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Anything Hidden - Hidden Paper Clips

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Print these instructions and follow along with my video:
<https://youtu.be/Fotbn6lXibg>

Tips for Making Anything into a Hidden Paper Clip

Design & Shape Tips

- Use symmetrical designs (like butterflies, circles, squares, hearts) for easy double-sided layering—your image will appear on both front and back.
- For asymmetrical designs, create a matching backing layer. You can leave it blank or use a pretty patterned paper for extra charm.
- Stamps, die cuts, cut-aparts, and elements from paper pads all work beautifully—don't limit your imagination!

Clip Strip Construction

- Size the center strip to match your design's proportions. It should be double the length of your clip area.
- Fold the strip in half lengthwise and place the paper clip on the fold.
- Round the ends with a corner rounder:
 - Allows closer placement to the edge of your design
 - Prevents snagging when sliding onto a page

Placement & Function

Option 1: Place the strip low or to one side so the front and back elements can be glued together to completely hide the clip.

Option 2: Let the clip end peek out at the top—perfect for adding a dangle or charm.



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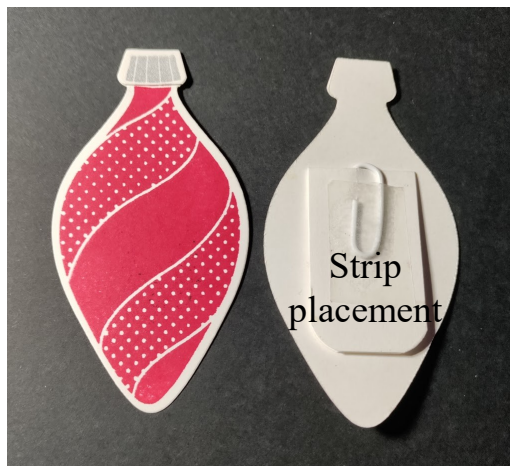
Adhesive Strategy

- Use double-sided tape to hold the clip in place.
- Aleene's Tacky glue adheres the strip and elements together with strength and flexibility.

Bonus Techniques

- Paper piecing adds beautiful dimension—see Tutorial #9: <https://mycraftbasket.com/mcb-studio-video-archives>
- Protect stamped images with packing tape for durability and a subtle shine.
- Use stamps creatively: If your stamp has an odd or detailed shape, stamp it onto a round or square die cut, color it in, and assemble as usual.

Symmetrical designs:



Leave face up. Adhere the left-hand image over the paper clip to conceal it.



Placement of strip if you want to add a dangle.

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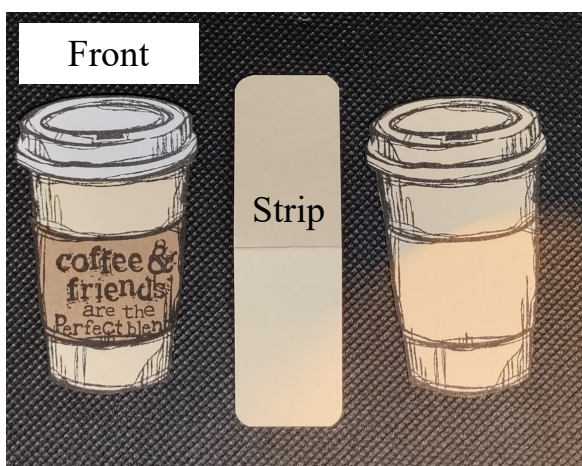


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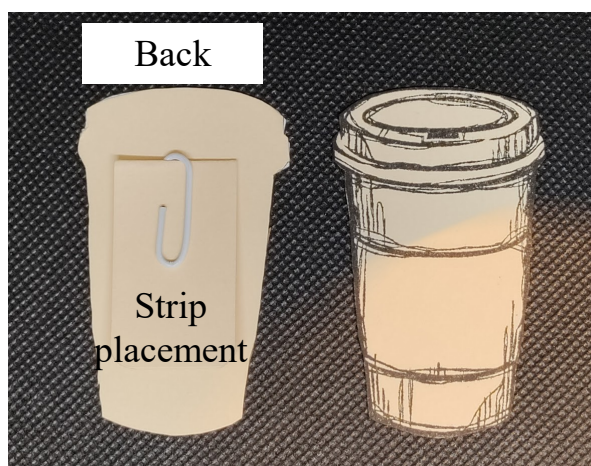
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Asymmetrical designs:



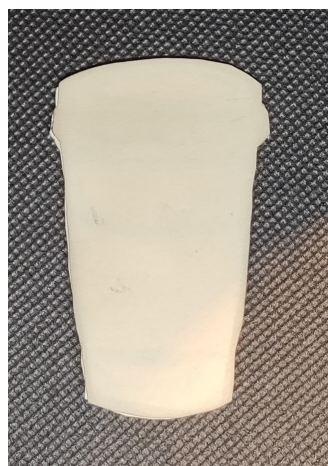
Stamp design twice. Left-hand image is front. Strip scored in middle. Right-side image will be the back.



Folded strip with clip adhered, to back of image for the front. Flip right-hand image right face down and adhere to paper clip to conceal it.



Finished Front



Finished back showing no design



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