



## Card Making

Nothing lets friends, family and loved ones know they're special more than a unique, handmade card.

You can create fun, festive or special cards for any occasion.

Anniversary, Birthday, Christmas, Easter, Engagement, Fathers Day, Graduation, Invitations, Leaving, Mothers Day, Moving House, New Baby, New Job, Passed Driving Test, Passed Exams, Valentines Day, Wedding.....

Fold a piece of card in half to make a basic card shape. Stick relevant decorations on to the card using Glue Dots. Pop up Glue Dots are great for adding 3d effects, Mini Glue Dots can be used for smaller items.

Alternatively use a longer rectangle of card folded into three. Cut a rectangle, circle or oval in the middle third and use it as a window to display something (a cross-stich motif, photograph etc). Stick your focal item behind the window using Memory Glue Dots, then stick the right hand flap (from the front) down using Glue Dots behind it to secure the item, then turn over and write inside the left hand as normal.

Basic cardmaking design tips include:

Use co-ordinated colours and try not to use any more than 3 colours on a card.

Layer or mat to give your card that professional look.

Make sure that you are careful when cutting layers - straight edges and exact corners are a "must" for a good looking card.

**Seek out visual "triangles." Images in odd number groups (2,5,7...) are most pleasing. This basic design principle is universal.**

**Don't "overdo" a card. Stop layering and colouring before it looks like "too much." Remember, sometimes less is more.**

**Gel pens are wonderful for those of us who are not calligraphers. Use your best handwriting then go over it several times and add curls and thicken lines to embellish, or add a shadow in a different colour .....take your time and don't rush it.**

## **Now Make Your Own Envelopes**

**Make them from scrap paper, old calendars, gift wrap, etc.**

**Firstly take apart an envelope you have and draw a template from that on to card.**

**Cut out template.**

**Draw round template on to the paper you are using for the envelope and draw lines or folds.**

**Fold paper on all lines drawn, using glue dots stick back the two side pieces and flap to back to seal.**

