Jillibean Soup
Pleated Paper Tutorial
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Completely inspired by the variety of pleated ribbon out on the market and I couldn’t help but to learn how to make my own, but out pretty pattern paper. So, I’m glad to share with you my tutorial on how to make this pleated paper border using pattern paper.

Trim 12x12 pattern paper to 3x12 inches.
Fold two 1-inch folds in the same direction. This first fold will be used as excess for a finished look.

Next, fold \( \frac{1}{4} \) inch behind the 1 inch fold, creating a backwards letter Z.
Fold another ¼ inch opposite of first ¼-inch fold and bring the excess over as shown. This will leave you ½-inch of a small pleated fold on the back of the border.

Bring paper over towards the previous 1-inch pleat and fold. Create another 1-inch pleated fold going the opposite direction. Continue doing this until you have as many pleats as needed or you run out of paper.

Trim off any excess paper at the end of your border, leaving enough folded behind pleat to create a finished look. Now, you should have 3 small ½ inch (back) and 4 large 1 inch (front) pleated folds on the.
Mark a small dot on your pleat in the center of the border, where you will begin stitching your pleated border together. Make sure you lift your border up a little as you guide it through your sewing machine so the smaller pleats won’t get caught.

This is what your pleated border should look like.

You can fluff up the row of pleats for added depth & Embellish 😊
Tips:
- To give it more character, dab on ink around the edges of the border, which will add even more depth and texture. Use them to wrap around gift boxes or your favorite jar.
- You can also use Jillibean Soups assortment of ribbons to create this same pleated look. Here is a card I created this month as an example.
- To make 12 inch larger pleated border, trim off as many 3x12 inch strips (or size you prefer) to make three sets and attach each pleated border sets by stitching them together.