

Friendship Knot and Card

Designed by Karen Thomas

Supplies:

Black and red Momigami paper strips 4" x 11" decorated with gold or bronze acrylic paint

Mizuhiki paper cords

Gold Card stock cut 4" x 5"

Red card stock cut 6 ¼" x 4 ½"

Blank greeting card

Bronze metallic acrylic paint

Self-leveling clear gel

Glue

Rubber stamps with Asian designs

Double-sided carpet tape 2" wide

Pigmented Stamp Pads

Double stick high tack tape ¼"

Instructions for the paper friendship knot

1. Fold the strips in half then cupboard fold to center to create a ribbon. Glue the inside of the strips to secure. The ribbon will be about 1" wide by 11" long.
2. Form a loop in the middle of one strip.
3. Introduce the second strip from the front. Bring it through and behind the first loop, then bring it forward and thread it through the lower part of the loop.
4. Tighten the knot carefully; making sure the paper lies flat.
5. The knot will form a perfect hexagon.
6. Trim ends evenly.

Instructions for the Mizuhiki Ribbon

1. Lay 5 or six cords about 6" long on a piece of double-sided carpet tape. Make sure they lie side by side with no gaps or spaces in-between.
2. Brush on an even coat of self-leveling clear gel or gel medium over the top of the cords. Wipe off any excess from the sides.
3. Brush on a second coat after the first coat dries.
4. Let the cords dry thoroughly, then carefully lift them off the taped surface.
5. Trim the ends with scissors.

Assembling the card

1. Stamp a design onto gold card stock with a pigmented inkpad.
2. Stamp the Asian text in random directions onto the red card stock.
3. Line the edges with gold ink.
4. Glue the red card stock onto the blank greeting card and follow with the gold card, then the paper knot and finish with the Mizuhiki ribbon.

Guest:

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Resources:

Yasutomo and Company

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Mizuhiki paper cords

Decorative Papers

Double-Stick High tack tape

Book: Make Mizuhiki Magic

Website: <http://www.yasutomo.com>

Stamps used:

Sunday International East West Harmony
Uptown rubberstamps Letter from Abroad

Card Stock

Golden Oak Papers
Strathmore Greeting Cards

Acrylic Paints

Golden Artist Colors

