

# Jolly Bingo Bits Advent Candy Wrappers

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MAKE 24 COLOR COORDINATED REUSABLE ADVENT CANDY WRAPPERS TO COUNT UP TO CHRISTMAS! THESE WRAPPERS HOLD MULTIPLE CANDIES OR GOODIES AND THEY FOLD FLAT FOR STORAGE.

## PREPARATION/CUTTING:

1. Cut each of the four colored sheets of card stock to 6-1/2" x 11", then in half to 6-1/2" x 5-1/2".
2. Set aside and keep the 2" x 11" strips from each sheet for punching Scallop Ovals and Curly Labels.
3. Run each 5-1/2" x 6-1/2" piece through the Big Shot using the Candy Wrapper die.
4. Cut Whisper White (or Very Vanilla) sheet into four strips each approximately 1-1/2" x 11".
5. Set aside and keep the 2-1/2" x 11" strip for punching out the advent numbers.
6. Punch 6 Scallop Ovals out of each of the color strips, and 6 Curly Labels out of each color strip, so you end up with 24 Scallop Ovals (6 each of 4 colors) and 24 Curly Labels (6 each of 4 colors).

## STAMPING/PUNCHING:

Each of the 4 colored ink pads will be used for 6 different images from the Jolly Bingo Bits stamp set. All 6 images of the same color should be stamped on the same 1-1/2" x 11" strip. If you are setting up stations, set the following stamp images next to their associated color as indicated below. All images are then punched out with the 1" Circle Punch.

### WILD WASABI

star, present, ornament, holly sprig, wreath, tree

### SOFT SUEDE

skate, gingerbread man, deer, candle, big bell, jingle bell

### BAJA BREEZE

light bulb, stocking, penguin, snowflake, mittens, snowman

### CHERRY COBBLER

cardinal, candy cane, peppermint candy, santa hat, santa, poinsettia

For a visual on this, check out the picture of the stamp set to the right. The stamps are displayed in four columns, one column for each of the four colors.

## SUPPLY LIST (makes 24 wrappers):

- Jolly Bingo Bits stamp set
- Calendar Alphabet & Numbers stamp set
- 3 shts Cherry Cobbler card stock + ink
- 3 shts Wild Wasabi card stock + ink
- 3 shts Baja Breeze card stock + ink
- 3 shts Soft Suede card stock + ink
- 1 sht Whisper White or Very Vanilla card stock
- Basic Black ink
- Scallop Oval Punch
- Curly Label Punch
- 1" Circle Punch
- 1/2" Circle Punch
- 1 pkg Linen Thread (48 strips 11" long each)
- Sticky Strip (approx 120" or 1/3 pkg)
- Stampin' Dimensionals (approx 72 or 1/3 pkg)
- Mini Glue Dots® (24 dots or 1/12 pkg)

(OPTIONAL: Tombow Multi Adhesive, Glass Glitter)



## FOLDING, SHAPING & ADHERING THE CANDY WRAPPER:

As I was finalizing these directions, I came across a video posted by another demonstrator, which shows the same method I use...so instead of me adding a million pictures to this tutorial, please view this video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gukQFmHZVRI>

Finish each candy wrapper by tying an 11" length of Linen Thread in a bow at each end. (By tying the string in a bow, the wrapper can be opened and closed without damage, and reused each year!)

## ADDING & LAYERING IMAGES ON EACH WRAPPER:

Again, I have worked out a system to make final assembly fast and easy. Each of the 6 images stamped in one color, will be layered onto a candy wrapper of the same color. Two other colors are represented on each wrapper by punched shapes. Below you will find the layering order for each color punched image & candy wrapper, with pictures to the right of each, to show the final results.

To add the first layer, cut one Stampin' Dimensional in half and place each half on each end of the back of a Scallop Oval, then center the Scallop Oval on the front side of the candy wrapper. (When I choose the "front", I like to make sure it is opposite the seam. Then, place one whole Stampin' Dimensional in the center back of the Curly Label and center that on top of the Scallop Oval. Finally, place one whole Stampin' Dimensional on back of the 1" Circle and layer that on top.

