

Mini Easter Baskets and Cards



I know Easter is still some weeks off but I wanted to post this project nice and early so if you want to have a go at it, then you still have plenty of time.

These four cute little gingham covered chipboard baskets are filled with mini Easter eggs and make a sweet inexpensive gift for little ones.

As they are chipboard, rather than just card, you get a good sturdy little basket which can be kept and re-used and of course you can have fun decorating them with papers, paints and all the usual chipboard techniques.

All you need to do is construct the baskets according to the download instructions and paint them with a base colour acrylic paint before covering them with your chosen paper. I have used pink, lilac, pastel yellow and pastel green paints for this project. You might need to use two or three coats depending on the quality of your paints.

To cut your papers use the chipboard pieces as a template and leave a border all around to make sure there is sufficient paper. You can always trim any surplus off afterwards.

Add a ribbon to finish and stuff your baskets with raffia, straw or some wadding and then add your mini eggs. You can leave out the raffia and just fill your baskets with eggs if you wish as the chipboard will be strong enough to hold them.

The mini cards measure approx. 6cm by 6.5cm (2 1/4 by 2 5/8 inches) and are decorated with matching gingham papers. Stamped rabbit and flower images (Anita's stamps) coloured with watercolour pencils are mounted onto a co-ordinating card punched with a scallop circle punch.