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Christmas is often considered the most wonderful time of year, and there is no surprise why! On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, we gather with family to celebrate the peace, joy, and love that come with the Christmas holiday.

There is a great deal of preparation that goes into this two-day celebration. Perhaps the most obvious form of prep is shopping for Christmas presents, and preparing a delicious Christmas feast takes time and effort as well! Amidst all of the chaos of sending gifts and brainstorming a meal, we cannot forget the importance of sending Christmas cards!

As email and other forms of communication become more and more popular, snail mail is becoming less and less. It is convenient to send a Christmas e-card to all of those individuals in your list of contacts, but don't settle for clicking a button! Instead, honor a tradition by sending Christmas cards to your family and friends. Don't just send any cards this year; make gorgeous homemade Christmas cards for all of your loved ones!

People have been sending Christmas cards since 1843, and the thoughtful act has remained a tradition ever since. Rather than purchasing your cards at the store, create your own one-of-a-kind Christmas cards with our collection of *18 Free Printable Christmas Cards and Homemade Christmas Card Ideas*. Find a variety of handmade Christmas cards below.

It can be intimidating to make your own Christmas cards, but if you start early and you consult some of the ideas in this collection, you will fall in love with Christmas card making in no time! Start with a clean and simple idea like the Elegant and Simple Wreath Christmas Card, or even try making an easy printable greeting card for Christmas. Once you've started simple, you can upgrade to some of the more challenging designs below. Find a new favorite card to make below, and send a completely original Christmas greeting card to your friends and family this winter!

Sincerely,

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Festive Christmas Door Handmade Card

By: Ruth Hamilton from A Passion for Cards

Don't settle for anything less than perfect when you craft this Christmas. Make the Festive Christmas Door Handmade Card. This absolutely gorgeous homemade Christmas card features a beautiful paper door adhered with 3D foam squares. The dimensional look really adds interest to the card, and the stamped images are beautiful. Finish off the look with a Christmas wreath and a bit of holly, and you are sure to charm your loved ones when you send your card this Christmas.

Materials:

- Domed Window Die from Tonic Studios
- Fine Embossing Tool
- White Card Measuring 7.5cm x 14cm
- 3D Foam Squares from Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L
- Dark Ink
- Petal Pair Petite Punch

- One Brad
- Country Cottage Stamp Set
- E-Z Runner (Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L
- Tonic Studios Simplicity Holly Leaf Punch
- Pick of the Bunch Window Basket Die Set
- Coloring Supplies

Instructions:

- 1. Die cut the frame, then turn the whole thing over with the pieces intact. Emboss the inner lines with a fine embossing tool you'll "feel" the lines as you follow them.
- 2. These are the pieces from one window you'll need an extra two squares from another die cut.

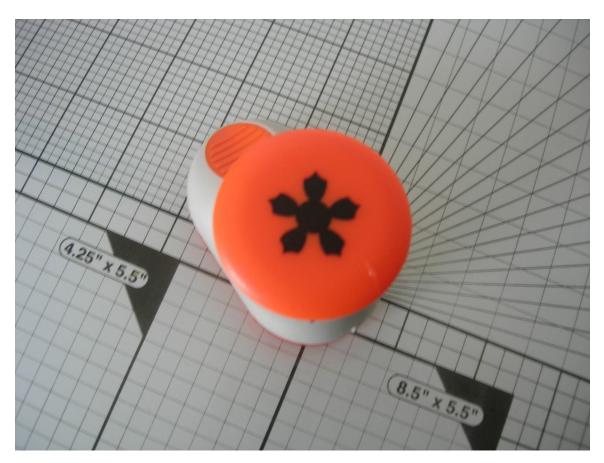


3. Attach the pieces as shown to a piece of white card measuring 7.5cm x 14cm using 3D foam squares from Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L.

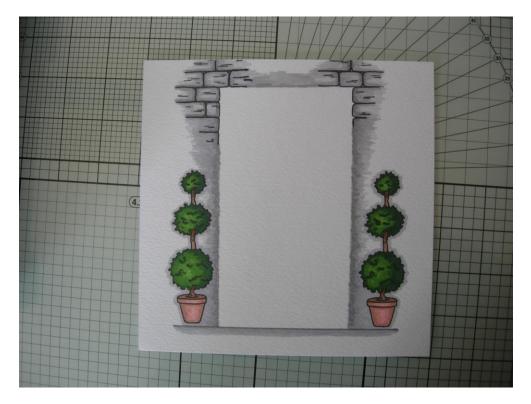


4. All arranged (you may ink the edges for definition).

5. The little door latch was made using two petals from one of the Petal Pair Petite punches with a brad in the center.



6. Draw a line around the door as a guide and stamp up the background with the two brick corner stamps and the topiary tree stamp from the Country Cottage stamp set.



7. Attach the door to the background with the E-Z Runner (Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L)



8. Make the wreath with the Tonic Studios Simplicity Holly Leaf punch and add some ivy above the door from the Pick of the Bunch Window Basket die set.





Green Pearlized Poinsettia Card

By: Ruth Hamilton from A Passion for Cards

Make a gorgeous Christmas card with a classic Christmas flower when you create the Green Pearlized Poinsettia Card. This Christmas paper craft is a fantastic way to wish your loved ones a happy holiday. Learn how to make paper poinsettias in a unique and dimensional way, and be sure to use pearlized paper that really shines. This card is guaranteed to stand out among the many Christmas cards your loved ones receive!

Materials:

- Green Pearlized Cardstock
- White Cardstock
- Red Cardstock
- Gold Glitter Cardstock
- Raspberry Ink
- Blue Ink
- Celtic Knot Border Punch

- Tonic Studios Clematis, Lily and Poinsettia Punch and Stamp Set
- Quilling Tool
- Tacky Glue
- Gems
- Ribbon

Spider Instructions:

