

Woodland Accordion Christmas Card Tutorial

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Card front



Card inside - accordion-fold panels

Watch the video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/6UsLrR7IWp0>

Supplies

- Cardstock for the card base and accordion insert
- Coordinating patterned papers
- Sentiment stamps, ink, and cardstock for sentiment panels
- Paper trimmer, scoring tool, and bone folder
- Strong adhesive and embellishments of your choice

Cutting Measurements

- Card base: 8 1/2" x 5 1/2" - score and fold at 4 1/4".
- Card front and inside layers: Cut 3 pieces of patterned paper, each 4" x 5 1/4".
- Additional front layer: Cut 1 piece of patterned paper, 4 1/2" x 3".
- Accordion insert: Cut 1 piece of cardstock, 8 1/2" x 4".
- Accordion patterned layers: Cut 4 pieces, each 2" x 3 7/8".
- Optional sentiment panels: Cut up to 4 pieces, each 1 3/4" x 3 5/8". Use one, two, or all four - your choice.

Assembly

1. Fold the card base in half along the 4 1/4" score line. Burnish the fold.
2. Adhere the 4" x 5 1/4" patterned-paper layers to the front and both inside panels of the card base.
3. Decorate the card front with the 4 1/2" x 3" patterned-paper layer, sentiment, and focal embellishment as desired.
4. For the insert, fold the 8 1/2" x 4" cardstock in half. Open it, then fold each outer edge inward to meet the centre crease. Burnish all folds to make an accordion (W-shaped) fold.
5. Adhere the four 2" x 3 7/8" patterned-paper pieces to the accordion panels, checking the direction of the folds as you work.
6. Stamp or decorate the optional sentiment panels, then adhere them to the patterned-paper layers.
7. Glue the two outermost accordion flaps to the inside of the card, aligning the insert so the folds open and close smoothly. Allow the adhesive to dry before closing the card.
8. Finish decorating the front and inside as desired.

Tip: Dry-fit the accordion insert inside the card before gluing. This makes it easier to check placement and ensure the card closes neatly.