



Spring Big Shot Class—Pennant Die

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This stamp camp makes a set of rabbit ears, a carrot card/basket tag, a carrot door hanger/Easter basket, a St. Patrick's Day banner and a leprechaun hat.

I would charge \$15-20 per person or free with the purchase of a Big Shot or the equivalent in other dies.

It was designed to demonstrate the usefulness of the Pennant die, which I found many people thought was not a very versatile die. I set out to prove them wrong, and in the process discovered MANY different uses for this great die.



Project #1—St. Patrick's Day Pennant (demonstrates the basic, obvious use of the die)

Supplies: Gable Green and Whisper White CS, Certainly Celery narrow grosgrain, Green Galore brads, Garden Green Classic ink, Big Deal Alphabet, dimensionals, 1/16th handheld punch, Full Heart punch, 1 3/8 Circle punch, Hostess Patterns Pack 2.

Directions: Cut 6 of the small pennants from Gable Green cardstock with your Big Shot. Save the extra scallops to use as mats for the stamped lettering. Sponge Garden Green ink on all pennants and scallop edges. Stamp "LUCKY" on Whisper White in Garden Green ink with the Big Deal Alphabet. Punch letters out with 1 3/8 Circle. Sponge with ink and adhere to scallops. Attach to center of pennants with dimensionals. Punch three hearts from the Garden Green papers of the Patterns Pack 2 and adhere with dimensionals to the sixth pennant to form a shamrock. Add a stem with a scrap from the same sheet.

Adhere the pennants to the ribbon with brads, starting with the two in the center so they are evenly spaced on the ribbon. Adhering them in an overlapped fashion will save you half the brads. Tie the ends of the ribbon into bows. Add an extra Whisper White narrow grosgrain bow on each end if desired.

Project #2—Leprachaun’s Hat (demonstrates stand-alone use of the pennant—show them witch’s hats and Santa hats at the same time)

Supplies: green felt (craft store), Basic Black cardstock strip, Brushed Gold cardstock, Gable Green scraps for punching, 1 ¼ inch square punch, Heart to Heart punch, dimensionals, Sticky Strip, Basic Eyelets, Crop A Dile (or self-adhesive magnet strip if desired).

Directions: cut one large pennant from the felt with your Big Shot. Place it so the point is facing up and flip the “bottom” edge up to form the hat brim. Secure with Sticky Strip. Adhere the black strip of cardstock as a hat band and trim to fit. Punch a square from the gold cardstock (set aside for later use) and then use your paper trimmer to cut a square “buckle” out around the punched opening. Adhere to hat. Punch three of the wide hearts from the Heart to Heart punch and adhere as a shamrock on the right hand side of the hat. To display your hat, either set an eyelet in the top of the pennant with your CAD so you can hang it, or put a strip of self-adhesive magnet material to the back.

Project #3-- Carrot Card/Basket Tag (demonstrates use of pennant to make cards—show gift card holders and card embellishment samples at the same time)

Supplies: Apricot Appeal and Garden Green cardstock, Tangerine Tango ink, sponge, Fifth Avenue Floral, other Easter set with saying if desired.

Directions: Cut a large pennant from Apricot Appeal. Leaving it folded, count up nine scallops from the bottom and cut the rest off. Trim off the ninth scallop at an angle and trim the folded side to match. Stamp with the stem from Fifth Avenue Floral using Tangerine Tango ink as shown, to create lines on the carrot. Sponge all edges with ink. Cut a 3x3 inch piece of Garden Green and fold in half. Use scissors to cut tiny strips of “grass” down almost all the way through but leaving the bottom half inch or so intact to adhere inside the card. Spritz the “grass” with water to make it pliable and “scrunch” it up. Stamp a saying on the inside if desired.