1. Punch out twelve petals (the longer ones from the set), one sepal and one stamen.



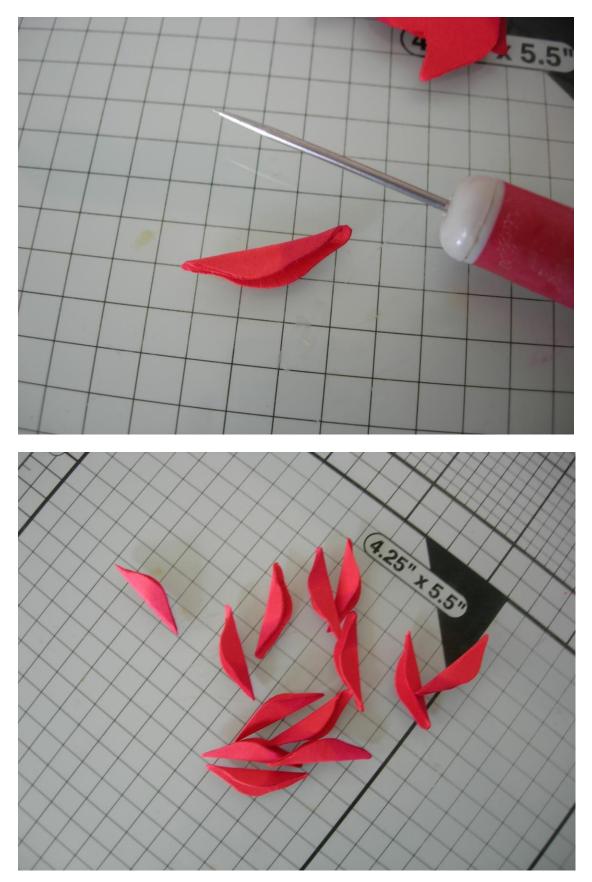
2. Ink the outer edges of the petals.



3. Fold the petals in half with the inked part to the outside. It helps to use a pokey too to fold over.



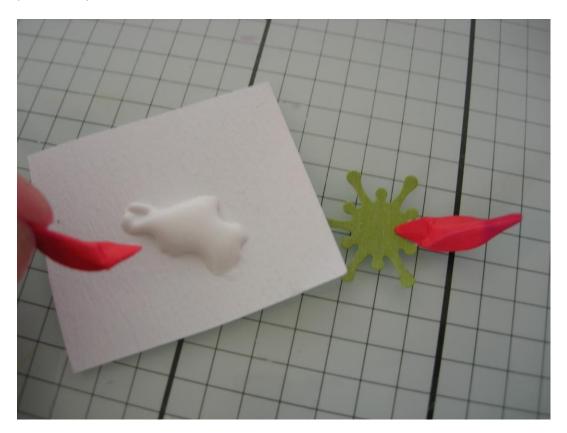
4. The inked and folded petals should look like this.



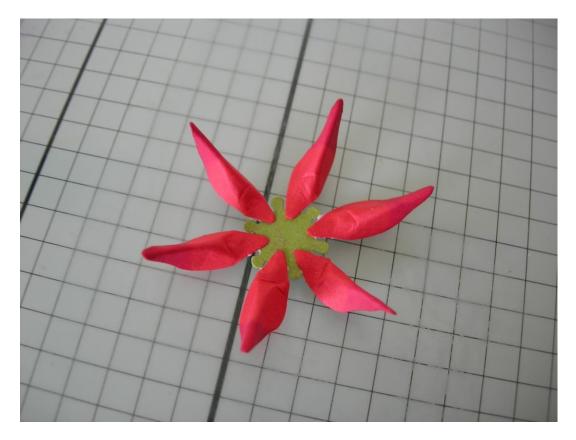
5. Put some of the glue onto a piece of card so you can dip the ends of the petals into it.



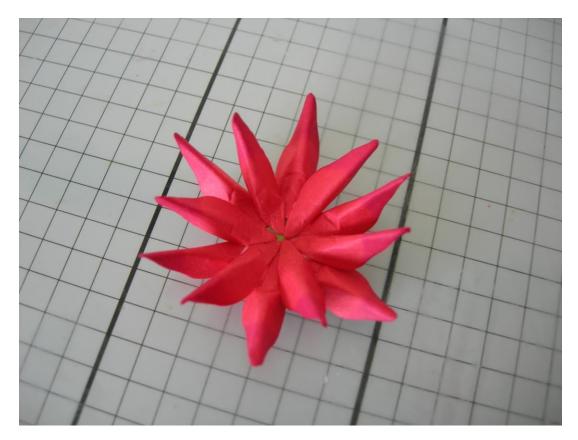
6. Slightly flatten the inner point of the petal and dip into the glue before sticking to the longer parts of the punched sepal.



7. Glue the first six petals onto the sepal like the photo above, keeping the outer tips folded and pointed.



8. Add the next six petals to the stamen between the first six, with the inner points meeting in the center.



9. Add a punched sepal and a gem to the center. Add a few leaves punched from the pearlized card with the edges also inked in darker blue.



10. Use the new Tonic Studios Celtic Knot border punch along the edges of the white card, and the flowers are made with the Tonic Studios Clematis, Lily and Poinsettia Punch and Stamp set.





Holly and Snowflakes Christmas Card

By: Ruth Hamilton from A Passion for Cards

Have a holly jolly Christmas! Celebrate the most wonderful time of the year by making the Holly and Snowflakes Christmas Card. This homemade Christmas card is simple but effective. Learn how to punch out the holly shapes to create a circular border around the central motif. The snowflakes in the corners add a bit of glitter and a lot of interest. Color the main holly image with your favorite coloring tools, and don't forget to add a glossy sealer for added effect! Your loved ones will adore this card, and you can use this technique for future creations, too!

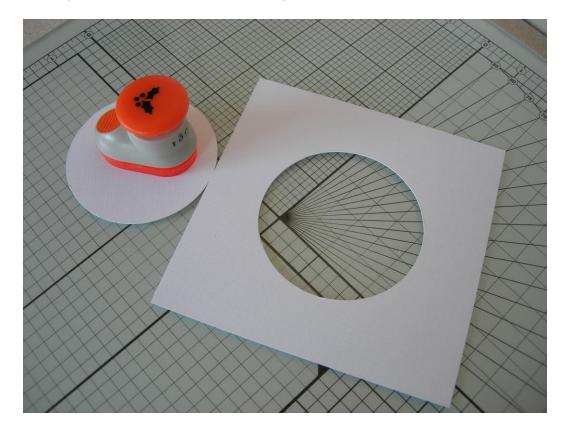
Materials:

- Holly Stamp from A Passion for Stamps
- Tonic Studios Snowflake Punch
- Mini Holly Punch

- Promarkers
- White Cardstock
- Glossy Accents

Instructions:

1. Cut a square of cardstock to fit as a mat on your card front, and then cut a circle 15cm from the center of this.



2. Insert cardstock into the Mini Holly punch, so that the punch rests on the edge of the circle



3. Line up punch as shown and repeat till the circle is filled. It's as simple as that!



- 4. The image that is used is Holly from A Passion for Stamps, colored with Promarkers and highlighted with Glossy Accents.
- 5. On this card, embellish the corners with the inside part of the Tonic Studios Snowflake punch and add some glitter.





