



# How to Scrapbook and Craft with Embellishments: 13 Simple Paper Crafts



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Dear Paper Crafters,

No paper craft is truly complete without embellishments. After all, you could create a beautiful card with a delightful sentiment, but the card looks so much more polished if it has even a touch of dimension. The same rule applies to scrapbook layouts. You can make a scrapbook layout that looks lovely when it is layered with flat images, but layouts look so much lovelier with DIY paper flowers or other 3D embellishments added to them. Even rubber stamping projects are more appealing if the stamped image is adhered with a 3D adhesive. Any paper craft could use a touch of dimension.

Create gorgeous DIY embellishments with this latest printable collection titled *How to Scrapbook and Craft with Embellishments: 13 Simple Paper Crafts*. Regardless of your preferred paper craft, added dimension can take your project to a brand new level. Create rubber stamping crafts that pop off the page, handmade journals with textured covers, and homemade greeting cards embellished with beautiful decorations. No matter what you decide to make, this collection of simple paper crafts has an embellishment idea that will complement your next paper craft beautifully.

Happy Embellishing!

Sincerely,

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## Embellishments



### Altered Domino Mini Book

By: [Debbie Buckland from Arty Crafty](#)

Upcycle your dominoes and create a unique mixed media project. The Altered Domino Mini Book is a gorgeous embellishment for your next paper craft. The mini book has so many amazing uses. You can add it to your next scrapbook layout as a dynamic and dimensional embellishment, or you can turn it into a handmade ornament. Fill the pages with a story or fill them with festive images for Christmas. This book is such versatile mixed media art project.

#### Materials:

- Dominoes
- Gesso
- Jacquard Lumiere Paint in Metallic Bronze
- Old-fashioned Hinge Cut Out of Grunge Board (Tim Holtz pre-die Cut)
- Grunge Paper
- Cardstock
- Christmas Icon Printed Paper
- 3D Crystal Lacquer or Similar
- Twine or String

#### Instructions:

1. Paint dominoes with gesso to prep for the paint. Dry.
2. Paint grunge board hinge.
3. Paint dominoes with lumiere paint.
4. Cut grunge paper to size of lengths of dominoes and add ½ inch approximately for book thickness. Paint middle section of grunge board front and back. Dry.
5. Cut a 12" long strip that is the width of the dominos. Fold this strip in a concertina style, the length of domino, till you run out of paper and trim.
6. Cut around your Christmas icons printed paper enough for each page of your book.
7. Stick the grunge paper to the inside of your domino book leaving a ½ inch gap.
8. Stick the Christmas icons inside the pages of your book.
9. Fold inside of book up and stick the pages into the dominos.
10. Attach the hinge over the top of the book on the outside.
11. Stick twine on the back outside domino and stick picture icon over the top.
12. Decorate the outside of the domino book.



13. Seal it all with 3D crystal lacquer. Let dry.
14. Attach more twine where the hinge is so you can hang it from your tree.



## DIY Brads for Any Project

By: [Debbie Buckland from Arty Crafty](#)



Customize your brads so they are perfect for any paper craft. The DIY Brads for Any Project are great for stash-busting your plain old brads, leftover buttons, and scrap patterned papers. Follow the easy instructions to make many of these little decoupage projects. Brads are great for sealing envelopes and embellishing scrapbook layouts without using an adhesive. These DIY brads will look gorgeous when completed, and they're so thrifty!

### Materials:

- Glue Gun
- Pen or Pencil
- Flathead Brads (Any shape will do)
- Dimensional Glue
- Paper/Printer/Images
- Tape Runner Adhesive
- Buttons

### Instructions:

1. Measure your buttons and print your images just a little bigger than your buttons on your color printer. Buttons shown are 1.5 inches.
2. Put your button down onto your image and draw a star around it.
3. Cut out your picture as shown.
4. Put tape runner adhesive on the back of the picture and stick the flat side of the button to it.
5. Fold the star "legs" around to the other side of the button.
6. Add dimensional glue to the face of the covered button. This makes it look like an epoxy brad and has a shiny finish to it. This will take several hours to dry, and it will dry clear.
7. Once brad head is dry, get out your glue gun and glue the brad to the back of it.
8. Wait a little bit for the glue to set and your new custom brad is ready to use.