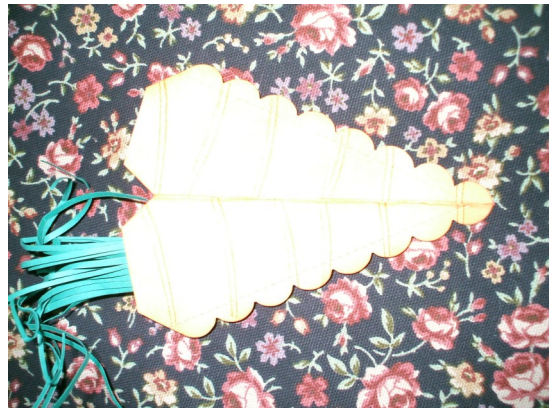


Photo above shows card open with both front and back showing. You can also make this card from the smaller pennant if you modify the angle as explained below.

Project #4--Carrot Door Hanger/Easter Basket (demonstrates use of pennants to make pouches & pockets—show other pouch samples at the same time)

Supplies: same as above, plus Tombow Multi, Certainly Celery narrow grosgrain, and the Crop A Dile.

Directions: for this carrot to be narrow enough, you will need to make two identical **modified pennants**. Fold your cardstock just like you were going to make a regular pennant, placing the bottom edge where it normally goes. But instead of placing the top of the folded edge where you normally would, angle it one inch or so back from that spot on the die (mark it right on the foam of the die with your white gel pen if you will be using the modified pennant a lot—this will help you be consistent with how much you modify it each time.) This will give you a much narrower pennant. Make two of them.

Trim the top two scallops off on either side to form the “carrot” shape. Stamp as directed above. On the back one, punch a hole on either side of the opening and string a handle through. Adhere the two pennants together with Tombow Multi along the scallops. Make grass as directed above and adhere inside the opening. Fill with Easter goodies and use as a door hanger or a small Easter Basket.

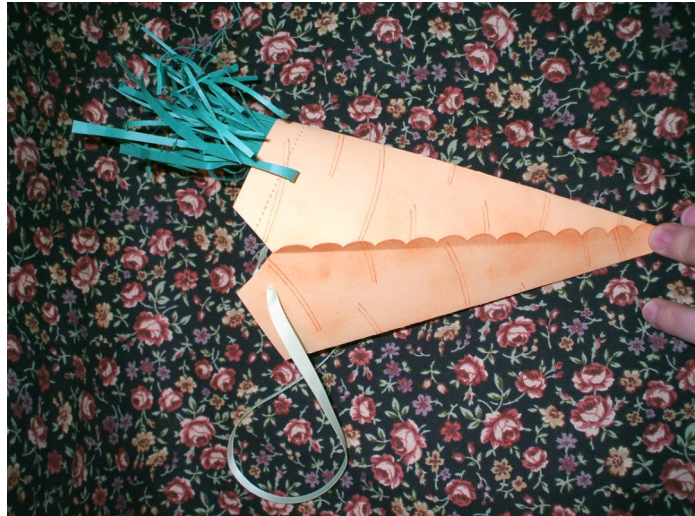


Photo shows the side of the pouch where the two pennants are adhered together along the scallops; you can see how narrow the modified pennant is compared to a regular one.

Project #5--Bunny Ears Hat (demonstrates uses of modified pennants—possibly show children’s animals masks and other party Big Shot projects at this point)

Supplies: Whisper White and Pink Pirouette cardstock, Sticky Strip, stapler.

Directions: Create two modified pennants from Whisper White, very narrow (angle the fold back from the top by about two inches). Make one matching modified pennant from Pink Pirouette. Trim off the scalloped edge along the perforated lines. Slice it in half with the Paper Trimmer. Glue this down on the white pennants as the lining of your rabbit ears. Create a “pinch” in the bottom of the rabbit ears to make them curve in and staple it in place. Staple both ears to a Pink Pirouette headband (sized to fit). Scrunch one or both ears down if desired. Cover the headband with the extra white scallops using Sticky Strip, or alternatively, cover with cotton batting.