Golden Paper Bead Christmas Tree Card

By: Ann Martin from All Things Paper

Step away from the red and green and embrace the silver and gold! The Golden Paper Bead Christmas Tree Card is a beautiful project for the upcoming holiday. Use gorgeous paper beads to make the Christmas tree shape for the card. The motif is elegant and also simple, and this lends to the classy look. The striped background is chic, and the snowflake tree topper is a wonderful touch. Learn how to make a Christmas card in a unique way with this tutorial.

Materials:

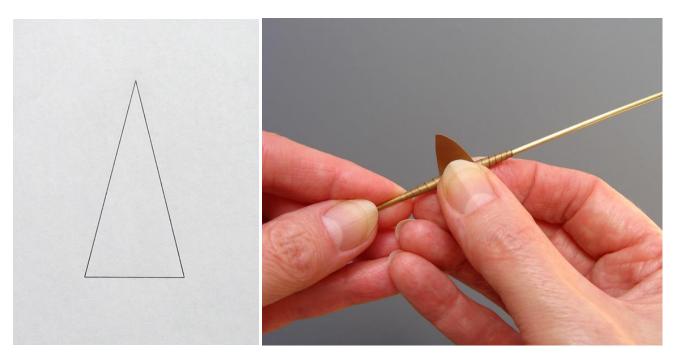
- Cardstock White
- Metallic Paper Sheets Gold, Silver fairly lightweight so it rolls smoothly; not cardstock
- Quilling Paper Gold, Silver 1/8 Inch Strips (called Quill Trim; available from online quilling suppliers) or cut 1/8 inch strips from sheets of metallic paper
- Silver Foil the textured kind from yogurt containers works well
- Wire Rod thin and strong; a cake/muffin tester works too
- Paper Cutter
- Paper Trimmer

- Punch Tiny Star; I used the Fiskars Corner Punch/Snowflakes
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Tweezers
- Plastic Lid to use as glue palette
- T-pin to apply glue to beads and star
- Glue any kind suitable for paper beadmaking; my new favorite is Elmer's Clear School Glue
- Glue Stick or double-sided tape to adhere card layers
- Damp Cloth to keep fingers free of glue

Instructions:

- 1. Cut and fold a 10 inch x 7 inch piece of cardstock to make a 5 x 7 card (perfect size for a standard frame perhaps the recipient will decide to frame it!)
- 2. Glue 2 gold and 3 silver strips lengthwise down the center of the card. Start by marking the 2 1/2 inch center point at top and bottom of card; glue silver strip in place using marks as a guide. Space remaining strips 1/8 inch apart, alternating colors.
- 3. Cut a 3 inch x 3 1/2 inch rectangle of gold paper; center and glue in place as shown, about 1 1/2 inches from top of card.
- 4. Cut a 2 inch x 3 1/2 inch rectangle of silver paper. Crimp and glue to center of gold rectangle; press gently in place without compressing crimps. If the paper crimps unevenly at first, continue running the same rectangle through the crimper until you get straight, horizontal lines; sometimes it takes a few tries. The same piece of paper can be re-crimped over and over without harm.

5. Draw and cut out six pennant-shaped triangles of gold paper in graduated sizes. They should measure 1 1/2", 1 1/4", 1", 3/4", 1/2", and 3/8" at the widest end of triangle; sides measure 3 inches in length. Use paper trimmer or scissors to cut them.



- 6. Roll each bead on the wire rod; start with wide end of triangle and use firm, even pressure while rolling. Glue tip of triangle at center point. Slide bead off wire.
- 7. Glue beads between silver paper crimps, referring to picture for placement. For gluing ease, spread a thin layer of glue on a plastic lid. Use tweezers to hold bead and touch it to the glue. Place bead directly on the card, nestling it between crimps.
- 8. Punch and glue star (I used a small snowflake) as tree topper.
- 9. Cut a 1 inch x 1/4 inch piece of gold paper; roll on wire rod. Allow it to relax slightly and slide it off wire. Glue end and flatten the roll gently. Glue vertically below tree as a trunk.





Radiant Quilled Poinsettia Christmas Card

By: Ann Martin from All Things Paper

Learn how to make a Christmas card with one of the most beautiful paper crafting techniques: paper quilling! The Radiant Quilled Poinsettia Christmas Card is an absolutely gorgeous card making idea that is at once unique and stunning. Step outside of the usual red and green color palette and make a card that will stand out in its elegance. You will learn how to make a quilled poinsettia for the central motif, and this flower pattern can be used for an ornament or even an embellishment for your Christmas scrapbook layout if you'd like.

Materials:

- Quilling Paper 1/8 inch deep green, ivory, gold
- Quilling Tool
- Small Scissors
- Ruler
- Tweezers
- Non-stick Workboard
- Glass Head Pin
- Glue Suitable for Paper
- Plastic Lid to use as a glue palette

- Paper Piercing Tool or T-Pin to apply glue
- Damp Cloth or Sponge
- Paper Cutter
- Cardstock deep green, gold
- Decorative Paper gold foil
- Double-sided tape/glue dot
- Metallic Gel Pen gold
- Hanging Cord gold

Instructions:

- 1. Marquise (make 7) make a 7 inch ivory loose coil and glue end; pinch two opposite points to make a marquise shape.
- 2. Marquise (make 7) 8 inch, deep green.
- 3. Glue gold paper around outer edge of each green marquise.
- 4. On a non-stick workboard, arrange a circle of marquises of each color and glue in place. Off-center the circle of ivory marquises on the green marquises layer and glue in place.
- 5. Tight coil (make 7) 3 inch, gold. Round the top of each tight coil by pressing against one side of coil with the ball of a glass head pin. Swab glue inside dome to hold shape. Use gold gel pen to color the top of each dome. Glue coils at center of ivory layer by surrounding one tight coil with a circle of the remaining tight coils.
- 6. Insert ornament cord through the end of one green marquise and tie a hanging loop.
- 7. Score and fold an $8 \frac{1}{2}$ inch x 5 inch piece of green cardstock to make a $4 \frac{1}{4}$ inch x 5 inch card.
- 8. Cut a 2 1/4 x 2 1/4 inch square of gold cardstock. Turn square on point creating a diamond; center and glue on card.