### **WILD WASABI** (image & candy wrapper)

Wild Wasabi candy wrapper

Soft Suede Scalloped Oval

Cherry Cobbler Curly Label

Wild Wasabi stamped & punched image

### **CHERRY COBBLER** (image & candy wrapper)

Cherry Cobbler candy wrapper

Baja Breeze Scalloped Oval

Wild Wasabi Curly Label

Cherry Cobbler stamped & punched image

### **BAJA BREEZE** (image & candy wrapper)

Baja Breeze candy wrapper

Wild Wasabi Scalloped Oval

Soft Suede Curly Label

Baja Breeze stamped & punched image

### **SOFT SUEDE** (image & candy wrapper)

Soft Suede candy wrapper

Cherry Cobbler Scalloped Oval

Baja Breeze Curly Label

Soft Suede stamped & punched image



**OPTIONAL:** As you can see from the layered samples above, it is super easy to add "bling" with Tombow Multi glue and Glass Glitter! If you have the supplies and want to take the time, you can also go in and add highlights and accent colors with coordinating markers, and/or use embellishments such as rhinestones and pearls to each individual image.

At this point, you can stop decorating your candy wrappers if you wish, and just place them all in a large glass bowl, removing one every night in December through Christmas Eve. If you would like to number your wrappers, one for each day through the 24th, the following is a quick and easy way to accomplish that, using card stock that was leftover from the cutting section of these directions.

### **ADDING YOUR ADVENT NUMBERS:**

Using the 2-1/2" x 11" Whisper White (or Very Vanilla) strip you set aside earlier, stamp the numbers 1 through 24 from the Calendar Alphabet & Numbers set in black ink, then punch out each number with the 1/2" Circle Punch. Be sure to leave a little room between each of the stamped numbers, so you can center it in the punch.

Place a Mini Glue Dot at the lower left corner of the front of the candy wrapper. This can be most easily accomplished by using the tips of a pair of Paper Snips to remove the glue dot from the waxed paper and put it in place. Lay the top left corner of the punched out number, over the Mini Glue Dot. The number will hang off the edge just a bit...that's okay, that's how you want it to look.



**TIP:** Before adding your numbers, lay out your wrappers in a pattern so that each of the four colors gets a number before the colors repeat. For instance, 1 is a Wild Wasabi wrapper, 2 is a Cherry Cobbler wrapper, 3 is a Baja Breeze wrapper, 4 is a Soft Suede wrapper. Then repeat the pattern order of the colors, 5 is a Wild Wasabi wrapper, 6 is a Cherry Cobbler wrapper, 7 is a Baja Breeze wrapper, 8 is a Soft Suede wrapper.

### **DISPLAYING YOUR ADVENT WRAPPERS:**

There are a number of each options for displaying your advent wrappers. If you number your wrappers and choose to use the glass bowl idea mentioned above, try to put the wrappers with the highest number day in first, so you don't have to dig very far through the bowl each day.

You can link your candy wrappers together with a ribbon between each one. If you tie the ribbon in a bow, it not only provides more decoration, but you can also reuse the ribbon to make a garland the next year. **TIP:** melt or otherwise seal your ribbon ends to prevent fraying. This garland looks really cute on a tree, or running down a banister. Please be sure to assist children if you use this method.

You can also fasten your candy wrappers to another surface with magnetic sheets or strips, so they will stick to a metal door or metal sheet. Ideas for shaping include a wreath pattern (in a circle), or a tree pattern.

You may also choose to use velcro fasteners to display your candy wrappers around the frame of another holiday project, such as the Décor Elements Christmas Countdown.

### **REUSING YOUR ADVENT WRAPPERS:**

Simply untie one end of a wrapper to take the treat out on the appropriate day. For storage, remove both ties, and press to fold wrapper flat, as pictured to the right. Keep the ties in a plastic bag with the flattened candy wrappers, and then just pop them back up, fill them and tie them up again to use next year!

