Monday, December 31. 2012

A New Year's Resolution to Make and to Keep...Forever

I heard a saying by a friend of mine awhile ago that went something like this, "What is meant for ye shall not pass ye by." Ever since I heard it, I repeated it again and again to my daughters. It is a fabulous way to look at life.
It is a saying that I want them to always remember.
I decided to make something for them for Christmas that would incorporate the saying. I wanted to make something for them that they could glance at whenever they needed to remind themselves that whatever is meant for them will not pass them by.

I changed the wording a little bit and I also added this to the back:

I printed the saying onto lightweight paper and used a sponge and some ink around the edges to give it a vintage feel.

Of course I don't expect my girls to wear them as necklaces. I told them to just hang them by their bed and look at them every morning and every night.
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Guess what? All of the supplies that I used to easily make this are on clearance right now!
Here is the list:
Simply Adorned 24" Chain (order HERE and pay only $4.39 + s/h)
Simply Adorned Beveled Charm (order HERE and pay only $8.79 + s/h)
Trinket Crowns (order HERE and pay only $2.79 for three different sizes + s/h)
Trinket Keys (order HERE and pay only $2.39 for four different keys + s/h)
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While your are ordering, take a look around at all of the other really cool items at rock-bottom prices on clearance.

Posted by Charlene in Gift Ideas at 19:35

Sunday, December 23. 2012

Merry Christmas!

Thank YOU for making 2012 our best year ever. Here's to a new year full of health and happiness. May all of your dreams come true! With love from the eWillow.com family and from my family to you and yours.

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Don't forget to treat yourself to lots of goodies at rock-bottom clearance prices. HERE.
Need a great gift? Give a gift that keeps on giving...a subscription to one of our card packages. HERE.

Posted by Charlene in Card Ideas, Christmas Ideas, Stampin' Up! Product Ideas at 20:35

Wednesday, December 19. 2012

Even MORE Clearance Items Just in Time for Christmas!

Treat yourself this Christmas to tons of clearance items from Stampin' Up! So many new items were added to their Clearance Rack over the past couple of days. Here is a sample of a card I made with Letters to Santa Designer Series Paper. It is currently on clearance for only $4.39 (when you order online from this site.)

In addition to Designer Series Papers, there are several stamp sets, ribbons, Sizzix dies, punches, and embellishments from which to choose.
I treated myself, so much so that I think it might be shipping in more that a couple of boxes. Shhh...don't tell Santa.
Best part though is that everything I ordered is all for YOU! I plan on using all of the supplies to make cards upon cards upon cards for your card packages. Can't wait to show you my new collections in 2013.

Posted by Charlene in Card Ideas, Christmas Ideas, Giveaways & Promotions, Holiday Ideas at 14:13

Friday, December 7. 2012

180 Degree Turn

I was so excited when I found the perfect envelopes for our client who prefers to send out big Christmas cards. What I mean by "big" is that he prefers the cards to be 5-1/2" x 8-1/2" instead of the usual 5-1/2" x 4-1/4". I came up with this card, which is based on a card that is featured on page 20 of Stampin' Up's 2012 Holiday Catalog.

He was thrilled!
However...his mother-in-law passed away a few days before I was ready to mail out the cards. I immediately realized that the Santa scene and the "Happy" tag were not appropriate to send due to the new, terrible, circumstance. I decided to replace the Santa scene with a trumpeting angel. I also replaced the "Happy" tag with a tag that says "Cherish."

I love the combination of the Cherry Cobbler paper with the More Mustard yellow. Throw in the Gumball Green, and you have created a brand new twist on Christmas colors!
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Are you still in need of a unique Christmas gift? Give a subscription to one of our card packages...it is a gift that keeps on giving! More info HERE.

Posted by Charlene in Card Ideas, Christmas Ideas, Gift Ideas, Holiday Ideas at 12:47

Thursday, December 6. 2012

Anything Your Heart Desires

Do you live in or around Durham, NC? If so, have you heard of The Scrap Exchange? I visited it for the first time on Black Friday, and it immediately became one of my most favorite places on the planet. You can buy anything and everything that you need to create anything and everything. Here is some more info, directly from their website:
The Scrap Exchange is a nonprofit creative reuse center in Durham, North Carolina whose mission is to promote creativity, environmental awareness, and community through reuse. Since 1991, we have been collecting materials from local businesses and residents and distributing these reclaimed materials through our retail store, community events, parties and workshops.
When we visited, they were having a fundraising event called "Smash-Fest." They were selling broken pieces of ceramic stuff for $1 a piece. After we made our purchases, we proceeded outside to the lovely bonfires and live music. They had a huge wall set up where they showed a movie while people smashed their ceramic pieces against the wall. (It was a very therapeutic way to rid ourselves of the frustrations of Black Friday shopping madness.)
After the event was over, their plan was to gather all of the broken pieces and create a mosaic, which they would then sell. Such a great idea for a fundraiser, right?
I was happy to have scored exactly what I went there to find. I have a client who prefers that I make large-sized cards for him every year for Christmas. It is always difficult to find the right size envelopes that will fit the card and at the same time look nice. Thanks to The Scrap Exchange, I was able to find a ton (well actually three pounds) of envelopes! Best part? The envelopes were only $1 per pound. Woo hoo!!! I also scored sticky-back Velcro and some cute metal embellishments that I'm sure I will find a use for.
It is a great place for college students (it is located near Duke University) because they have vintage posters and other funky stuff at rock-bottom prices. A student can do some fabulous dorm-room decorating with the stuff they sell. From fabrics, to fasteners, to test tubes, to vintage spindles, to old National Geographic magazines, to boxes, to ... whatever your heart desires. Call it a Goodwill store for the crafty person, at prices that are so low they almost give away the stuff.

More on what I put inside the envelopes coming tomorrow.
Check out The Scrap Exchange's website HERE. They have an events calendar and other cool info.
(This is my personal review of The Scrap Exchange. The thoughts are my own, and I was not paid in any way to write this review.)

Posted by Charlene in Recycled/Repurposed Ideas at 11:56