- 9. Cut a 2 inch x 5 inch strip of gold foil, tearing short ends. Center and glue across card.
- 10. Adhere ornament to center of gold diamond with two short strips of double-stick tape or a dimensional glue dot.

This larger version is made the very same way except with longer strips and an extra layer - one layer of 10 inch ivory bracts and 16 inch dark green and ivory layers.





Elegant and Simple Wreath Christmas Card

By: Amber Kemp-Gerstel from Damask Love

The Elegant and Simple Wreath Christmas Card is a great way to let your family and friends know that you are thinking of them. These homemade Christmas cards are easily mass-producible and will freely bestow good will and cheer on their recipients. The craft requires some specialty tools, but you can easily create the same look by using stencils and double-sided tape if you would rather not invest in the extra supplies. Either way, the design for these DIY Christmas cards is a beautiful way to convey your heartfelt Christmas greetings.

Materials:

- Martha Stewart Bow Punch
- Martha Stewart Scalloped Circle Layering Punch
- Martha Stewart Foil Sheets

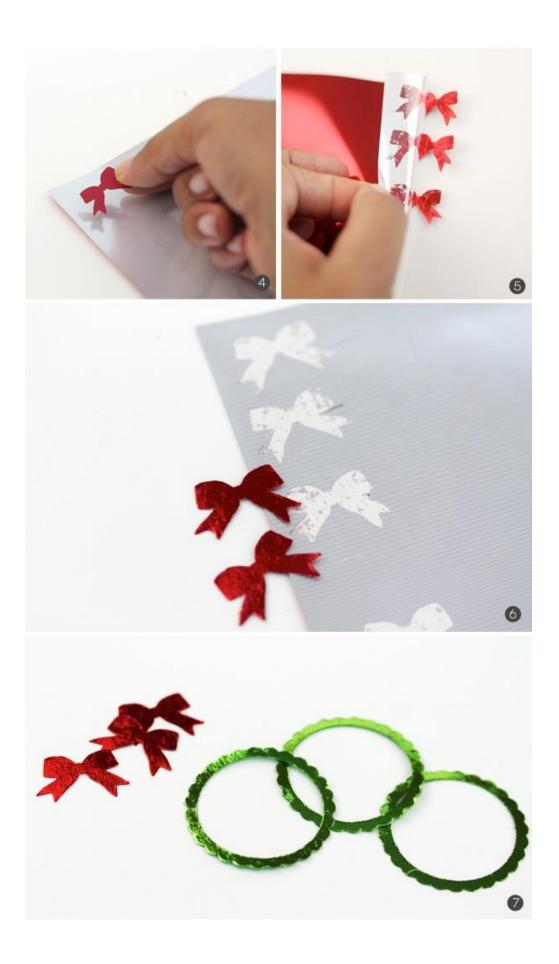
Instructions:

- 1. Punch bows from red cardstock.
- 2. Punch scalloped frames from green cardstock.
- 3. Run all the shapes through your sticker maker.
- 4. Take strips of ribbon and make a border all around.
- 5. Peel the foil back. The foil will adhere to the bows leaving a negative impression.
- 6. Repeat this with the green scalloped circles.

Note: the step-by-step photos can be found on the next two pages.

- Red and Green Foil Sheets
- Red and Green Cardstock
- Xyron Sticker Maker





- 7. These shimmery little components make for the perfect wreath on your holiday cards and are so very easy to assemble. Just run all the foil pieces through your sticker maker again and you're ready to adhere them to the front of your cards.
- 8. Put the Silhouette Adhesive Gold Foil to use in this card design. A simple strip of foil on the inside of the card adds the perfect contrast against the doily punched edge.





Christmas Bauble Card

By: <u>Helen from H2 Designs</u>

Whether it's December or July, it's always the right time to make a Christmas card. This Christmas Bauble Card looks just like the ornaments you use to decorate your tree, and you are sure to love it. Nobody can resist this simple craft that takes no time at all. The holidays are a busy season, so save some time and cash by making this homemade card instead of going to the store. Easy Christmas cards are the way to go when you need a quick craft but are low on time.

Materials:

- 2 White Cardstock Circles 8cm (3.1/8") across
- 2 Colored Cardstock Circles 8.5cm (3.3/8") Across
- 2 SU Medium Jewelry Tag Shapes Punched from Metallic Cardstock
- 1 Brad (Split Pin)

- 1 Self-Adhesive Rhinestone or Similar
- 40cm (16.1/4") Organza Ribbon
- Stamps/Inks
- Sponge
- Piercing Tool or Needle

Instructions:

1. Stamp sentiment on lower half of one white circle. Adhere stamped white circle onto a colored circle.



- 2. Score the other white circle along center and 1cm (3/8") from one edge (parallel to center score).
- 3. Crease folds and place adhesive in the smallest section.



4. Flip the scored panel over so the adhesive section is facing downward, and fold the center crease back upwards, so you are now looking at a semicircle shape. Align the top edge of your semicircle with the top edge of your circular sentiment panel and adhere.



This is what it will look like from the side.



5. Place adhesive on the semi-circle.



6. Decorate your remaining colored circle. You may stamp and clear emboss, and then sponge around the edges with ink to give some dimension. Adhere one of the Jewelry Tag Punch shapes to the top of your colored circle. Adhere the second Jewelry Tag Punch shape to the other side of the circle to give a neat finish. Pierce a hole in the bottom part of the Jewelry Tag Punch shape, going through all three layers.



7. Poke a brad through the center of your ribbon and then through the pierced hole and secure at back.



- 8. With the right side up, tie a bow in your ribbon and trim ends.
- 9. Have the base section of your bauble sitting right way up in front of you. Take your decorated top section and carefully line this up over the base section, working at the bottom edge. Once you are confident it is straight and centered, apply pressure to the decorated panel, working from bottom to top to make it adhere to the base section.



10. Add an element (I have used a stick on rhinestone) in the center of your base section for the top panel to rest against when the card is open.



Here is a photo of what the card looks like open from both the front and back.



