Father’s Day Gift Certificate Wallet
for PaperTrey Ink by Debbie Olson

1. Cut kraft base 8-1/2” x 3-1/2” and round corners. Cut a kraft spine reinforcing strip 1” x 3-1/2” and attach to the center of the kraft base. (This will help your wallet to be able to curve in the center rather than creasing when you try to fold it. I put a flexible glue, Tombo Mono Multi, just down the center to allow a little bit of sliding when you open and shut the wallet.) Sponge with distress ink and topstitch if desired.

2. Cut Dark Chocolate “leather” layer 8-1/4” x 3-1/4”. Emboss with a Fiskars Leather texture plate and sponge with Vintage Photo distress ink. You will have to run it through the texture plate twice in order to texturize the entire length of the cardstock. Round corners and top-stitch around the perimeter, if desired. Set aside to attach after you finish the inside of the wallet.

3. Cut six strips of kraft cardstock: 2 @ 4” x 1-3/4”, 2 @ 4” x 2-3/8”, and 2 @ 4” x 3” and distress with distress ink. Stack these into two stacks with the shortest on the bottom and tallest on top, and sew them together,** leaving the tops open. Alternatively, you could use Scor-Tape or super sticky tape in 1/8” width if you prefer. Keep it to the very outer edge so that you have room to slide your gift cards into their pockets. Round the corners of this stack. (**I have a corner rounder that will cut through chipboard, so it can handle three layers of stacked PTI cardstock. If you are using a regular punch-type of corner rounder, you may want to round your corners individually before sewing the layers together.)

4. Align the two stacks with the outer corners of your wallet, attaching only on the bottom and outer edges--not the inside edge or top edge. You can use Scor-Tape or sew the layers if your sewing machine will sew through four layers of cardstock.

5. Attach the dark chocolate leather layer to the outside of the wallet.

6. Using a large, round stick such as a 3/4” dowel rod or round paintbrush handle, gently mold your wallet along the center spine. The goal is to round it rather than creasing it. It might be helpful to mist lightly with water or Paper Glide to facilitate molding the cardstock. (After working with it for a few minutes, I left my wallet wrapped around the paintbrush handle overnight with a weight on everything except for the spine. It stayed folded pretty well by morning.)

7. Create your cards for the inside. After printing them on the computer or writing them out, trim to 2” x 3-1/4”. Round all corners, stamp title sentiments and stars, and distress the edges. (The font that I used was a free font from www.dafont.com, called Broken Ghost.) For card sentiments, consider what might be a treat to the dad in your life. I made eight cards, four that my son signed and four that I signed. His were for a quiet evening, five-minute back scratch, clean bedroom, and uninterrupted nap. Mine were for warm chocolate chip cookies, cupcakes, footrub with lotion, and one evening of mom coming to bed early. (Trust me, that doesn’t happen very often--that’s why it’s considered a treat!)
This gift certificate entitles the bearer to one FOOTRUB WITH LOTION to be redeemed any evening at your pleasure.

This gift certificate entitles the bearer to one FIVE-MINUTE BACK SCRATCH to be redeemed any evening at your pleasure.

This gift certificate entitles the bearer to one batch of warm CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES to be redeemed any evening at your pleasure.

This gift certificate entitles the bearer to any flavor of FROSTED CUPCAKES to be redeemed any evening at your pleasure.

This gift certificate entitles the bearer to one CLEAN BEDROOM to be redeemed any evening at your pleasure.

This gift certificate entitles the bearer to one night of MOM COMING TO BED EARLY to be redeemed any evening at your pleasure.

This gift certificate entitles the bearer to one UNINTERRUPTED NAP to be redeemed any evening at your pleasure.

This gift certificate entitles the bearer to one QUIET EVENING to be redeemed any evening at your pleasure.