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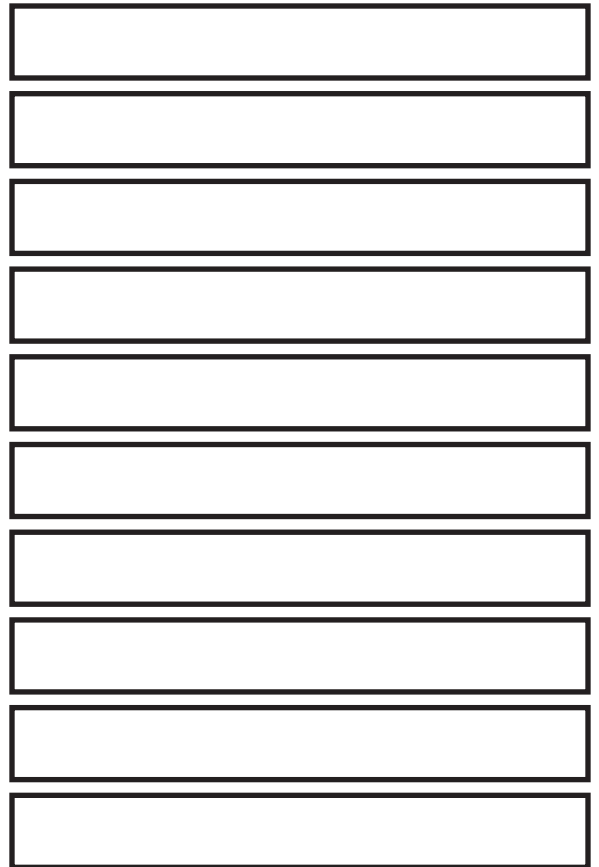
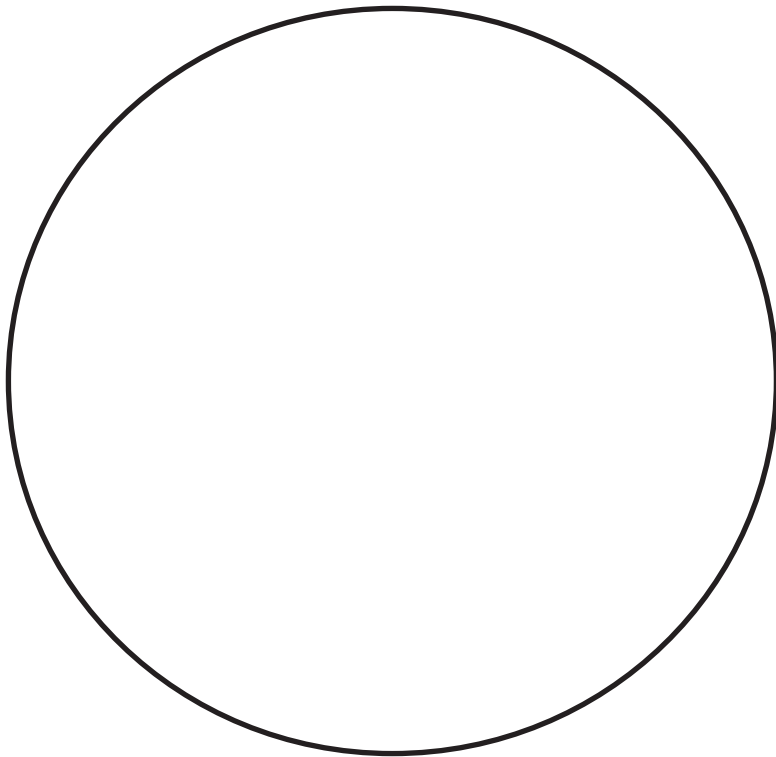
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Dimensions:

- (2) 4" circles
- (2) 3.5 x 7" pieces
- (20) 3/8 x 3" pieces
- (4) 7 x 1/2" pieces

Supplies:

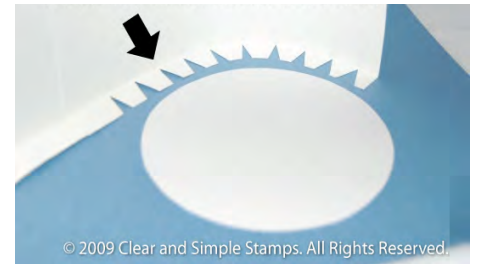
Scissors; Cutting Board; Scor-Pal and Scor-Tape;
2 Sheets of 8.5 x 11 Paper, Brads, Basket Handles, Ribbon

Cut (2) 4" Circles

- Put one aside for after the side has been attached to one bottom

Cut (2) 3.5 x 7" pieces of cardstock

- Score the 3.5 x 7" strips along the long side at 1/2" and adhere together so that the strip becomes 13" long. (You will overlap the strips by one inch.)
- Cut "v" shaped notches just to the score mark so that the paper can turn around the circle. (You need a lot of v's - it make it turn easier - the closer the better - try every 1/2" - you can always add more notches to help make it curve better around the circle) Use whatever strong adhesive you prefer.
- Put a piece of red tape or score tape on the side to adhere together when assembled



Take the second circle , adhere to the inside to cover up the notches.

Stamp or sponge the basket markings onto the 19 strips.

- You can sponge before cutting. This will create a random distressed or weathered pattern to the basket strips. Or you can leave it plain.
- Take one of the strips to use as a spacer. Mark it with an "X" or some sort of indicator so you know not to adhere it to your basket. Adhere your first strip then place your spacer and adhere the next strip. Repeat this until all of your strips have been adhered to the base. All of your strips should be 3/8" apart.

Take (2) 7 x 1/2" strips

- Adhere the (2) 7 x 1/2" pieces together around the top and bottom of the basket on the same side. Doesn't matter if its the front or back, but make sure the plain strips are adhered first on the top and bottom of the same side.

Take the remaining (2) 7 x 1/2" strips

- Add brads at 1/2" on both ends of each strip.
- Adhere the strips on the opposite side of the basket so that they overlap the previous strips you attached in the last step. The brads should line up on both sides top and bottom.

Punch holes for handle.

- You will need a heavy duty punch to go through several layers of paper, we recommend a Crop-a-dile.
- Attach your wooden handle.
- Tie a bow or hang tag and viola you have an apple basket.