## Metallic Keys Stamped Clothespins

By: [Angie Holden from The Country Chic Cottage](#)



Stamp a nontraditional item in a nontraditional way when you make these Metallic Keys Stamped Clothespins. This DIY rubber stamp craft is the perfect way to make a plain clothespin into a great embellishment. Leave the wood unfinished for a rustic feel, and add metallic pigment to make the keys really shine. You can use these clothespins in a variety of ways, from scrapbook embellishments to magnets and more. Learn an innovative stamping technique when you make these great clothespins.

### Materials:

- Clothespins
- Perfect Pearls Set in Aged Patina
- Key Stamp

### Instructions:

1. The kit comes with what looks like a stamp pad. It is actually like a glue or adhesive. Apply the adhesive to just one key on the stamp. Carefully apply the stamp to the pad so that only the one key receives the glue.
2. Press the stamp firmly to the clothespin, and then apply your choice of metallic pigment to that area using the included brush. The pigment is a fine powder.
3. A second brush is provided to wipe away any excess powder. This kit has enough powder to make thousands of clothespins or a bunch of other projects. Seriously it just takes a little touch of powder to give an awesome metallic look.
4. They are done and ready to use around your home! Hang up vintage postcards or maybe hang up some colorful pinwheels for summer. These would also be great in your home office to hold papers.





## Recycled Paper Feathers

By: [Lia Griffith from Lia Griffith](#)

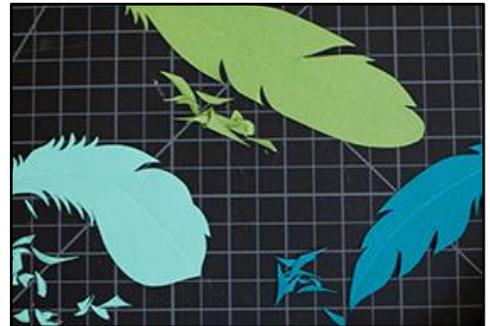
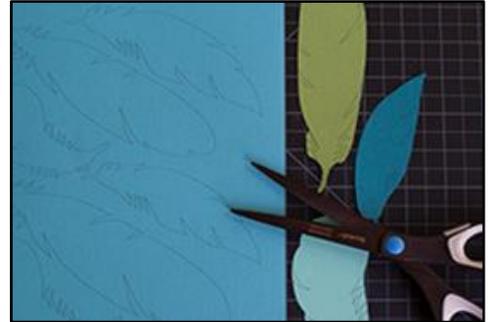
Simple decorations are easy to make and can cost you as little as \$0.00. You can make these Recycled Paper Feathers from any paper you no longer need. Whether you use a newspaper, leftover scraps, or even your kids' homework, these DIY feathers are sure to please. Check out the tutorial to learn how to make feathers that you can use as scrapbook embellishments or to make a wreath. This versatile green craft is the perfect way to dress up just about anything. Grab the papers you're ready to recycle and give this project a go.

### Materials:

- Printable Template (Next Page)
- Colored Cardstock

### Instructions:

1. Simply print the template onto your choice of paper colors or printed papers.
2. Trim the outside edge of feather.
3. Trim details of feather.
4. Score line down middle.
5. Fold feather at score.
6. Cut any fringe on both sides of feather.





## Hello Friend Twine Bow Embellishment

By: [Andrea Ewen from Ewen Style](#)



Use twine in your next paper craft with the Hello Friend Twine Bow Embellishment. This tutorial will teach you how to make a bow with twine. This bow is particularly unique because you use several loops to make it into a lovely border for a medallion. Twine is a fantastic craft embellishment because it is neutral and easy to work with. You will want to add twine to all of your paper projects after you've learned how to make this awesome bow.

### Materials:

- Hope Blooms Stamp Set
- Aqua Painter
- Distress Ink
- Jute Twine or Ribbon

### Instructions:

1. For the sentiment panel, stamp a flower from the Hope Blooms set and use an Aqua painter to lightly color the flower with some distress ink. The sentiment is from the same set and after stamping that over the flower, cut it out and distress the edges. Then adhere that to two bunches of ruffled up jute twine.
2. Start with a fairly long piece of twine (you can use thin ribbon for this also).
3. Wrap the twine around your fingers, four fingers for a larger bow, three fingers for a smaller one. The more times you wrap the ribbon, the fuller your bow will be.
4. Pinch the center and tie it off with the same material you're using. Trim the edges.
5. Fan out the loops.
6. For this full bow, make two and stack them perpendicular to each other, so that it would look more like a flower. Trim off any stray ends at this point, too.



