

Double Accordion Pocket Fold Greeting Card

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This Christmas Card (but it could be a card for any occasion) consists of TWO accordion folds, each of which forms one half of the card. Each side of this card has its own accordion fold. This tutorial covers only the construction of the card itself, and not any decorations or embellishments (though the main photo at the far right does give you some ideas)!

MATERIALS

- 2 sheets Stampin' Up! Designer Paper, each a different pattern and each 10-5/8" wide x 5-1/2" high.
- 1 piece coordinating card stock 4-1/4" wide x 5-1/2" high
- (Optional) 26" piece of coordinating ribbon

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Score each sheet of Designer Paper at 2-1/8", 4-1/4", 6-3/8", and 8-1/2" from one short side.

Step 2: Fold and crease one end of each piece of Designer Paper.



Step 3: Mark each of these two folds 2-1/4" from the bottom of the sheet.

Step 4: Cut on the fold from the top of the sheet to this mark. Then cut from that mark out to the edge of the paper as shown by the white lines.



Step 5: Apply Sticky Strip to the outside edges and bottoms of the remaining flaps.



Step 6: Remove cover from sticky strip and fold flaps in and adhere to next panel in the scored pieces of Designer Paper.

Step 7: One way to keep an accordion fold card of any type closed is to use a "belly band," made of ribbon or paper. For my card, I chose to tie a bow at the front. If you are going to use a bow, at this point adhere a 26" piece of ribbon to the center point of the piece of card stock.



Step 8: Apply adhesive of your choice to the back of the end piece with the flap of one piece of the Designer Paper and adhere it so that the outside edge of this piece meets the middle point of the card stock. Adhere the other piece of Designer Paper with its outside edge meeting the outside edge of the first piece at the middle of the piece of card stock.



Step 9: Fold the pieces of Designer Paper on the fold lines in an accordion fashion. Both pieces will meet in the middle of the card.



Step 10: Decorate the card as you choose. Make two bookmarks to slip into the pockets on the far inside of the card (money works, too!). If you used ribbon, trim it after you have tied the bow.



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