Materials:

- 1 Colored Cardstock Circle for Plate 10cm (4") Across
- 1 Colored Cardstock Circle for Upright behind Pudding - 8cm (3.1/8") Across
- 1 Colored Cardstock Circle for Pudding 8cm (3.1/8") Across
- 1 Colored Cardstock Circle for Custard Topping -8.5cm (3.3/8") Across
- Metallic Cardstock for Spoon

Christmas Pudding Card

By: <u>Helen from H2 Designs</u>

Now you can make everyone's favorite Christmas dessert into a card with the Christmas Pudding Card craft. Trade in Santa's milk and cookies for delicious chocolate pudding when you make this paper card craft. Christmas is the busiest holiday of them all, so if you're short on time this greeting card craft is perfect for you. It's so simple to make and won't burst your budget. This Christmas craft is great if you want to try a new twist on the traditional red and green Christmas card.

- Scraps of Green Cardstock for Holly Leaves
- Red Button
- A Teaspoon to Trace Around
- Scallop Edge Scissors
- Speckle Stamp
- Fine Detail Stamp for Plate
- Inks/Chalks

Instructions:

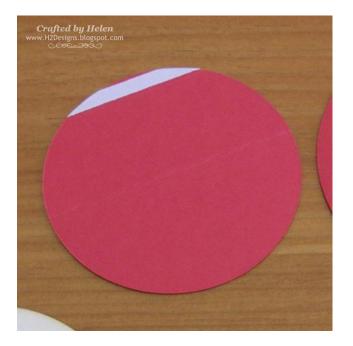
1. On the reverse side of your metallic cardstock, trace around spoon and cut out with scissors.



- 2. Prepare all other elements: Freehand cut leaves from green cardstock with scallop edge scissors and sponge edges. Crease leaves.
- 3. Stamp Pudding Circle with speckle stamp and sponge edges.
- 4. Trim bottom edge of Topping Circle in a wavy pattern and sponge edges.
- 5. Stamp a pattern around edge of Plate Circle and sponge edges. You can also sponge your plate so it has a "rim", by using a scrap of cardstock in the center of the plate as a mask to sponge around.



6. Score the Upright (8cm) Circle along center and 1cm (3/8") from one edge (parallel to center score). Crease folds and place adhesive in the smallest section.



7. With the adhesive side down, center the Upright Circle on the Plate Circle and adhere.



8. Fold the center crease back upwards, so the upright becomes a semi-circle shape and add adhesive.



- 9. Adhere the Pudding Circle to the Upright Circle, aligning the edges.
- 10. Adhere the Topping Section to the Pudding Circle. Add leaves and button.



11. Very gently, run the spoon between your thumb and forefinger to create an upward curve in the bowl part and a downward curve in the handle.



12. Work out where you would like your pudding and spoon to sit, and then add a dimensional under the bowl part of the spoon to attach it to the plate and hold the pudding section up.





An Elephant Never Forgets Christmas Card

By: Annette Connelly from Netty's Cards

Say "Merry Christmas" with the cutest card on the block. Follow this tutorial to learn how to make the An Elephant Never Forgets Christmas Card to send to all your friends. If you like greeting card crafts, this is the project for you. Break out your ink pad, glitter, and ribbon, and give this DIY rubber stamping project a go. You'll absolutely love the final outcome of this beautiful card full of holiday cheer. Don't waste time searching for cookie-cutter cards from the store when you can design your own Christmas card using your creativity.

Materials:

- Bella with Sledge image from The Stamp Basket
- Flower Embellishments
- Aqua Satin Ribbon Bow
- Nitwits Joyful Hearts papers

- Coloring Supplies
- Chalks
- White Cardstock
- Aqua Cardstock

Instructions:

- 1. Create a card base with the Nitwits Joyful Hearts papers in the size of your choosing.
- 2. Use a scallop border punch around the entire border of the card.
- 3. Adhere a square panel in a coordinating color and pattern to the front of the card.
- 4. Stamp and color the Bella with Sledge image on white cardstock.
- 5. Print out the cloud template below. Cut out the cloud shape and then use it as a mask.



6. Use shimmer chalks or inks to color the clouds.



7. Before you start applying the chalks, outline your image with B000, a really pale blue which makes the image pop off the page a bit:



8. Then, lay the cloud template over the image, starting at the top, and just cover the top of the image with the template:



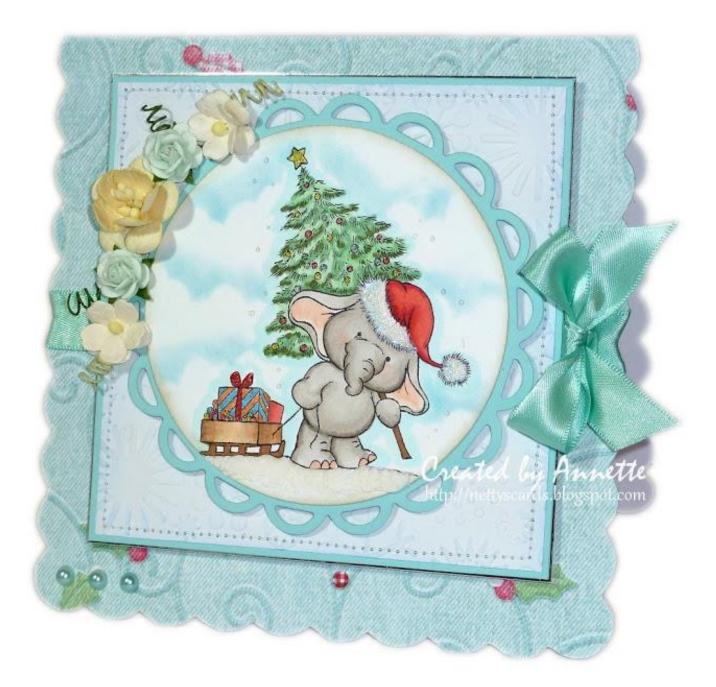
9. Apply the first row of clouds across the full width of the image panel. Use the little pompoms and work in a circular motion to apply the shimmer chalk:



10. Apply about three to four rows working down each side of the image right down to the 'ground'. To create a random effect with the clouds, offset the template as you apply each row.



11. Embellish the card with a few flowers and aqua satin ribbon bow.





Dangling Ornament Christmas Card

By: Kris McIntosh from Stamping With Kris

Christmas cards are a cherished tradition for the festive holiday, and they're the perfect outlet for your creativity. Rather than buy cards from the store or print run-of-the-mill cards featuring a picture of your kids, make this Dangling Ornament Christmas Card. Everyone who receives this lovely homemade card from you will be immediately impressed. Nothing says "Merry Christmas" like a card featuring a dangling paper ornament. Learn how to make a paper Christmas craft that will wow the world. This card couldn't be easier to create, so get your supplies together and get started crafting.

