

# Home-Made Cards for All Occasions!

**Objective:** Create a multi-colored card to give to your friends on their birthdays, use for thank you notes, or just send some cheer. These cards provide an extra special way to send your personal message, not only in what you write, but in the imaginative way you make the card!

## Materials:

Lots of Colored Construction Paper  
Ruler  
Kid-Friendly Scissors  
Glue  
Pencil

## Optional:

Markers  
Crayons  
Colored Pens  
Colored Pencils  
Photos

## Instructions:

**Step 1:** Start this project by choosing all of your favorite colored construction paper. These cards are about layers, so the more colors the better.

**Step 2:** Choose a full sheet of color paper and fold the entire piece in half. This will be the base for your card. Depending on the fold, you will choose which direction your card will open, and if the card will be vertical or horizontal.

**Step 3:** Which color will look best next to the base of your card? Take this color, and fold it in half.

**Step 4:** Measure about 1 inch from the edges, and cut out the center. You can make swiggly lines, or cut straight, it's up to you. This will make a sort of frame around the outside of your card.

**Step 5:** Match up the edges, and glue the frame and base together.

**Step 6:** Next, choose a different color piece of paper. Use about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the sheet. Fold it into 4ths.

**Step 7:** Once the paper is folded, draw a shape on the outside layer. Cut around your shape, making sure to cut all the way through all 4 layers.

**Step 8:** When you are done cutting you should have 4 of exactly the same shapes. This works really well with flowers and stars.

**Add a Personal Touch:** Do this same process using different colors of paper, different sizes and different shapes. Here's where your inner artist takes over....

You can glue these shapes to the frame and make a beautiful border if you decide to make a drawing in the center of your card. Photos also work great as the center piece, and add a personal touch.

Also, feel free to glue these shapes all over the card and layer them throughout the entire outside surface.

**Write a Special Message:** Next, open the card, and write your note. If you have any shapes left over, glue them on the inside of this card as an accent. This will really help to pull all of your ideas together.

**Share Your Creation:** Lastly, give this card to a loved one. They will treasure it forever 😊