## Glitter and Book Pages Flower

By: [Andrea Ewen from Ewen Style](#)



Save an old book and make a beautiful 3D paper craft out of book pages. The Glitter and Book Pages Flower is a gorgeous way to add dimension and beauty to your next card or scrapbook layout. The glittered tips of the petals combined with the pearl embellishment in the center make a sophisticated and vintage paper flower. Use a paper piercer to create even more dimension, and watch as your DIY paper flowers seemingly come to life!

### Materials:

- Old Book
- Posy Dies in 3 Sizes
- Big Kick
- Paper Piercer
- Pearl Brad
- Platinum Stickles

### Instructions:

1. Start off with a {very} old book. Rip out eight pages and lay them over top of three different-sized Posy dies. After running that through the Big Kick, carefully remove them from the die, but leave the pages stuck together.
2. Curl up the 'petals' so that the whole flower will have dimension. Take a paper piercer and place the tip right in the middle of each petal, parallel to them.
3. Carefully pull up the edges around the needle and crimp. Do this for all three sizes. Then pull apart the pages and start stacking.
4. Layer two large staggered flowers, two medium staggered flowers, and two small staggered flowers, but do NOT glue. Pierce a hole through the middle of the stack and add the pearl brad.
5. Lastly, add a bit of Platinum Stickles to the tips and fluff. Liquid Pearls will also produce a nice look.



## Beautiful Bird's Nest Embellishment

By: [Andrea Ewen from Ewen Style](#)



Don't settle for 2D paper crafts! The Beautiful Bird's Nest Embellishment is an excellent decoration for your dimensional paper crafting. If you want to send a card or create a scrapbook page with a springtime sentiment, this craft is a great way to achieve that mood. Nothing says spring quite like a bird's nest. Best of all, this embellishment is a total scrapbuster. Grab a piece of burlap, a chunk of chipboard, and three pearl stickers to create one or many darling 3D paper crafts.

### Materials:

- Strip of Burlap
- Tacky Glue
- Chipboard or Cardboard Circle
- Pearls

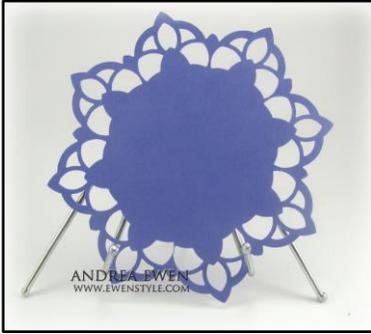
### Instructions:

1. Gently pull the long threads from the burlap. You'll be left with varying lengths of burlap threads.
2. Add a ring of glue on the circle and start to layer on the burlap threads.
3. Add another layer of glue and another layer of burlap.
4. When it's mounded high enough, let dry. A bird's nest is not perfect, and you don't want yours to look perfect, either ;)
5. Lastly, add your pearl 'eggs' after the glue dries.



## Spectacular Paper Punched Snowflake

By: [Andrea Ewen from Ewen Style](#)



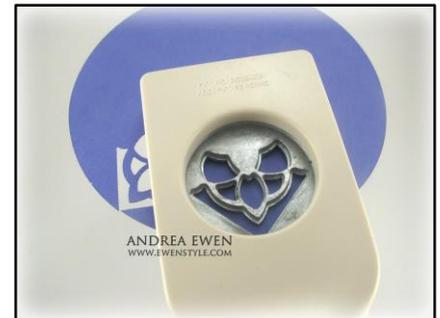
Make a paper snowflake unlike any you've ever made before! The Spectacular Paper Punched Snowflake tutorial is a clever way to make an embellishment perfect for the winter months. You probably made paper snowflakes when you were a kid, but this snowflake is a little more advanced and even a little fancier. Use your favorite corner punches to create a snowflake with eight points. This paper medallion is perfect for a winter card or a Christmas scrapbook layout.

