

Garden Party Favor

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Mid-summer is the peak time for gardens, everything is full, lush and beautiful. The best way to show off your green thumb and hard work is to host a backyard garden luncheon, and to present each of your friends with a special party favor! Because I wanted to give my guests something related to gardening that could also be used for their own home entertaining, I created colorful flower pots full of different dry dip mix flavorings. This is an ideal party favor and could also serve nicely as a hostess gift.



Supplies

Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Classics 12"x12" Cardstock

- 1 sheet Solar Yellow™
- 1 sheet Orbit Orange™
- 1 sheet Lunar Blue™
- 1 sheet Planetary Purple™
- 1 sheet Re-Entry Red™
- 1 sheet Citron
- 1 sheet Bright White
- 1 sheet Eclipse Black™

Fiskars

- XL Oopsie Daisy Squeeze punch
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- M That's Amore squeeze punch
- No. 5 Micro-tip scissors
- Pop-up Daisy punch
- Ultra Shapexpress
- Ultra Shapexpress Flowers Template
- Scallop Decorative Edger scissors

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- 1/4" Super Tape
- Mini Zots
- Medium Zots

4-1/2" clay flower pot

Small craft zipper bags for dip mixes

Dry dip mixes

Red, blue, purple journaling pens

Computer printer or small letter rubber stamps

Stapler

Cutting mat

12" Paper trimmer

Adhesive runner

8" length of 5/8" wide green ribbon

Assorted buttons

Mini gardening spade

Assorted rhinestones

Instructions

1. Cut 3 strips each of Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Classics Solar Yellow™, Orbit Orange™, Planetary Purple™, Lunar Blue™ and Re-Entry Red™ cardstock using the Ultra Shapexpress tool and Flower template. You will create the strips using the stem piece on the template. Measure the cut pieces from the top of the rim on the pot down to the bottom. The wide end of each stem should be at the top and narrow end at the bottom. Trim each stem strip so it fits near the bottom; make sure all of the other strips are the same length.
2. Attach the strips using the 1/4" Super tape, spacing around the pot as you like.
3. Take 3 different sized flower punches and create an assortment of flowers using Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Classics Solar Yellow™, Orbit Orange™,

Planetary Purple™, Lunar Blue™ and Re-Entry Red™ cardstock. Attach 2 flowers together using a Medium Zot. Scatter these around the pot so they are tiered and layered together closely; attach using Zots.

4. Take the “That’s Amore” heart squeeze punch and create several heart shapes using Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Classics Citron cardstock. Use the micro tip scissors to cut the hearts in half, rounding any sharp edges to create leaves for the flowers.
5. Using Zots and 1/2 hearts, attach leaves underneath the flowers around the top and bottom of the pot.
6. Attach a button to each of the centers of the larger flowers.
7. Fill the small zipper baggies with dry dip mixes. You can find recipes for dry dip mixes online or you can purchase them from many gourmet stores, at craft fairs, or even some grocery stores.
8. Cut a 3-1/2"x4" piece of Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Classics Lunar Blue™, Re-Entry Red™, and Planetary Purple™ cardstock; fold in half lengthwise. Staple one on top of each sealed zipper bag so there is a 2" piece on the front and 2" piece on the back.
9. Use your computer and printer or small letter rubber stamps to make labels for the dip mixes on Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Classic Bright White cardstock. Trim the printed/stamped words using the paper trimmer.

Be sure to leave an even white border around each word grouping (ex. Dill Dip, Tanga Bacon Dip).

10. Attach these white labels to the Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Classics Eclipse Black™ cardstock using the adhesive runner.
11. Use a scallop edger scissors to trim the Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Classic Eclipse Black™ cardstock around the outside edge of each white label, creating a black scalloped border.
12. Use purple, red, and blue journaling pens; draw a free style line with loops all the way around the outside edge of the white cardstock. This adds a decorative element to the finished label.
13. Attach each finished label to the baggie header using the adhesive runner. Make sure to also type out the dip mixing directions and print on Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Classic Bright White cardstock; trim and glue or tape the directions card to the back side of each zipper baggie topper.
14. Punch out several small flowers using the Daisy Pop-up punch. Attach these to various areas on the topper near the labels.
15. Add rhinestones to the center of each small flower.
16. Tie a length of ribbon around the handle of the mini garden spade and arrange it in the clay pot along with the dip mixes.

NOTE: When entertaining, I use the decorated clay pot as a serving dish. Simply set a small removable glass dish full of the mixed dip inside of the pot and use the mini garden spade as the dip serving spoon! Your guests will love it!

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