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## **Cricut Crafts: DIY Gift Card Holder and Envelope** with Lia Griffith

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### **Chapter 1 - Introduction**

#### Overview

Hi, I'm Lea. I'm a blogger and paper craft designer at LiaGriffith.com. I've teamed up with Creativebug and Cricut. And I'm gonna show you how to make a really fun and easy suite of paper goods. For this project I'm gonna show you how to use the design space, we'll cut, score, and I'll even show you how to use the pen in the machine. This gift card holder is perfect for weddings, birthdays, and holidays.

### **Chapter 2 - Materials**

#### Materials

You only need a few materials for this project. You'll need your laptop and the Cricut Explore, of course. And you'll want 2 pieces of card stock that are 2-sided, and you can find these at your local craft store. Each project will need 2 pieces of paper. 1 for the envelope and 1 for the enclosure. A ribbon that coordinates, a metallic gold pen that fits right into the Cricut machine, Cricut scoring tool, This is a LightGrip mat, which is perfect for the card stock. I also have a pair of scissors and my gift cards.

### **Chapter 3 - Make Gift Card Holder and Envelope**

#### Cut envelope using Cricut Explore

We're gonna open up the gift card template in design space. I have the 2 pieces. We have the envelope and we have the insert card. And you can see over in the layers palette there is the pen that will be with the writing, the scoring and the cutting on each piece. This is ready to go, so I'm gonna click the Go button. I've already set this template up for you. It's ready to go so all you have to do is load your paper and cut. When you hit Go the mat preview page opens and you can see that there are 2 pieces to this project. 1 and 2. So, we're starting with the outer card. The first thing I'll do is mount the paper onto the mat. And I'm gonna peel off my plastic. You'll want to save this so that you keep your mat clean in between. So, I'm gonna start with paper that I'll use for the outer envelope and the side that I want on the outside, since we're gonna be writing to and from, I'm gonna put that facing up. I'm lining it up here with the guides. And then just pressing it down lightly. I'll open up my machine. First thing I'll do is change my setting. Now I want it to be halfway between light card stock and card stock. Next I'm gonna load my pen into the machine. I'm gonna drop it into the holster. You can see the arrow right there. And I'll press it down until it clicks. And then I'm going to close it with this knob. Now this is where the scoring tool will go later, and the machine will prompt us when we need to switch. Finally, I'll go back to my computer and press the green Go button. And I'm ready to load my mats. You can see that we have the arrow button flashing. I'm going to slide my mat right underneath these plastic holders and press the arrow button, and then that will load. When the Cricut button is flashing, it's ready to cut. When you see the flashing Cricut button, it's ready to go. Going back to my computer, I note that it's asking me to remove the pen and put in the score tool. I'll slide that in you can see the arrow pointing. Wait until it clicks, and then close the snap. And the next step is going to score it and cut. So, just press the Cricut button and it's ready to go. When the machine stops and the arrow buttons flashing, go ahead and press eject. This is the fun part. We get to peel it off the mat. Using my Cricut spatula, I'm going to carefully peel

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this off the mat. If you get a little curling, no big deal. I'm gonna turn that over. And along the score lines, I'll fold in the flaps. So, here's your envelope and on the back side you have a space to write To and From.

#### Cut holder and assemble

So, now I'll make the insert card. And since this is a 2-part project, it's already loaded on my machine. And all I have to do, is put the paper on the mat. I switched out the scoring tool for the pen. The arrow button is flashing so we're ready to load. Once the Cricut button is flashing, you'll press stop, and I'll start with the pen. The arrow button is flashing again, so I'll check the mats. These new mats are extra sticky, so after a few uses, these are easier to peel. Now I'm gonna save the rest of this paper for another project. I'm gonna carefully peel it off. Put it back in my file drawer. Another way is to peel back the mat while you're holding the paper. That way you keep the paper a little bit flatter. This is quick and easy to put together. Let's assemble this. Once your card has these slits cut in it, and this is fit perfect for a gift card. First in the envelope. I'm gonna fold the top and the bottom and then the sides. I have 2 slits, I can slide my ribbon right through this. Now just tie a bow. Use some scissors to cut the ends. I'm gonna turn this over and with my gold pen, I'll write To and From. This adds a little bit of a personal touch. This is such a fun and easy way to personalize a gift card and make it a little more special than just throwing it into an envelope. You can use something that's a little more light colored and pastel for a wedding, or I've made this one in bright colors for a birthday. This is a great way to use up all that leftover scrapbook paper that you have. And it's customizable for any event.