

# Pre-Retreat Challenge #1

Winter 2026 - Project by Brandy Cox

## Color Block Squares





### Supplies:

- **Stamp:** Wonderful Thoughts
- **Cardstock/Paper:** Basic White Thick, Two-Tone Granny Apple Green, Two-Tone Melon Mambo, Two-Tone Daffodil Delight, Two-Tone Timid Tiger, Brights Designer Series Paper (DSP)
- **Stampin' Pad:** Secret Sea
- **Other:** Baker's Twine Essentials Pack (white), Greetings for All Mix & Match Ephemera Pack, 2025-2027 In Color Flat Pearls, Paper Timmer, Scissors, Stampin' Dimensionals, Adhesive of Choice, Basic White Medium Envelope

### Cutting & Scoring Instructions:

- **Basic White:**
  - (card base) 5 ½" x 8 ½", score at 4 ¼"
  - (layer) 4 ¾" x 3 ⅝"
  - (image layer) 4 ½" x 3 ⅜"
  - (inside layer) 5" x 3 ¾"
- **Granny Apple Green, Melon Mambo, Daffodil Delight & Timid Tiger (Two-Tone Cardstock):**
  - (5) (squares) 1" x 1"
  - (inside strip) 1" x 4 ¼"
- **Granny Apple Green DSP:** (envelope) 6" x 2 ½"

## Instructions:

- Cut, score, and fold the Basic White card base.
- Adhere two Granny Apple Green squares (dark sides up) to the top and bottom corners on the left side of the Basic White image layer. Then, adhere one more Granny Apple Green square along the left side, centered between the top and bottom squares, leaving a 1/8" space between each one.
- Adhere two Timid Tiger squares (dark sides up) to the top and bottom corners on the right side of the Basic White image layer. Then, adhere another Timid Tiger square along the right side, centered between the top and bottom squares, leaving a 1/8" space between each one.
- Along the top edge of the image layer, adhere a Melon Mambo and Daffodil Delight square (dark sides up) between the Granny Apple Green and Timid Tiger squares, with a 1/8" border. Repeat to adhere a set of Melon Mambo and Daffodil Delight squares along the bottom edge. Then, adhere a third set to fill in the middle of the image layer as pictured.
- Use a paper trimmer or scissors to cut all remaining squares in half diagonally, creating sixteen triangles (four of each color).
- Adhere the colored triangles (light sides up) to the top-left corner of their respective colored squares, as pictured. There will be one triangle leftover for each color.
- Center and adhere the colorful image layer to the Basic White layer.
- Wrap white Baker's Twine around the layered image layer a couple of times, then tie a decorative bow on the right side.
- Center and adhere the completed image layer to the card front with Stampin' Dimensionals.
- Adhere a sentiment from the Greetings for All Ephemera Pack to the card front, as shown, using Stampin' Dimensionals.
- Inside the card, adhere the Granny Apple Green, Melon Mambo, Daffodil Delight, and Timid Tiger strips as pictured. Consider using the leftover triangles to accent the inside strips.
- Use Secret Sea to stamp the inside sentiment on the Basic White inside layer.
- Center and adhere the stamped layer inside the card with Stampin' Dimensionals, as pictured.
- Embellish the card with 2025-2027 In Color Flat Pearls.
- For a matching envelope, adhere the DSP layer to the flap, then trim excess with scissors.





### Supplies:

- **Cardstock/Paper:** Basic White Thick, Two-Tone Real Red, Two-Tone Melon Mambo, Two-Tone Pretty in Pink
- **Other:** Beautiful Pattern 3D Embossing Folder, Greetings for All Mix & Match Ephemera Pack, Bee Builder Punch, Frosted Iridescent Dots, Paper Trimmer, Scissors, Stampin' Dimensionals, Adhesive of Choice, Basic White Medium Envelope

### Cutting & Scoring Instructions:

- **Basic White:**
  - (card base) 8 ½" x 5 ½", score at 4 ¼"
  - (layer) 4" x 5 ¼"
  - (image layer) 3 ⅜" x 4 ½"
  - (inside strip) ⅛" x 5 ½"
- **Two-Tone Real Red:**
  - (6) (squares) 1" x 1"
- **Two-Tone Melon Mambo:**
  - (6) (squares) 1" x 1"
  - (inside strip) ¼" x 5 ½"
  - (envelope) 6" x 2 ½"
- **Two-Tone Pretty in Pink:**
  - (6) (squares) 1" x 1"
  - (inside strip) ⅜" x 5 ½"
- **Scraps:** Two-Tone Real Red, Melon Mambo, and Pretty in Pink