### Materials:

- Nestability Standard Circle
- Cardstock
- Decorative Corner Punch

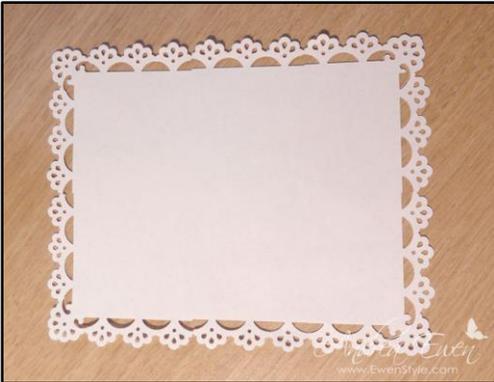
### Instructions:

1. Cut out a circle with the largest Nestability Standard Circle which measures 3 3/4" diameter.
2. Align the top of the punch (which is facing down) with the bottom edge of the circle so you can just barely see the edge of the paper. Try to make sure that the punch is in pretty evenly.
3. As you can see, there is a space at the top of the punch (which is at the bottom here). All of those outer pieces will fall away as you punch through. If they don't, which you'll see at the end, they can be easily trimmed.
4. This is the hard part. Very carefully, align the bottom edge of the punch with the bottom edge of the paper. While doing this, you need to line up the last punch with the next one. In other words, there will be just a slight space showing from the last punch. This is also where things can go awry. Too much space between and you won't have enough room for all the punches equally. Too little room and the punches start to overlap. Don't give up! PRACTICE, PRACTICE! It's worth it ;)
5. Shown are those stubborn edges. Just carefully snip them off.
6. You'll notice that not all of the arches in between are equal. That's fine; that is what helps to determine where to put your pearls or other adornments.



## How to Use Border and Corner Punches Seamlessly

By: [Andrea Ewen from Ewen Style](#)



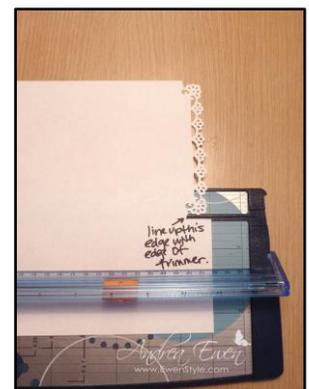
If you struggle to align your border punches, this tutorial is a must-read. Learn How to Use Border and Corner Punches Seamlessly. Whether you want to create a rectangular border for your next card or a photo border for your next scrapbook layout, this tutorial cannot be passed up. Even though it can be tricky to line up the border punches and corner punches, you will be an expert in no time. Create beautiful paper punched borders that look professional in quality when you explore this paper craft tutorial.

### Materials:

- Martha Stewart Corner Punch
- Martha Stewart Border Punch
- Cardstock
- Paper Trimmer

### Instructions:

1. Don't cut the paper down to the measurements that the directions suggest. Instead, get a feel for things as you go along. Practice on computer paper (or scrap paper) initially before moving onto the good stuff. Start with an 8 1/2" X 11" sheet of paper and make your first corner punch. Start on the left side.
2. This particular design has six flowers going across the top of the paper (counting only those flowers between the corner punches). If you look at the border punch, that is two whole punches (three flowers per cut X two cuts = six flowers).
3. After you make the second corner punch, cut the paper in the paper trimmer down the length where the corner punch ended.
4. Make your border cuts going down the right side. There are eight flowers in between the corner punches. Since there are three flowers per full punch, the third punch will overlap one flower. You want to make sure your punch is aligned well, or that one flower will get mangled.
5. Make your third corner punch. Repeat the previous step of cutting the paper with the trimmer where the corner punch ended the length of the paper.
6. Punch two full borders along the bottom and then punch the fourth and final corner.
7. Punch the left side, working from the bottom up, two full punches and one 2/3 punch, overlapping just one of the flowers.
8. You have your perimeter base. Now work in the middle panels based on the outer panel measurements.
9. This ends up being a 4 3/4" X 6" panel. Don't worry about any mismatched edges; you're going to cover them up with a mat panel. You want the floral perimeter to look like it's just floating around the outside of your card.



