

Diagonal Squares for Card Fronts

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I love to play around Stampin' Up!'s Designer Series Papers—layering them up, making strips and arranging them, and making squares of various types to decorate the fronts of cards. This tutorial explains how I go about “finding” and cutting squares on an angle to make the geometric design shown.



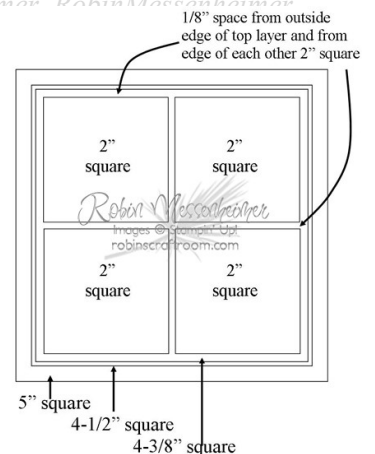
4. Place the first piece of card stock along one of the cut diagonal edges until you match the cut design. Mark the edge opposite the cut edge and 1/2” up both sides. Cut along the marked edge. You should be able to get at least one more identical cut along each strip that you have cut. Don't throw out those scraps!



5. Once you have all four pieces cut out of your Designer Paper, arrange them as you'd like. Here are two different ways I've arranged this Designer Paper:



6. Here are the layout measurements for the 5” square card shown in the first picture:

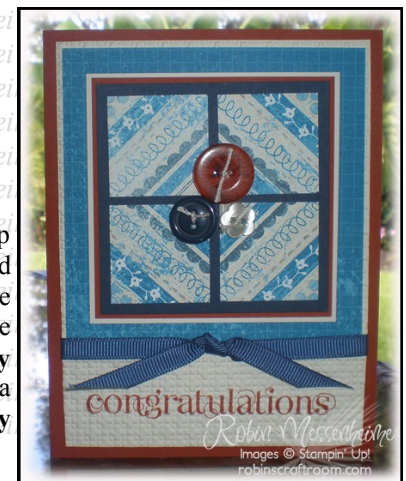


Use Those Scraps!

Yes, there will be scraps from this project. But pull out that 1-1/4” Square Punch and use it to find some smaller squares, that area easily used for a standard (A2) size greeting card.



For this card, I layered up some **Cajun Craze** and **Night of Navy** with the **Very Vanilla**, added some 1/4” **Night of Navy Grosgrain Ribbon** and a stamp from the set, **Curly Cute**.



Supplies Needed to Make Diagonal Squares:

- Striped Designer Series Papers such as the **Blueberry Crisp** used here.
- 2” square scrap of **Window Sheet** or **Vellum** (note, that for illustration purposes, I used a piece of paper for this – hard to see a window sheet since it's clear!)
- Pencil
- Paper Cutter

Instructions:

1. Lay the 2” square on top of the Designer Paper and move it around until you find the design that you like. Make sure to keep it at a 90° angle to the stripe design.
2. Once you have found the spot that you like, draw a



pencil line along one line of the window sheet (shown with a red line to the right) and just up either side about 1/2”.

3. Place your Designer Paper onto your paper cutter and cut the entire length, just inside the pencil line. Cut along the two small



perpendicular pencil lines, with the cut just inside the pencil lines. Cut the fourth side so that the square is 2” all around.

