

How to Make a Tri-Fold Shutter Card

This card - although it looks difficult to make - is in fact so easy once you know how! Follow the instructions below, and remember to have fun!

What you need

- Coloured cardstock for the base of the card – a piece 5 ½ x 12 inches (x cm)
- * Crafters Companion™ scoring pad plus scoring pen
- Paper trimmer or guillotine
- Patterned paper to match the cardstock colour (I used the ‘Tweetstitch’ paper from the Cardmaking CD Issue 21)
- Toppers or other embellishments to suit your theme (mine is a girl toddlers’ birthday) (I used the toppers in the ‘Animal Magic Collection’ from the Cardmaking CD Issue 21)
- Craft knife
- Ruler (preferably a steel one so your blade won’t cut it!)
- Adhesive (glue, double-sided tape, foam pads)

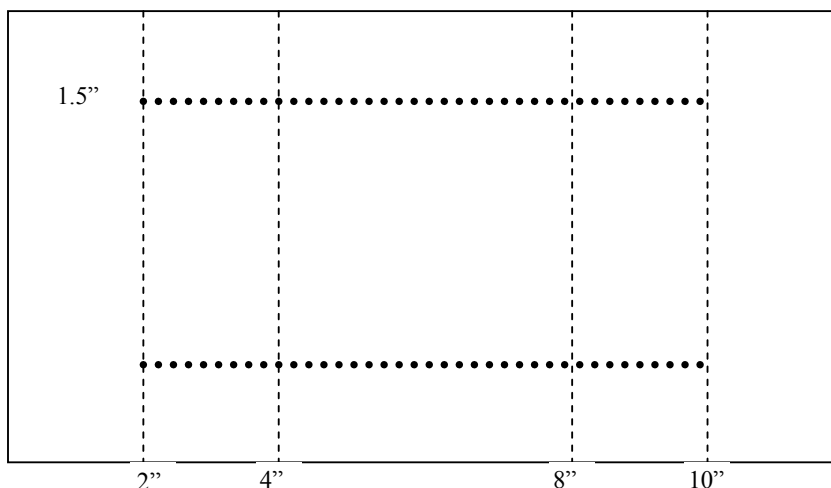


* Optional. If you own a ‘Crafters Companion™’ scoring pad then use this to score between your pencil marks. If you don’t (really consider it – it is very useful!), don’t despair as you can still score without it.

Steps 1 and 2

If your piece of cardstock is 12” x 12”, cut it down to 5 ½” x 12” in size.

Mark your cardstock as shown below, then score along the dashed lines (---).

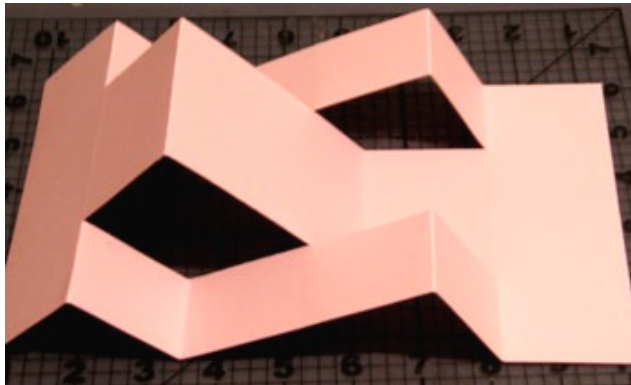


Now mark 1 ½ “ in from each long side of the card, and using your craft knife, cut (bold dotted lines) a slit between the 2” and 10” marks. Remember to do this on both edges!



Step 3 (folding the card)

Fold the card along the scored lines using valley and mountain folds, and the best way to show you is in the photo below.



Step 4 (cutting the patterned paper)

Using your folded card as a template, trace the T-shaped section onto your patterned paper – twice as you need two of these shapes. TIP: if your pattern is a 1-way pattern eg. the birdies on my card, remember to FLIP the second T-shape otherwise your birdies will be upside down (I learnt the hard way!). Cut out both shapes. Now trim these patterned paper shapes on all sides by 1/16”.

From the same patterned paper cut out the following:

4 x pieces 1 7/8” x 1 3/8” each

2 x pieces 1 7/8” x 3 7/8” each

1 x piece 2 3/8” x 3 7/8”.



Your goal is to adhere a piece of paper onto EACH of the panels between the score lines, and to allow a tiny border of the base cardstock to show. This means all your rectangles should be about 1/16” smaller than the panel. Test them out before you go to step 5!

Step 5 (adhering the panels)

Using double-sided tape, make sure all the patterned panels are stuck in their correct place (be careful not to stick it on upside-down!).

Your basic card is completed, and you can go on and decorate it to your heart's desire. Here's how I did mine.

Step 6 (the 'fun' part!)

Your basic Tri-Shutter card is complete, well sort of. Now comes the fun part of embellishing it with all sorts of doodahs and bling! Because my card is for a 3 year old, I printed out two large number 3s, and raised one on top of the other with foam pads, then covered it with glitter glue. The greeting (*Veels Geluk* = Afrikaans for Congratulations or Happy Birthday) is a peel off I stuck onto the 'board' the teddy is holding. The toppers were all printed out twice and paper-pieced to raise some pieces. Just for fun I hung 3 tiny teddy beads on jumprings underneath the '3'.



View of the open card.



View of the closed card.