## Snow Flurry Scrapbusters

By: [Debbie Henderson from Debbie's Designs](#)



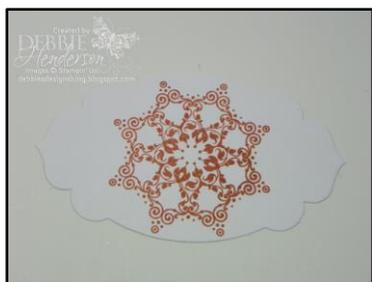
As every crafter knows, the pile of scraps builds up and it builds up quickly. These Snow Flurry Scrapbusters are just what you need to clean up the mess without throwing it all in the trash. Learn how to make this recycled materials craft by following along with this simple tutorial. You'll love knowing how to make a paper snowflake out of leftover materials that you can use for any number of purposes. You could put it on a card, turn it into an ornament, or even make a collage to hang on the wall.

### Materials:

- Snow Flurry Snowflake Die
- Champagne Glimmer Paper
- Primrose Petals Cardstock
- Paper Snips
- Primrose Petals Ink
- Apothecary Accents Framelits Stamp
- Stampin' Dimensional Adhesive
- Boho Blossoms Punch
- In-Color Dahlia Flower
- Mini Glue Dot

### Instructions:

1. This tutorial will show you how to make use of the scrap piece of Champagne Glimmer Paper after cutting out the largest Snow Flurry Snowflake for another project. What do the six pieces in the middle remind you of? Petals of course!
2. Hand cut all six of the petals using your Paper Snips from the center, as shown.
3. I stamped a snowflake image using Primrose Petals Ink on an "Apothecary Accents Framelits" shape.
4. Using the six petals you cut out by hand, place them upside-down in the center of your snowflake. Position them all close together until they all touch and add a Stampin' Dimensional to each petal.
5. By completing the above step, you will be able to glue your petals down perfectly. This serves as your pattern.
6. Flip one petal over, remove backing from the Stampin' Dimensional and glue in place.
7. Continue the above step until all petals have been glued.
8. Now all you need to do is decorate the center as you like. You can use the Boho Blossoms Punch and cut one large flower with Primrose Petals Cardstock. Glue it in the center with a Stampin' Dimensional. Add an In-Color Dahlia in the center and glue with a Mini Glue Dot.





## Easily Embossed Paper Flowers

By: [Paula Ferreira from Cards by Paula](#)

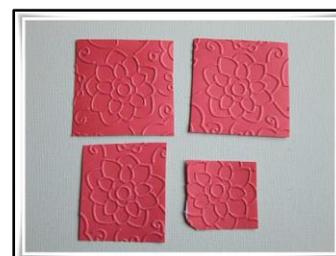
Use your Sizzix embossing folders and learn how to make the Easily Embossed Paper Flowers. These paper flowers are so easy to make and they look beautiful with the embossed texture! DIY paper flowers look great with any paper craft. Whether you need to embellish a scrapbook layout or you want to add a beautiful image to your next card, paper flowers are the perfect solution. Make the most of your embossing folders and create these beautiful flowers.

### Materials:

- Sizzix Paisleys Embossing Folder
- Sizzix Flowers Embossing Folder
- Pink Cardstock
- Green Cardstock
- Sandpaper
- Ink (Optional)
- Chalk (Optional)
- Beads or Button
- Adhesive
- Scissors
- Cocktail Stick

### Instructions:

1. Emboss four pieces of cardstock using the big flower in the middle of the Sizzix Flowers Embossing folder.
2. This flower is made up of four layers, and in the following picture shows where to cut so you have the four layers. Distress them a little by sanding the cardstock, You can also ink or chalk them if you prefer.
3. Pick up your first layer or largest flower and crumple it a little to shape it. Make a few cuts to further separate the outer petals and slightly curl them with the help of a cocktail stick.
4. Do the same to the other layers and stick them together using a dot of glue in the middle between each layer.
5. For the leaves, emboss a piece of green cardstock with the Paisleys Embossing Folder.
6. Again distress them if you like by sanding, inking, chalking or crumpling them and stick to the back of the flower.
7. Finish off using beads or a button in the center of the flower.



## Paper Pinwheel in Minutes

By: [Carrie Waller from Dream Green DIY](#)



These simple card and scrapbook layouts scream "spring fever." Get your printable Full of Flowers Scrapbook and Card layouts and follow the easy directions to make projects you're guaranteed to love. These tutorials show you scrapbooking examples and ideas for homemade cards to give you a little crafty inspiration. Don't settle for boring layouts when you can design scrapbook pages and cards that will really show off your talents. These layouts are so simple to follow that even a beginning crafter can use them to design impressive projects.