## Instructions:

- Cut, score, and fold the Basic White card base.
- Emboss the Basic White layer. Then, center and adhere to the card front.
- Adhere two Real Red squares (dark sides up) to the top and bottom corners on the left side of the Basic White image layer. Then, adhere two more Real Red squares along the left side, centered between the top and bottom squares, leaving a 1/8" space between each one.
- Adhere two Pretty in Pink squares (dark sides up) to the top and bottom corners on the right side of the Basic White image layer. Then, adhere two more Pretty in Pink squares along the right side, centered between the top and bottom squares, leaving a 1/8" space between each one.
- Adhere two Melon Mambo squares (dark sides up) in the center of the top and bottom edges of the Basic White image layer. Then, adhere two more Melon Mambo squares, centered between the top and bottom squares, leaving a 1/8" border around the squares as pictured.
- Use a paper trimmer or scissors to cut all remaining squares in half diagonally, creating twelve triangles (four of each color).
- Adhere the triangles (light sides up) to the bottom-right corner of their respective colored squares as pictured.
- Adhere a sentiment from the Greetings for All Ephemera Pack to the card front, as shown, using Stampin' Dimensionals.
- From scrap paper, punch out the following small hearts using the Bee Builder Punch: four Real Red, three Melon Mambo, and three Pretty in Pink.
- Adhere the hearts (dark sides up) to the bottom triangles of each visible square as pictured. The darker heart contrasts beautifully with the lighter side of the Two-Tone Cardstock.
- Center and adhere the completed image layer to the card front using Stampin' Dimensionals.
- Adhere Melon Mambo, Basic White, and Pretty in Pink strips inside the card, along the right edge, as pictured.
- Punch a large heart from Melon Mambo scrap using the Bee Builder punch and adhere it inside the card.
- Embellish the card using Frosted Iridescent Dots.
- For a matching envelope, emboss the Melon Mambo envelope layer. Then, adhere to the flap and use scissors to trim excess.





### Supplies:

- **Stamps:** Cutest Onesie
- **Cardstock/Paper:** Basic White Thick, Balmy Blue, Lemon Lolly, Brights Designer Series Paper (DSP)
- **Stampin' Pads:** Secret Sea, Balmy Blue, Real Red
- **Other:** Cutest Onesie Dies, Baker's Twine Essentials Pack (white), Frosted Iridescent Dots, Paper Trimmer, Scissors, Stampin' Dimensionals, Adhesive of Choice, Basic White Medium Envelope

### Cutting & Scoring Instructions:

- **Basic White:**
  - (card base) 8 ½" x 5 ½", score at 4 ¼"
  - (layer) 3 ¾" x 4 ⅞"
  - (image layer) 3 ⅜" x 4 ½"
  - (inside layer) 3 ⅝" x 5"
  - (sentiment) 3 ½" x ⅝"
- **Balmy Blue:**
  - (inside layer) 4 ¼" x 5 ½"
  - (12) (squares) 1" x 1"
- **Lemon Lolly:**
  - (inside layer) 3 ⅞" x 5 ¼"
  - (6) (squares) 1" x 1"
- **Daffodil Delight DSP:** (envelope) 6" x 2 ½"
- **Scraps:** Basic White

## Instructions:

- Cut, score, and fold the Basic White card base.
- Stamp the inside sentiments and a heart on the Basic White inside layer using Balmy Blue, Secret Sea, and Real Red inks as pictured.
- Center, layer, and adhere the Balmy Blue, Lemon Lolly, and Basic White inside layers to the inside of the card base.
- Adhere four of the Balmy Blue squares to the four corners of the Basic White image layer, keeping the outer edges flush.
- Use the remaining eight Balmy Blue squares to fill in the rest of the image layer, keeping about a 1/8" border around the squares as pictured.
- Use a paper trimmer or scissors to cut the six Lemon Lolly squares in half diagonally, creating twelve triangles.
- Starting on the top-left Balmy Blue square, adhere one Lemon Lolly triangle to the bottom-right corner of the square. Moving from left to right (like reading a book), adhere a triangle to the top-left corner of the next square. Then, continue alternating between bottom-right, then top-left, adhering the remaining triangles as pictured.
- Adhere the image layer to the Basic White layer.
- Use Secret Sea to stamp the onesie on Basic White scrap. Stamp the heart in Real Red.
- Die cut the onesie and adhere to the image layer, as pictured, using Stampin' Dimensionals.
- Stamp the sentiment on the Basic White strip using Secret Sea. Cut a banner edge on the left side.
- Tie a bow around the right side of the sentiment banner using white Baker's Twine.
- Adhere the banner across the onesie using Stampin' Dimensionals as pictured. Then, wrap the banner around the layered image and adhere to the back to secure in place.
- Center and adhere the completed layer to the card front using Stampin' Dimensionals.
- Embellish the card using Frosted Iridescent Dots.
- For a matching envelope, adhere the DSP layer to the flap, then trim excess with scissors.