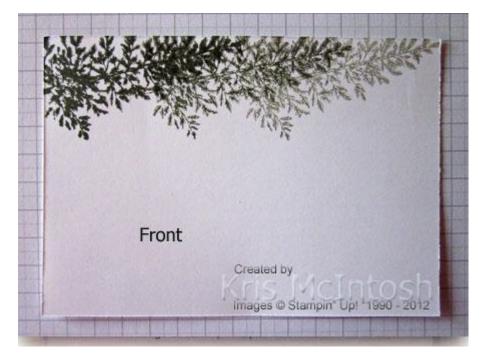
Materials:

- Ornament Keepsakes Stamp Set 128051 (clear)
- Ornament Keepsakes Stamp Set 128048 (wood)
- Lovely As A Tree Stamp Set 127793 (clear)
- Lovely As A Tree Stamp Set 116388 (wood)
- More Merry Messages Stamp Set 126402 (clear)
- More Merry Messages stamp Set 126400 (wood)
- Holiday Ornaments Framelits Dies 127816
- Whisper White A4 Cardstock 106549
- Always Artichoke A4 Cardstock 108610
- Window Sheet 114323

- Cherry Cobbler Ink 126966
- Always Artichoke Ink 126972
- Cherry Cobbler Stampin' Write Marker
- 119681
- 1-3/4" Circle Punch 119850
- 3/4^{'''} Circle Punch 119873
- 2-3/8" Scallop Circle Punch 116874
- Shaker Frames 124155
- Champagne Glass Stampin' Glitter 120997
- Cherry Cobbler Baker's Twine 123125

Instructions:

 Stamp the single tree from the Lovely as a Tree stamp set using Always Artichoke ink onto Whisper White card 14.3cm x 10cm. Stamp once at the upper left hand edge and then over-stamp twice more without re-inking.



- 2. Stamp the single tree using Always Artichoke ink onto Whisper White card 14.3cm x 10cm starting at the upper right hand corner and then over-stamping twice more without re-inking.

3. Lay the front on the inside left with wrong sides together and with the front side facing insert the 1-3/4" Circle Punch as far as it will go and punch through both layers. This shows the front and the inside left layers side by side.

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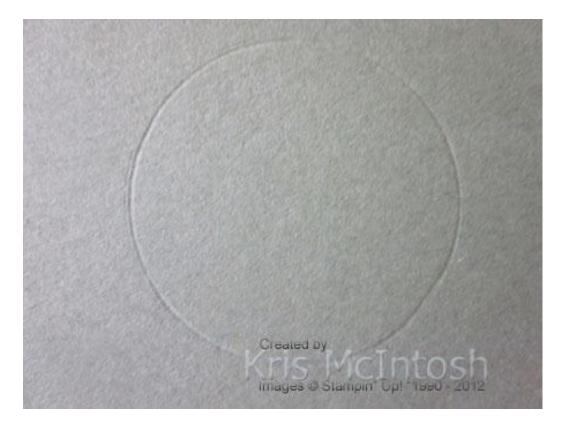
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4. Cut Always Artichoke A4 card in half lengthwise at 10.5cm. Score on the long side at 14.8cm. Lay the stamped piece of card for the front onto the front of the Always Artichoke card and use your scoring tool to make a circle on the Always Artichoke card.



5. This shows the score line on the Always Artichoke card front.



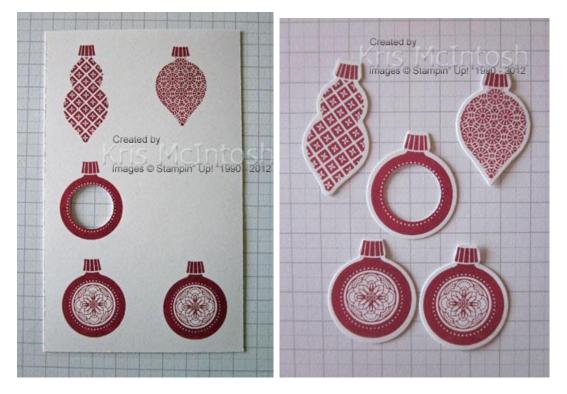
6. Use the 2-3/8" Scallop Circle punch and punch out the scored section.



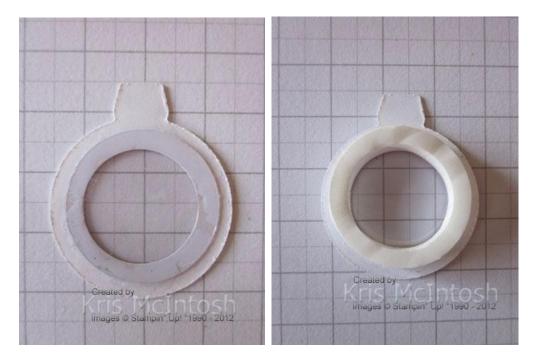
7. Stamp the greeting onto the bottom right hand corner of the Whisper White card front using Always Artichoke ink. Draw the ornament hangers using the narrow end of the Cherry Cobbler Stampin' Write Marker.



- 8. Stamp three round ornaments, and one each of the two other ornaments onto Whisper White card using Cherry Cobbler ink. Punch the center of one of the round ornaments using the ³/₄" circle punch.
- 9. Cut the ornaments using the matching Framelits.



- 10. Punch Window Sheet using the 1" Circle Punch. Attach to the back of the round ornament with the center punched out.
- 11. Attach Shaker Frame to the back of the ornament, making sure that it doesn't cover the window (I used the 2nd round from the center).



- 12. Pour a little Champagne Glass Glitter onto the Window Sheet.
- 13. Remove the back from the Shaker Frame and attach another round ornament making sure that you can see the stamped image through the frame.



- 14. Attach a length of Cherry Cobbler Baker's Twine to the back of the ornament.
- 15. Attach the last round ornament over the top of the Baker's Twine making sure that the image is showing.



16. Attach the single ornaments to the card front.



17. Attach the Baker's Twine on the round ornament to the back of the Whisper White stamped front. This is the back.



18. This is the front.



19. Attach to the front of the Always Artichoke card.



20. This shows the inside of the card.



21. Stamp the greeting using Always Artichoke ink on the card inside left. Stamp the ornament images onto the card inside left using Cherry Cobbler ink. Draw the strings for the ornaments using the narrow end of a Cherry Cobbler Stampin' Write Marker.



