Cricut Crafts: Gemstone Favor Boxes with Jennifer Sbranti

Chapter 1 - Cricut Crafts: Gemstone Favor Boxes
Overview
(lively music) - Hi, I'm Jen from Hostess with the Mostess, and I'm excited to show you how to make these really cute paper gemstone favor boxes. So first we'll go over how to print and cut them. And then we're going to add some metallic paint and some really cute, printable favor tags. These guys make great gifts for the holidays, and they also make great party favors for celebrations that have a gemstone or a blingy theme, like a birthday party or a bachelorette party.

Materials
- For this project, you'll need patterned cardstock of your choice. I'm using my new Winter Sparkle Line for Cricut, but you can use whatever colors you like. You're also going to need plain white cardstock for the printable tags, and then you'll need tape, metallic paint, a paintbrush, a Cricut Scoring Stylus, glue dots, a Cricut Light Grip Mat. You'll also need to access the design file in Cricut Design Space, so you'll need a laptop or a mobile device or whatever you're most comfortable with, and then, of course, you'll need the Cricut, and I'm using the Cricut Explore Air, but you can also make this project on the Maker.

Cut and score box
- So the first thing you want to do is to load the gemstone favor box file into Cricut Design Space. I already have it loaded on my computer, but you can access the file by clicking on the link in the materials tab. Once your file is loaded up, everything is pretty much ready to go, the cutting and the scoring. So all you need to do is to click make it. So everything's pretty much ready to go, cutting and scoring, so all I need to do is click continue and then it's gonna connect to the Cricut. So I'm gonna make sure the material is set to card stock and then I'm gonna open the Cricut and load in the scoring stylus. So to do this, you just open clamp A, press down until the arrow disappears and you hear a little click and then close. Now we're ready to load up the mat, so first, you need to remove the protective sheet that comes on top of the mat. And just set this to the side, and then I'm actually gonna flip this around so that I have the arrow pointing up, take my paper, and I'm using 12-inch paper. It's the standard size card stock. Just get it nice and loaded and then I'm gonna load it right into the machine. This Cricut button is flashing, so I'm just gonna press that and let the machine do its thing. Now we're ready to unload the mat, so I'm just gonna press this button again and remove it from the machine and then I'm actually going to flip the mat over and peel the mat away from the paper because that helps remove it easier and it keeps the paper from curling. So I'm gonna remove the excess portion first. You do have to be a little bit careful because there's lots of little pieces. And then I'll just set this aside, and now we have the shape of the box and I'm gonna start with the thicker area, just really carefully. You might want to go into the little angles individually so they don't accidentally tear, and getting all the last little pieces and then you end up with this nice cut piece.

Assemble box and paint
- Now that everything is cut and scored, we're ready to start assembling these cute little boxes. So I found it's easiest to start with the little arrows and just kinda bend those in. There are some on the

side and then on the extra flaps. And then once that's done, you can start with the main score lines. And the score lines are actually very faint. So, they are there. I've found that it's easiest to kind of just gently start folding the paper and then they'll show up better. We just kinda do a gentle fold. They kind of appear. So you can just score these by hand or you can use a scoring tool. But really they assemble fine by hand. It's also helpful to do the top portion first and then move on to the bottom. So once we have all of the main folds of the top, you wanna take your fingernail, it's kinda helpful to open these slots up a little bit or you can use a tool if you need to. It makes it easier for the little arrows to go inside. And then you just wanna start feeding them through the slots until we get to the last one. And then at this point, it's very helpful to secure the box with some tape on the inside. So I've kind of turned it upside down, take a little piece of tape. It doesn't have to be beautiful because it's inside where no one can see it. The tape helps to give it that extra security and holds the shape. And now the top's done and you can move on to the bottom. So again, just kinda finding those faint lines and folding them in. The same thing with the little flaps on the bottom. I like to use tape just to make them hold tighter especially if you're filling these with candy or some other sort of treat. Sometimes they're a little hard to feed through. Just gotta work it in there and get the tape. Almost done. Okay so now we have the top and the bottom. Now we're ready to fold the flaps that will actually close the box. So you just wanna fold it over and then there's two last little slots. Need to open them on up a little bit. And then they fit right inside. And now you have this cute little box and we're ready to add some paint. So I like to use this liquid gilding because it's extra metallic. You're gonna get much more of a shine than you would with a regular craft metallic paint. It's extra shiny and sparkly kind of like a gemstone. So this is a part where you just kinda do whatever feels natural. It's just fun. We just wanna add a little bit of sparkle and shine to our gemstone boxes. So you just kinda wanna do whatever is natural. I just like to add like lines and I want it to have a little bit of a geometric flare. So I like to kinda paint just some fun angles. The other great thing about this paint is that it is super fast drying so you won't have to wait too long. I kinda like the look of having the entire top portion painted but it even looks fun with having the bottom accented. So once you're happy with the paint coverage, these look cute and you can use them as they are or if you'd like to add some tags, we can do that too and I will cover that in the next section.

Cut tags and stickers
- So now we're back in Design Space and we're ready to make some tags to go on our gemstone favor boxes. So all you need to do is pull up the file. I already have it loaded on my computer here, and it's ready to go, so just click make it. And then it will automatically put this line around the design so it knows where to cut after printing it, so then you would just click continue. Now you would just send it to your printer using this button right here and I have already printed mine, so I'm gonna click this one and now we are ready to prep our material and you'll notice that that same black line that was on the screen is on the printed piece, so you might notice that some of the designs have a little bit of bleed around them or a little bit of a jagged edge, and that's actually intentional. Design Space puts that edge there so that it has room for shifting during the printing and cutting process. Now you'll load the paper up on the mat, kind of make sure it's laying flat and then load it into the machine. Now I'm going to press the load button. And then the Cricut button is flashing, so I'm going to press that one. So the machine is done. I'm just gonna click unload and I'm going to flip the mat over and peel the paper off. This card stock sticks to the mat. Gotta be extra careful. Okay. So now we're ready to add this cute little tag to our box. I'm gonna move this to the side, grab the box, and then I like to use these sticky dots to make everything super easy, very

sticky. And just put one on the back and then whenever you want to add it to the front, I kind of like to put it at an angle and you're done. Of course, now comes the fun part which is filling them with treats like I've done here. You can see, we have some chocolates inside and these are just a really fun gift for people and now that you've seen how easy they are, hope you can knock a bunch out for your next party.