

So many of Stampin' Up!'s stamped images and designer series papers just call out to be placed behind a window as if we're enjoying beautiful flowers and gardens from our own home. This tutorial provides instructions for producing a 4-pane window for use in embellishing the front of a standard size (A2) greeting card.

Supplies

1-1/4" Square Punch ("old" Stampin' Up! style punch; I'll prepare instructions using the "new" style punch in the future)

1 piece of Designer Paper or Card Stock cut 4-1/8" wide x 4-1/2" tall.



Instructions

Punch #1.



Insert one of the 4-1/8" sides of the card stock into the punch with a 4-1/2" edge of the card stock flush with the outside of the top of the punch. **With this and all future punches, hold the card stock firmly against the back inside of the punch to keep it straight as you quickly press the punch handle down onto the card stock.**

Punch #2.



Flip the card stock over so that you are punching the same edge as the first. Again, insert the card stock into the punch with the other 4-1/2" edge of the card stock

flush with the outside of the top of the punch.

Punch #3.



Now punch along the other 4-1/8" side. Line up the card stock and punch as in the previous two punches.

Punch #4.



The final punch will be along the same 4-1/8" side as Punch #3, with the card stock lined up and the punch made as before.

Using Your Punched Window in Your Project

Once your window is punched, you may trim the edges as you wish, ending up with either a square or a rectangular window. In the following card, I trimmed the 4-1/2" side to 4-1/8" and texturized the card stock. (Note that I would suggest texturizing the card stock BEFORE the whole process for a cleaner look.) I stamped my flower picture using the stamp set, **Inspired by Nature**, trimmed the stamped card stock to 3-3/4" and adhered it to the back of the window. I then decorated the rest of the card as shown.



HAVE FUN!