

BIRTHDAY CARD WITH A SURPRISE INSIDE

There is a list of ingredients, and measurements. Don't want to spoil the surprise. Cutting and stamping the card stock takes a little time to prepare. If you don't have any of the items in the ingredients list, ask your crafty WI members if they could let you have some card and stamps, The actual assembly of the card is really easy and can be achieved in the one session if the paper is sourced and cut beforehand.



One A4 sheet of 220 gsm (or higher) card stock. The abbreviation 'gsm' meaning grams per square millimetre, the higher the number, the thicker the paper/card.

Cut the one sheet of card 10 " x 7", [25.4 cm x 17.78 cm] **score** (crease) down the middle at 5" [12.7 cm] and fold. This is the main Card blank, good, now you have started the journey.

Two sheets coloured card stock 150 gsm or above, I used two sheets of card from a 12" x 12" [30.48 cm x 30.48 cm] block bought at The Works price £3 for the whole block, cut as follows: the word '**mat**' means a piece of card or paper, cut to a given size and which eventually will be attached to a larger piece of card or paper, leaving a very small margin of the coloured card around all sides.

Cut 4 mats each measuring, 6 ¾ " x 4 ¾ " . [17 cm x 12.065 cm]

Cut 2 mats, 6 ½ " x 3 ¼", score at 3 ¼ " . [16.51 cm x 8.25 cm]

Cut 2 mats 2" x 2 ½", [5.08 c. X 6.35 cm], score at 1" [2.54 cm] down the longer length length

Three sheets of a lighter weight card stock, 120 gsm or higher, no lower than 120 gsm

Cut 4 mats 6 ½" x 4 ½" [16.51 cm x 11.43 cm]

Cut 4 mats 3" x 3" [7.62 cm x 7.62 cm]

An envelope suitable for posting a 5" x 7" [12.7 cm x 17.78 cm] card, from craft shops and stationers
Miscellaneous stamps and ink, not essential

Double sided sticky tape, you could improvise with a glue stick, it is the way all these bits of paper and card are put together in a particular way that is the focus of this demo. You could just sit back, note book in hand, and watch.

If you have time you could stamp up the four 6 ½ " x 4 ½ " . [17 cm x 12.07 cm] white mats and the four 3" x 3" [7.62 cm x 7.62 cm] mats, but that's not essential. What is essential is the step x step demo of creating the card, not cutting and stamping. You could do the whole shebang from cheap card. Really a simple card has a very big wow factor. Even if you think you are not able to do this, the only thing you need to do before the demo, is to cut the card, you don't need to stamp it ahead of time. Some peel offs could work just as well.

Keep it simple, try to use the same family of stamps for the whole card. The Works have some of these as well, but there is an excellent craft shop in Winsford. You could go to the craft store in garden centres, or £1 shops, or if you are lucky enough, you could live near a Range store.