



Valentine's Box | Kelly Noel

The Studio Calico Project Life boxes are so valuable for storing your kits, but they are also really fun to alter and turn into cute little boxes for any occasion! Today, I'm going to show you how to use a Project Life kit and the Sugar Rush main kit to turn the box into an adorable Valentine box. Let's get started...

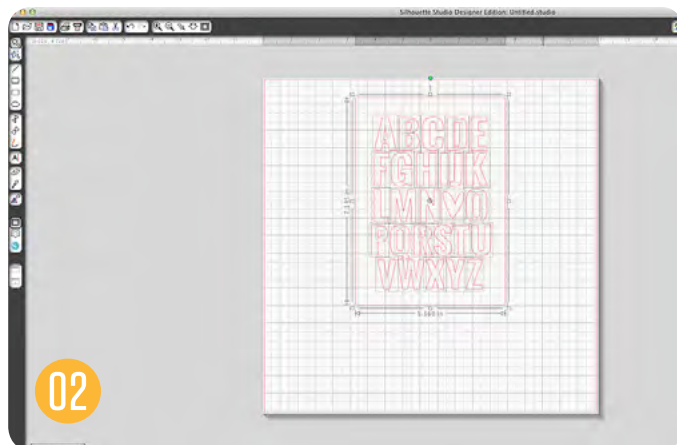
SUPPLY LIST :

Sugar Rush kit, Peerless Transparent Watercolor Papers, watercolor paper, medium waterbrush, Zig embossing pen, AC This to That adhesive, AC cardstock, Project Life box



Step 1 : Here's what you'll need - Project Life box, four patterned paper scraps, white cardstock, watercolor paper, watercolor papers (I used two different colors), waterbrush or paint brush & water, embossing pen, gold glitter embossing powder, heat gun, various embellishments (optional)

Step 2 : To start, I used the ABC cut file from the Sugar Rush kits. In my Silhouette software, I resized the 3x4 cut file to fit the cover of my Project Life box to about 5 1/4" x 7 1/4". Then my Cameo went to work cutting out the file.



Step 3 : Set the cut aside for now and get out the watercolor paper. You'll want to cut the paper to fit the top of your Project Life box, so cut it to roughly 5 1/4" by 7 1/4". Cardstock or any other heavier paper will work for this step too, but I've found that when using watercolors, the watercolor paper really holds up well. Use a waterbrush (I love this tool!) and paint the top half of the paper one color (I chose a red) and the bottom of the paper a different color (I used pink). Blend the area where the two colors meet with lots of water from your brush. Set the paper aside to dry.



Step 4 : Choose a patterned paper for the back of your Project Life box and cut it to fit. You'll want to measure your box to be sure, but the size is roughly 5 1/4" x 7 1/4". I used my regular This to That dot roller adhesive to adhere the paper to the back of the box, but you could use a heavier duty adhesive too like Mod Podge if you wanted to.



Step 5 : Now, cut various patterned papers to fit the sides of the box. Cut the papers to roughly $1\frac{3}{4}'' \times 7\frac{1}{4}''$ and adhere them to the sides of the box using adhesive. Since we're using such a small amount of paper for this, leftover scraps from your kits are perfect for this!

Step 6 : Next, you need to cut more paper for the top and bottom edges of the box. I used the heart paper from Sugar Rush and cut two pieces $4\frac{3}{4}''$ by $1\frac{3}{4}''$. Since this part of the box is mostly white, I cut the papers a bit smaller to leave a white border around the edges. You can measure your box and fill up the space more if you prefer that look.

Step 7 : We need to cut one last sheet of paper to finish off the covering. Cut a small strip from a different patterned paper to fit the inside flap roughly $7''$ by $1\frac{3}{4}''$. Adhere it to the inside of the box.

Step 8 : Let's go back to the top of the box to finish off the project. At this point, you can adhere your watercolor paper to the top and then add the ABC cut over top and leave it as is or you can add just a tiny bit more detail with some embossing. For this step, you'll need some tiny scraps of white patterned paper, an embossing pen, embossing powder (I used gold glitter) and a heat gun. Adhere the small scraps behind the letters you want to stand out. Use the embossing pen to fill in the letters onto the scraps. Sprinkle your embossing powder on and then set it with a heat gun. Super simple, but it really added a lot to the cover of my box!





At this point, you could move onto covering the inside parts of the box if you wanted to, but I chose to leave mine just plain white. I left the strips of crinkly kraft paper inside the box and added some little Valentines right on the top. This would be a super cute project for your little ones to take to school to hold all of their Valentines in. I hope you'll try it!