gingerbread man to the front of the mini card.
- Wrap white Baker's Twine multiple times around the gingerbread man's neck and tie in a bow to create his scarf.
- Adhere the die-cut DSP snow hat to the Basic White hat to add support for heat embossing.
- Use watermark ink to stamp the squiggly line on the snow hat and heat emboss with white embossing powder as pictured.
- To create the pom-pom for the snow hat, wrap white Baker's Twine in a 1-½" loop multiple times. Tie a knot around the middle of the loop with another piece of twine. Then, use scissors to cut the ends of the loop and separate the twine.
- Adhere the pom pom to the snow hat and trim the fringe to the desired length.
- Adhere the snow hat to the front of the gingerbread man mini card.
- Slide the mini card into the card base pocket.
- For a matching envelope, adhere the DSP layer to the flap and use scissors to trim excess.





Supplies:

- **Stamps:** A Child is Born
- **Cardstock/Paper:** Secret Sea, Basic White Thick, Pool Party, Two-Tone Crumb Cake, Traditions of Christmas Specialty Designer Series Paper (DSP)
- **Stampin' Pads:** Black (water-based), Secret Sea
- **Stampin' Blends:** Pecan Pie, Crumb Cake, Petal Pink, Pool Party, Color Lifter
- **Other:** Black & White & Gold Baker's Twine (white), Traditional Sparkling Sequins, Scissors, Stampin' Dimensionals, Adhesive of Choice, Basic White Medium Envelope

Cutting & Scoring Instructions:

- **Basic White:**
 - (base layer) 3 ¾" x 5"
 - (mini card) 6" x 4 ¼", score at 3"
 - (mini card image layer) 2 ⅞" x 4 ⅛"
 - (sentiment) 4" x ¾"
- **Secret Sea:** (card base) 4 ¼" x 5 ½"
- **Two-Tone Crumb Cake (light):**
 - (base layer) 4" x 5 ¼"
 - (front layer) 4" x 1 ¾"
- **Pool Party:** (sentiment) 2 ⅝" x ¾"
- **DSP:** (envelope) 6" x 2 ½"
- **Scraps:** Basic White

Instructions:

- Use Secret Sea to stamp small stars and several sentiments randomly over the entire Basic White base layer as pictured to create the unique background.
- Center and adhere the stamped Basic White layer to the Crumb Cake base layer.
- Use Secret Sea to stamp a sentiment on the Basic White strip. Cut a banner on the right side.
- Tie a bow around the left side of the sentiment banner using White & Gold Baker's Twine.
- Adhere the sentiment banner across the top of the front Crumb Cake layer. Wrap the left side of the banner around to the back and secure with adhesive.
- Place Stampin' Dimensionals along the bottom edge and sides of the front Crumb Cake layer. Then, with the sides and bottom edges flush, carefully adhere along the bottom of the Crumb Cake base layer, creating the pocket for the mini card.
- Center and adhere the Crumb Cake base layer to the Secret Sea card base.
- Cut, score, and fold the Basic White mini card base.
- On Basic White scrap, stamp two sheep and two lambs using black ink. Stamp the nativity image on the Basic White image layer. Then, color the images with Stampin' Blends.
- Use scissors to cut out the colored sheep and lambs.
- Adhere one sheep and lamb to the bottom right corner of the Crumb Cake pocket as pictured.
- Inside the mini card, adhere the remaining sheep and lamb in the bottom right corner.
- Stamp a sentiment inside the mini card with Secret Sea ink.
- Use Secret Sea to stamp the Star of Bethlehem, above Mary, on the Basic White image layer as pictured.
- Center and adhere the completed image layer to the front of the mini card.
- Use Secret Sea to stamp a sentiment on the Pool Party strip. Cut a banner on the right end.
- Adhere the Pool Party sentiment banner in the lower left of the mini card front, keeping the left edge of the banner flush with the mini card base.
- Embellish the card with Traditional Sparkling Sequins.
- Slide the mini card into the front pocket.
- For a matching envelope, adhere the DSP layer to the flap and use scissors to trim excess.





Supplies:

- **Stamps:** Jolly Delivery
- **Cardstock/Paper:** Basic White Thick, Garden Green, Real Red, North Pole Delivery Specialty Designer Series Paper (DSP)
- **Stampin' Pads:** Garden Green
- **Other:** Dear Dots, Scissors, Stampin' Dimensionals, Adhesive of Choice, Basic White Medium Envelope

Cutting & Scoring Instructions:

- **Basic White:**
 - (base layer) 4" x 5 1/4"
 - (front layer) 4" x 1 7/8"
 - (front sentiment) 3" x 1/2"
 - (mini card) 6" x 4 1/4", score at 3"
 - (2) (mini card front & inside image layers) 2 1/2" x 3 3/4"
 - (mini card sentiment) 2 1/2" x 1/4"
- **Garden Green:**
 - (card base) 4 1/4" x 5 1/2"
 - (mini card inside layer) 2 3/4" x 4"
- **Real Red:** (mini card front layer) 2 3/4" x 4"
- **DSP:**
 - (base layer) 3 3/4" x 5"
 - (envelope) 6" x 2 1/2"

Instructions:

- Center and adhere the DSP base layer to the Basic White base layer.
- Use Garden Green to stamp the front sentiment on the Basic White strip. Then, cut a banner edge on the right end.
- Adhere the sentiment banner across the top of the front Basic White layer with Stampin' Dimensionals. Wrap the left side of the strip around to the back and secure with adhesive.
- Place Stampin' Dimensionals along the bottom edge and sides of the front Basic White layer. Then, with the sides and bottom edges flush, carefully adhere along the bottom of the card base, creating the pocket for the mini card.
- Select a mailbox and two fun animals from the North Pole Delivery DSP precut designs and adhere them to the front of the pocket using Stampin' Dimensionals.
- Center and adhere the Basic White base layer to the Garden Green card base.
- Cut, score, and fold the Basic White mini card.
- Use Garden Green to stamp the inside sentiment on one of the Basic White mini card image layers. Then, adhere a precut animal design to the bottom right corner.
- Inside the mini card, Center and adhere the Garden Green and inside image layers.
- Select a package and animal from the precut designs for the front of the mini card. Then, adhere to the remaining Basic White image layer as pictured using both adhesive and Stampin' Dimensionals.
- Use Garden Green to stamp a sentiment on the Basic White mini card strip. Then, cut a banner edge on the right end.
- Adhere the mini card sentiment banner across the front image layer using Stampin' Dimensionals. Wrap the left side of the strip around to the back and secure with adhesive.
- Layer and adhere the Real Red and finished image layers to the front of the mini card.
- Embellish the card with Dear Dots.
- Slide the mini card into the front pocket.
- For a matching envelope, adhere the DSP layer to the flap and use scissors to trim excess.