22. Attach to the inside left of the card, making sure to align the 1-3/4" Circle opening.



23. On another piece of Whisper White card 14.3cm x 10cm, stamp the tree image twice as the front using Always Artichoke ink. Stamp the two ornaments using Cherry Cobbler ink and draw the strings using the narrow end of a Cherry Cobbler Stampin' Write Marker.



24. Attach to the inside right of the card.



Finished Card: Front



Inside





Removable Ornament Christmas Card

By: Kathy Racoosin from The Daily Marker

Create a Christmas card that is a gift in and of itself! The Removable Ornament Christmas Card includes a beautiful detachable paper ornament that your loved ones can hang on their tree. Learn how to make a twinkling ornament that really sparkles with a number of paper crafting tools and techniques. Christmas card making ideas like this one are so much better than standard Christmas cards. Part of this card can live on as a Christmas decoration for years to come.

Materials:

- Spellbinders Ornament Dies
- Drafting Dots
- Paisley Background Stamp
- Gold Embossing Powder
- Tim Holtz Distress Ink

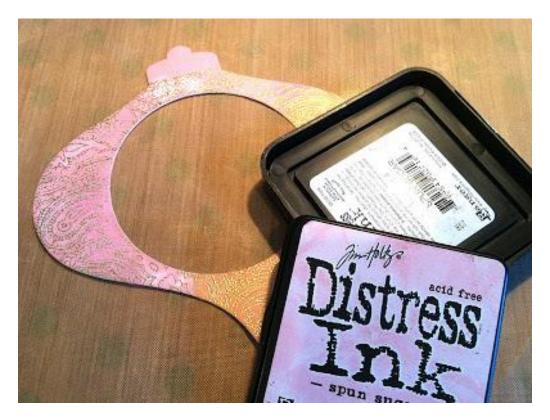
- Daubers
- Shimmer Spray
- Gems
- Brown Cardstock
- White Cardstock

Instructions for the Skull:

1. Tape down your Spellbinder dies with drafting dots before die cutting and you can reuse them over and over. They can purchased at an art store that carries architectural supplies.



2. Stamp your ornament with this paisley background stamp with gold embossing powder. Distress it starting with your lightest color first.



3. Add more color with some daubers. You have more control with fragile areas. Note the light areas? Try to keep the darker colors on the outer edges so you have a highlight on your image.



4. Stamp, die cut and distress your center circle. Add chipped Sapphire to the outer edges.



5. This shimmer spray will transform your ornament...promise! Add some gathered twigs or any brown to the outer edges.



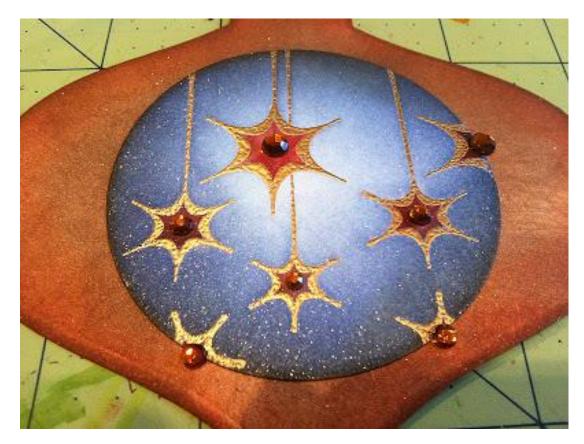
6. The shimmer spay leaves a nice and crisp, clear sparkle unlike perfect pearls.



7. Paint the insides of the stamped ornaments with distress ink. Mist a little water on your craft mat so the ink will pick up easily and paint with ease.



8. Paint the inside of the ornament and add your gems.



9. Don't forget to add gems to the outside of the ornament too.



10. Since this is a gift, you may like use Scrap Dots on the back because they disappear and give you more lift and dimension then any foam dots.



11. Stamp the ornaments at an angle and distress with Shabby Shutters first.

12. Add Crushed Olive on the edges and stamp the sentiment with Rich Coco ink. (Sounds yummy)







Christmas Wreath Greeting Card

By: Michele Kovack from Thoughts of a Cardmaking Scrapbooker

The best Christmas card ideas are the ones that are handmade, so make the Christmas Wreath Greeting Card. This beautiful homemade Christmas card features a gorgeous stamped image of a Christmas wreath as the central motif. With the help of your favorite coloring supplies, a few pieces of ribbon, and plenty of glitter, this card will come together beautifully. Don't forget the jingle bells! This card is filled to the brim with joyful Christmas cheer.

Materials:

- White Cardstock
- Christmas Wreath Stamp Set
- Silhouette Machine and Cut File
- Black Ink
- Brown Memento Ink
- Glossy Accents
- Spectrum Noir Markers

- Spellbinders Beaded Die
- Gold Glitter
- Twill
- Green Ribbon
- Red Fuzzy Jingle Bells
- Pink String

Instructions:

- 1. This set by JustRite is called Christmas Wreath. It coordinates with an SVG file, and you can use the Silhouette to cut out the paper.
- 2. Stamp the image in black.
- 3. Use Spectrum Noir markers to color it.
- 4. Stamp the ribbon on patterned paper and cut it out. Add Glossy Accents, glitter, and a pearl for the center.
- 5. The wreath is matted on a Spellbinder's Beaded Die. While the die is still in place, use a sponge and a bit of brown Memento ink to sponge in the circles. Then, add a little mound of Glossy Accents to each circle and give it a dusting of glitter.
- 6. Add twill, green ribbon, and red fuzzy jingle bells tied with pink string.





Gingerbread House Card

By: Benetta Strydom



Gingerbread houses are a classic Christmas craft to make. You can make gingerbread houses in more ways than one when you make a Gingerbread House Card. Send warm wishes this Christmas season with a card that looks sugary sweet. Homemade Christmas cards like these will be cherished by your loved ones when they receive them in the mail. Best of all, this card is scraptastic! You can make such a cute card with leftover scraps of paper. Celebrate Christmas with handmade Christmas card ideas like this beautiful craft.

