Recipe of the Month!

Wedding Party Gifts

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INGREDIENTS

Bisquefire

7074 Large Heart Box 7075 Medium Heart Box 7076 Small Heart Box

Fun Strokes

FS- 2300 Polar Bear FS- 2308 In The Pink FS- 2335 Tickled Pink FS- 2371 Coffee-n-Cream

Glaze

1700D Clear Dipping Glaze

Other

1 Fun Writer Bottle Synthetic Sponge Clean Water

Step 1- Apply 2 smooth coats of Polar Bear to the top side of the medium and small box covers and to the outside of the base of all the boxes.

Small Box:

Step 1- Squeeze out about a quarter size amount of the following colors on a tile or palette: Polar Bear and Coffee-n-Cream.

Step 2- Dip your sponge in water and squeeze out water but don't squeeze completely. Leave some water in the sponge and drip it onto the center of the glazes on your palette. Dab into the two colors and apply to the small heart cover. Don't play around with it too much. This should take seconds and should be pretty wet. The Coffee-n-Cream should be VERY light and scattered. Let dry. It should take a minute or two.

Step 3- Put a drop of Coffee-n-Cream on your palette. Using a #6 round brush, wet & dab once on a paper towel (you should still have some water in your brush). Side slide the brush through one side of the Coffee-n-Cream then slide the brush along the inside edge of the pattern that's on the bottom part of the box. You may reload and repeat but it should really be done in one coat.

Step 4- Using the #4 round brush, apply small strokes for the daisy in the right hand corner of the heart cover with Tickled Pink.

Step 5- Using Bumpy Snow, apply a dot to the flower center. Using Bumpy Pink, apply small dots to the edge of the heart cover.

Step 6- Fill a Fun Writer bottle with Coffee-n-Cream and write a note or the words Flower Girl on the front area of the box as per photo.

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Medium Box:

Follow the same steps as on the small box except instead of a flower on top it has another side slide stroke on the inside area of the cover and all the color is done with the Polar Bear and Tickled Pink. The lettering is Coffee-n-Cream and says Maid of Honor.

Large Box:

Step 1- Put a drop of Coffee-n-Cream and a drop of In The Pink on your palette. Using a #6 round brush, wet & dab once on a paper towel (you should still have some water in your brush). Side slide the brush through one side of the Coffee-n-Cream then slide the brush along the inside bottom edge waving it as you go along edge of the pattern that's on the bottom part of the box. You may reload and repeat but it should really be done in one coat. Do the same with In The Pink on the inside top edge. **Step 2-** The cover of this box you will need to set up for: This a swirl technique and it's done as follows: You need three small dixie cups. Fill one cup half way with Polar Bear. Fill another cup a quarter of a ways with Tickled Pink and the other cup a quarter ways up with Coffee-n-Cream. Add about 3 to 4 teaspoons of water to the Polar Bear and about 1 teaspoon of water to the other two colors. You will also need something to have paint drip off. Hold the heart cover over a drip container and pour the Polar Bear on it covering the whole top of the box. While it's still really wet, pour a little of each of the other colors into the White that's on the cover and tilt and swirl till the glaze stops moving. Set it down to dry. Once this is dry you can clean of the bottom with a damp sponge.

Step 3- Fill a fun writer bottle with Coffee-n-Cream and write a message or the words Bridesmaid on the bottom part of the box.

Step 4- Dip into clear glaze and fire to a shelf cone 06.

WET STROKE GLOSSARY:

WET STROKES: A technique that is applied using water with color (similar to water colors), a round brush or a sponge to accomplish several different looks....watercolor...antique.....faded backgrounds.....old world look.....Weathered look.....deep shadowed look and parchment paper with burnt edges.

WET & DAB: Wet your brush and dab only once on the paper towel so you still have plenty of water in your brush.

SIDE SLIDE: Wet, then dab your brush once on a paper towel, slide one side of the brush through the edge of a color and apply by sliding along the inside edge of any design.

DAMP SPONGE: To wet your sponge and squeeze out all the water leaving it only damp.

WET SPONGE: Wet your sponge and squeeze out half the water so that the sponge is still wet.



