MERRY CHRISTMAS MONEY CAKE



HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED

- Cardstock (I used red, white, green, and silver)
- Liquid Glue
- Paper Bills
- Electronic cutter (cricut explore or maker, silhouette, or other cutter)
- Cut File Merry Christmas Money Cake BA2314 (available for free in my resource library)

HERE'S WHAT YOU DO

STEP 1: DOWNLOAD THE FREE SVG FILE

The first thing you'll need to do is get the free SVG file you'll use for this project. I keep all the SVG files I use for the projects I make in my SVG Library. These SVG files work with Cricut and Silhouette machines, as well as many others. This library is open to everyone and is free! You can access the <u>library here</u>. Look for the file called **Merry**Christmas Money Cake BA2314. It will be listed under the Craftmas 2023 Category-Day 14.

STEP 2: CUT THE CARDSTOCK PIECES

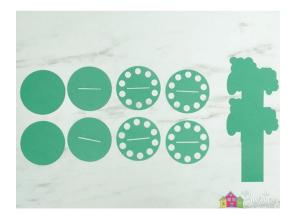
Open the design in your software program. Keep everything grouped together and resize the design to 19.5" high. Some of the pieces have perforation lines that will be cut with a regular blade. If you're using Cricut Design Space, you'll need to ungroup the layers. Then click on each green layer with its perforation lines and click attach. Once everything is resized, you can cut the cardstock pieces.

Once the cardstock is finished cutting, remove it from the cutting mat. Slightly bend the mat to remove the cardstock pieces.

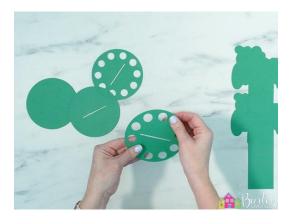


STEP 3: ASSEMBLE THE MONEY CAKE

Grab the 8 circles and 2 center support pieces.



Start by gluing each set of circles together. When you're finished gluing, you should have 4 circles.



Also, glue together the center support piece. Make sure to keep the glue above the perforation lines.



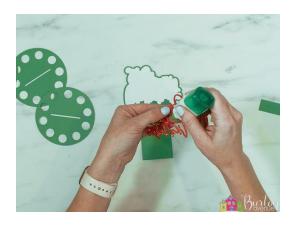
After the glue has dried, separate the bottom and fold along the perforation lines.



Glue the white piece to the top of the center support.



Add glue to the back of the Christmas phrase and place it over the white background. Make sure there is equal spacing around all the edges.



Glue on lightbulb pieces.



Slide the two circles with holes onto the center support.



Then, add the circle with the slit onto the support.



Add glue to the tabs of the center support. Make sure the glue doesn't go past the perforation lines.



Press the tabs onto the bottom of the circle with the slit.



Fold the smaller two side supports in half



Glue the small side support over the center support, right above the circle at the bottom. Repeat on the other side.



Push down one of the circles with the holes so it's right on top of the small side supports.



Fold the larger side supports in half and add glue.



Glue those over the center support, just like you did with the small supports. The circle with the holes should be sandwiched between the small and large supports and should not move.



Slide the top circle so it's right on top of the large supports.



STEP 4: ADD PAPER BILLS

Tightly roll up a paper bill. Of course, you can use bills of any amount. You can even do an assortment of different amounts.



Slip it through the top and bottom holes. The money roll cake will be flimsy at first, but as you add more bills, it will become sturdier.



Once all the money has been added, you can go around and adjust the circles so they are level.