Materials:

- 8.2" x 5.7" Light Yellow Marbled Cardstock
- Left-over Piece of Pink Marbled Scrapbook Paper from the Tradition Collection by Crafts Concepts, product code CR 900097 (see http://craftconcepts.com.au/)
- Red and White Corrugated Cardstock
- Black Sugar Paper
- Left-over Pieces of Green Cardstock
- Left-over Piece of Pink-with-white-polka-dots Scrapbook Paper
- 0.5" Flat-sided Metallic Angel

- Multi-colored Diamond DIY Car Sticker Decoration Strips
- Pilot Silver Marker Pen
- Papermate Marker Pens: Black; Brown; Blue; Red and Yellow
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Quick-drying Craft Glue
- Tree-shaped Paper Punch
- House-shaped Paper Punch

Instructions:

- 1. Score the light yellow marbled cardstock in half to create a card sized 4.1" x 5.7".
- 2. With the fold at the top, cut off two equally sized triangles at the top left and top right corners to create a house-shaped card.
- 3. Glue the pink marbled scrapbook paper to the front of the card and cut off any protruding edges.



4. Cut diagonal strips (0.6" wide/1.4" long) from the corrugated cardstock. With the fold at the top, use these strips to add a roof to the house. Alternate the strips between red and white when gluing them to the house and cut off any protruding edges.



- 5. Cut a door and two windows from the black sugar paper.
- 6. Use the Pilot silver marker pen to add a door frame and door handle, as well as window frames.
- 7. Glue the door and windows on the front of the card, and then add the angel to the door.
- 8. Use the multi-colored diamond DIY car sticker decoration strips to add festive lights around the door and windows.



9. Use the Papermate marker pens to add a row of corrugated bricks to the left and right sides of the house.



- 10. Use the multi-colored diamond DIY car sticker decoration strips to add festive lights below the roof of the house.
- 11. Cut three small candy canes from the pink-with-white-polka-dots scrapbook paper. Glue them to the roof of the house, and add a few festive lights to each with the multi-colored diamond DIY car sticker decoration strips.
- 12. Punch a few trees and houses from the green cardstock and glue them to the roof of the house.





Peace and Joy Bauble Christmas Card

By: Benetta Strydom

Celebrate the season of peace and joy with this colorful Peace and Joy Bauble Christmas Card. Use a few basic materials to make a card that will convey special wishes for the upcoming holiday. This card features a textured look that is eye-catching and appealing. The colors, sparkle, and shine really lend themselves to the Christmas holiday! Giving a homemade Christmas card like this has more meaning than a store-bought card, and the recipient will be certain to feel very blessed when receiving this card.

Materials:

- Provided Pattern Sheet
- 10" x 5" White Cardstock
- 4.6" Square of White Corrugated Cardstock
- 4.4" Square of Matching Green Handmade Paper
- 3" Square of White Cardstock
- Red and Gold Craft Foil
- Foilart Super-tack Glue Pen
- Red Felt-tip Pen

- Golden Mirror Word for this Project, the Word Peace was Used
- Golden Twine
- Small Twig Cut from a Conifer Tree
- Standard Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Thick Needle
- Clear-drying Craft Glue (such as bostik clear)

Instructions:

- 1. Score the 10" x 5" white cardstock in half to create a card sized 5" x 5".
- 2. With the fold at the top, center and glue the green paper square to the front of the card.
- Take the white corrugated cardstock and cut out the inside, leaving a space of 0.5" from the outer edges of this piece to make a "frame." Glue the frame to the front of the card.
- 4. Trace the bauble onto the 3" square of white cardstock.





- 5. Add Super-tack glue to the bottom part of the bauble. Allow the Super-tack glue to dry for about 20 minutes. When the glue is wet, it is blue, but when it is dry it becomes transparent.
- 6. Press the red foil down on the glue. Remember that of course the red side of the foil must be on top. Rub the foil over the areas where you have added glue with the Super-tack glue pen and carefully lift the foil.
- 7. Use the red felt-tip pen to fill in any small white areas where the foil did not stick.
- 8. Repeat steps 5 and 6 with the top part of the bauble, using the golden foil.
- 9. Cut out the bauble.



- 10. Use the needle to make a hole at the top of the bauble and thread the twine through the hole.
- 11. Glue the bauble to the front of the card.



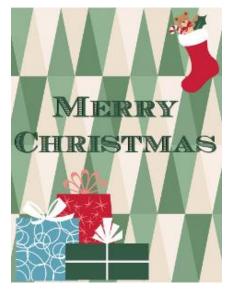
12. Tie the twine around the twig and glue the twine and twig to the card.



- 13. Use the loose ends of the twine to make a neat bow.
- 14. Glue the mirror word in place at the bottom of the card.



Free Printable Christmas Cards



Free Printable Gifts and Stocking Christmas Card

By: Dana for AllFreePaperCrafts

Make your homemade Christmas cards quickly and easily this year with the Free Printable Gifts and Stocking Christmas Card. This card features classic Christmas images like presents, stockings, and toys, and the geometric background is trendy and festive. The free printable Christmas cards fit two per sheet, so you only need to cut one line and fold each card in half. Write your own Merry Christmas sentiments on the inside and send them out! You'll want to make as many Christmas cards as possible when you discover how easy they are to make.

Materials:

Printer

White Cardstock





Free Printable Woodland Winter Cards

By: Dana for AllFreePaperCrafts

Send season's greetings to everyone on your list! Regardless of what holiday all of your friends and family celebrate come winter, you can send well wishes to all of them with the Free Printable Woodland Winter Cards. This free printable card is a gorgeous winter card that does not include any words, so you can literally send it for any occasion. Use it as this year's Christmas card or send birthday wishes to anyone with a winter birthday. The possibilities are endless! This classy card is quick and easy to make and it is a great option for greetings this winter.

Materials:

• Printer

White Cardstock





Merry Christmas Holly Berry Card

By: Dana for AllFreePaperCrafts

If you love the look of clean and simple cards, then these free printable Christmas cards are for you. Print out the Merry Christmas Holly Berry Card. This free printable features two cards on each 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper, and the design is simple but effective. This card is easy to print, cut, fold, and send! If you find you're on a time crunch this year (which aren't we always?) and you want to save some money, don't buy your Christmas cards at the store. Instead, make this very easy card with the help of a free printable.

Materials:

Printer

White Cardstock





Materials:

• Printer

Season's Greetings Printable Christmas Cards

By: Dana for AllFreePaperCrafts

Send season's greetings in a fast and affordable way with free printable Christmas cards! The Season's Greetings Printable Christmas Cards feature cute holiday icons clustered together to celebrate the most wonderful time of the year. Each 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper includes two cards, and you can easily print, cut, and fold as many as you need. Tailor your message in any way you'd like. This card is great for kids too, and the holiday characters are so precious. For an easy opportunity to send Christmas cards, make this holiday project.

White Cardstock





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