

Leather-Effect Wallet with Hidden Pockets

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Create an elegant leather-effect wallet featuring a vintage 'Happy Birthday' design with multiple functional compartments. This sophisticated project uses die-cutting techniques to craft tiered pockets, hidden note sections, and decorative panels in muted grey and cream tones. The wallet is finished with realistic leather texturing and a decorative belt-style closure for a luxurious handmade gift.

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WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- Tailored Threads - 020823E

STEP 1



Select a patterned or plain cardstock from the **paper pad**. Cut the exterior wallet piece using the die from the Pocket Wallet die set on your cutting machine.

Watch this step: 22:00 into the show

STEP 2



Score the exterior piece firmly along the fold line using a scoring tool to create a crisp crease in the thicker cardstock.

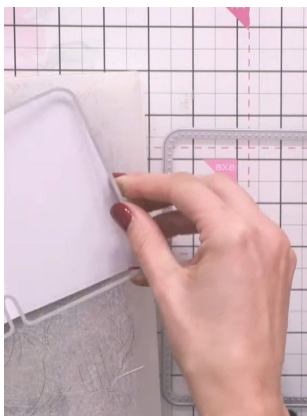
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STEP 3



Fold the exterior piece in half along the scored line to form the wallet shape. The decorative patterned paper should be on the outside, with the plain interior facing inward.
Watch this step: 24:30 into the show

STEP 4



Cut the interior wallet piece from coordinating or contrasting cardstock using the same die set from the Tailored Threads collection.
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STEP 5



Score and fold the white interior piece in half to match the size of the decorative exterior piece.
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STEP 6



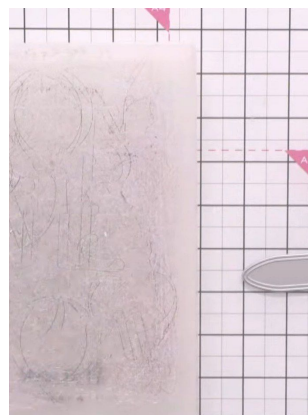
Cut a piece of white cardstock to create the hidden pocket insert. Position it inside the wallet base to create a tiered pocket effect where you can store notes and other items.
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STEP 7



Cut out two dot-dash panel pieces from cardstock using the die to create side pockets for the wallet. The pieces should have a decorative scalloped top edge.
Watch this step: 37:30 into the show

STEP 8



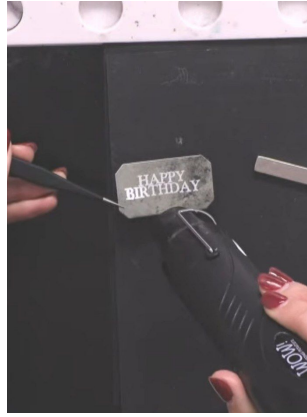
Cut out the decorative belt or leather strap closure piece from the cardstock using the stamp as a template.
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STEP 9



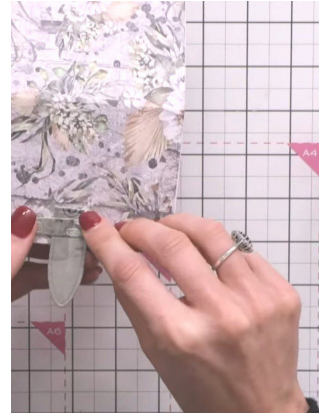
Stamp a sentiment such as 'Happy Birthday' onto one of the panel pieces using the stamp set and sticky ink pad. Position the stamp carefully on the leather-effect panel and press firmly to transfer the design.
Watch this step: 42:00 into the show

STEP 10



Heat emboss the stamped 'Happy Birthday' sentiment using a heat gun. Hold the heat gun over the embossing powder until it melts and sets to create a raised, glossy finish.
Watch this step: 45:30 into the show

STEP 11



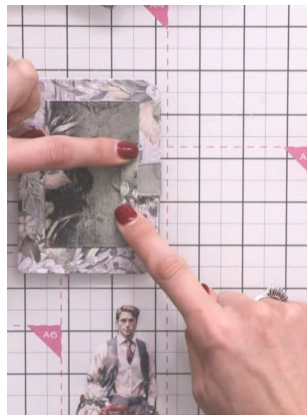
Position the interior piece onto the exterior piece. Apply adhesive to the bottom and side edges only, leaving the top edge open to create a pocket for inserting items.
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STEP 12



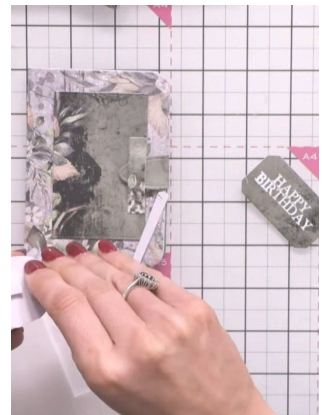
Fussy cut a decorative element such as a figure or floral motif from the patterned paper. Layer it onto the front of the wallet using foam pads for dimension.
Watch this step: 51:30 into the show

STEP 13



Position the belt closure piece across the front of the wallet and adhere it in place using strong adhesive, ensuring it will hold the wallet closed securely.
Watch this step: 53:15 into the show

STEP 14



Use a blending brush with coordinating ink to colour any white edges of the cardstock, hiding the white core.
Watch this step: 54:00 into the show

TIPS FROM THE SHOW

- The cardstock is approximately 300 GSM, much thicker than standard card, so score firmly before folding.
- You can cut multiple wallets at once (five exteriors, five of each pocket type) to batch-produce them rather than making one at a time.
- The wallet does not have to be used as a functional wallet; you can use the front panel as a decorative element on a greeting card instead.

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