

Next month will be 'Christmas in July'. We were debating about the Format of that meeting and kind of settled on-- everyone could bring their Xmas stamps and/or dies. One idea was to think of a simple card idea that we could make for nursing homes and perhaps bring the stamps and equipment needed to produce said card. Or --- you could prepare a simple Make'n Take, perhaps pre-cut different elements to be assembled at the meeting.
Dede drew the door prizes and the lucky winners were: $1^{\text {st }}$. Pat Freeman, $2^{\text {nd }}$. Betty Tapp, $3^{\text {rd }}$. Sheila Rogers, $4^{\text {th }}$ Marg Catania. They received various dies which were kindly donated by Sandra Hahn. Congratulations, ladies and Thank You Sandra.

Dede informed us that we have $\$ 125.00$ in the door prize Kitty. Next month's prize will be a $\$ 25.00$ one.

Elaine brought this colourful fabric and thought it might be a great project for a challenge. It will be interesting to see what people come up with.

Please Note - there will be a function at the Church on September $2^{\text {nd }}$ which will cause our September meeting to be changed to a different date.

Bev McMurrich would like to say Thank You for all the cards and good wishes she received after her car accident. Hope you are feeling better, Bev.

Kris Kerfont gave us basic instructions for handstitched cards. She provided the paper, cardboard, needles and patterns as well as the embroidery threads. We all worked very hard to give it a Go. Betty Tapp finished hers as soon as she came home. Here is her work. $\longrightarrow$

This technique really is a labour of love.


Diana Wiggins challenged Dede to figure out how she did these adorable heart shapes holding Lindt chocolates --- which Dede did. Here are her instructions, picture and even a small diagram from Dede:


The heart shape is a 10 inch by $11 / 4$ inch strip of any colour or patterned paper as shown in the photo.
Bring both ends in together gluing the ends approx. $3 / 4$ of an inch to form the heart.
Cut a coordinating strip of paper $1 / 2$ inch by 3 inches flag the end.
Punch out a flower, heart or other shape and glue on one end of the strip.
Stamp a sentiment on the strip and adhere to the heart shape strip on top as shown.


Cut a square of light card stock $21 / 2 \times 21 / 2$ inches to form the box that holds the Lindt chocolates.
Cut each each corner 5/8 in. from the end to create four flaps.
As shown in the diagram.
Turn in flaps and glue the flaps to form the box.
Before adding the chocolates to the box, wrap them in a
coordinating strip of paper 1 in . X 5 1/2 in. and tape it closed around 4 Lindt chocolates.
Glue the box right up against the heart shape strip as shown and add the chocolates that have been wrapped.
Thank you to Diana Wiggins for showing us this idea.
The ways in which these can be decorated and utilized is endless.
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