

# Welcome Committee

*Pamper your guests the minute they arrive with a few how-tos from Rachel Blessinger of Studio R*



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ADVENTURE #:

WHO: OLIVIA + CAHERON

WHERE: CHARLESTON, SC

WHEN: JUNE 20, 2009

NOTES: WEEKEND EVENTS!

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1	2	3	4	5	6	7						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28						
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# Weekend Itinerary

Share your festive plans with a series of event invites



## You will need:

### For Folder

- 8½ by 11-inch cardstock
- Paper cutter with scoring tool\*
- Cardboard
- Pencil
- Rubber stamps
- Ink pad
- Travel-themed stickers
- Pen
- Double-sided tape

### For Invitation Inserts

- Computer and printer
- White cardstock
- Round corner punch\*

\* You can substitute scissors for cutters and punches, and a ruler in place of a scoring tool.



Charleston is one of the country's top-tier cities for so-called destination weddings, and any couple getting married here should expect far-flung guests to RSVP an enthusiastic "Yes" to their celebration. Thus Lowcountry transplant Rachel Blessinger, whose Studio R creations are found in fine stationery shops from coast to coast, not only crafts scores of nuptial invites and reply cards but also fashions welcome baskets galore to greet wedding attendees in their hotel rooms. This travel-themed welcome kit includes a wedding weekend itinerary done up to look like an old-school boarding pass, accompanied by an in-flight-style snack pack tucked into a mini suitcase, marked with a keepsake luggage tag. Talk about a bon voyage!

**1.** Cut a piece of cardboard into a 3<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>- by 8½-inch rectangle. Mark a spot five inches down from the top right corner. Draw a diagonal line from the top left corner to the five-inch-mark. Cut along the diagonal to make the folder pocket template.

**2.** Score 8½- by 11-inch cardstock in horizontal thirds. Place template on the bottom panel of cardstock, lining up the 8½-inch side so the diagonal edge slopes from left to right.

**3.** Trace the diagonal edge onto the cardstock, then cut along the line and fold up the flap to form a pocket. Seal seams with double-sided tape.

**4.** Adorn the outside of folder with travel-themed stamps and stickers. Write in your own wedding details as needed.

**5.** Using a word processing program, design insert invitations on an 8½- by 11-inch document and decorate each with clip art from [www.clip-art.com](http://www.clip-art.com). (We created rehearsal dinner, ceremony and reception, and farewell brunch invitations.) Print on white cardstock and cut into three sizes (in inches, 3½ by 5½; 3½ by 6½; 3½ by 7½). The first event should be on the smallest card.

**6.** Round corners of each insert with punch. Slip inserts into folder sequentially.



# Snack Pack

Stave off the munchies with a custom-packaged local treat

## You will need:

- Bag of benne wafers
- Patterned paper
- Paper cutter\*
- Double-sided tape
- Gift box
- ¼ inch-wide grosgrain ribbon
- Cardstock
- "Bon Voyage" sticker

\* You can substitute scissors for a paper cutter:

Trim a small rectangle of the patterned paper and fold it over the top edge of the benne wafer bag. Adhere with double-sided tape. Place in box and close lid. Wrap the grosgrain ribbon around the width of the box and hold in place using double-sided tape. Center the "Bon Voyage" sticker on a rectangle of cardstock. Using double-sided tape, affix to box top and seal package shut. Optional: Include the story of benne wafers (or the recipe) in box.

# Welcome Bag & Tag

Guests will grin over to this cute carry-on and its tagalong keepsake

## You will need:

- Mini suitcase\*
- Luggage tag
- Cardstock
- Rubber stamps
- Ink pad
- Paper cutter\*
- \* A colorful kraft bag is an inexpensive alternative, and scissors can stand in for a paper cutter.

Cut cardstock to fit inside the luggage tag. Stamp with rubber stamps. Slide the paper inside the tag and buckle onto the suitcase handle.

## Resources

If It's Paper: gift box; West Ashley, (843) 763-4423; Mount Pleasant, (843) 971-9911  
 Market Street Munchies: benne wafers; [www.marketstreetmunchies.com](http://www.marketstreetmunchies.com); (843) 763-0600  
 Michaels: all other materials (custom stamps website only); [www.michaels.com](http://www.michaels.com); North Charleston, (843) 574-9233  
 Paper Source: mini suitcase and patterned paper; [www.paper-source.com](http://www.paper-source.com); (312) 906-9678  
 Staples: custom monogram stamp (website only); [www.staples.com](http://www.staples.com)