### Materials:

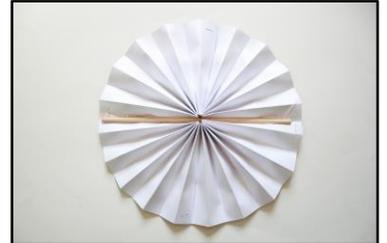
- Stapler
- Hot Glue Gun and Glue Sticks
- Thin Wooden Dowel Rod (about 1/4" in Diameter) Cut to about 1 foot in Length
- Two Pieces of Scrapbook Paper in the Same Print
- Oversized Button in your Color of Choice
- Scissors

### Instructions:

1. Start by folding each piece of scrapbook paper in half. This will help you cut the two pieces in perfect halves since you can easily follow the bend mark with your scissors.
2. Once you have all four halves cut, begin to fold them accordion style. Make the first bend about 1 inch in width and then allow that to dictate the rest of the folds so that they stay even. If you fold your piece of paper all the way through but notice that you have a bit of a wide piece at the end, just trim it to match the rest of your folds; it won't make any difference at the end of the project.
3. With all four pieces of paper folded accordingly, match them up end to end to create one super long trail. To do this, take the end of one piece and drop it over the beginning of another.
4. You'll either get pieces that match perfectly where one edge angles up, while the other angles down, or you'll get ends that DON'T mesh well, with both ends angled up or down. Although this might seem alarming, it's a simple fix: just trim the last angle off of one of the pieces of accordion paper.
5. Once you have your ends matched up creating that long piece of accordion paper, take your stapler and connect them together – one staple at the top of the connecting edges, and another at the bottom. If you use a nice and busy pattern, your staples will be very difficult to see. But if you'd like it to be more seamless, feel free to use glue to attach the papers together.



6. Grab the two ends of your paper accordion and bring them together to create your pinwheel's final rounded silhouette, and staple together like you did before.
7. Once stapled together, the darn thing will NOT want to stay down. Instead, it will try to sit up like a pyramid or cylinder. To fix it, grab the end sticking up into the air and clasp together in the middle, then gently push down, forcing the bottom edge to fan out. Now you'll have the blank underside exposed.
8. To keep the pinwheel sitting flat, squeeze a generous line of hot glue down the middle section of the folds (it doesn't matter which sections you choose) and put the wooden dowel rod in place while the glue is still hot.
9. Finally, flip the pinwheel over and squeeze another generous amount, this time JUST in the center of the pinwheel, and push your button into the glue while it's still hot.



## Pristine Pebble Embellishments

By: [Chelsea Le from Crafting Life's Pieces](#)

Give your scrapbook pages a boost with a super simple technique. Check out this tutorial for step-by-step instructions on how to create Pristine Pebble Embellishments. You can make these beautiful little glass pebbles using any patterned paper you love. Scrapbooking techniques like embellishing are great ways to add a little flavor to what might otherwise be a boring layout. Learn how to make embellishments on a budget that have a professional and polished look. You'll love how amazing these adornments look on all of your scrapbook pages, and you can make them to go with any theme.

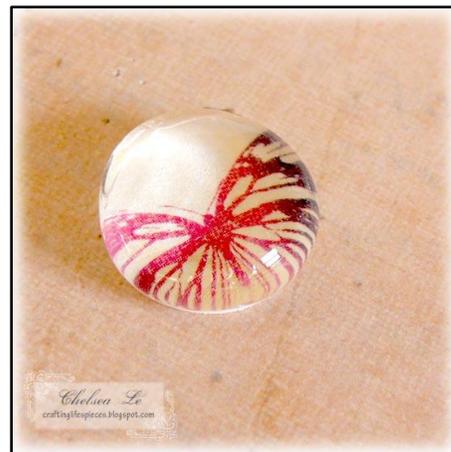


### Materials:

- Scrap Papers
- Fiskars Circle Punch
- Glass Pebbles
- Ranger Glossy Accents

### Instructions:

1. After you have picked out your scrap papers, take your Fiskars circle punch and punch out the desired image.
2. Ink the edges or add glitter to the images if you wish.
3. Add a small amount of Glossy Accents to your punched-out image.
4. Gently place the glass pebble on the circle image with the Glossy Accents as an adhesive.
5. The results are these beautiful bubble pebbles.



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