

Cut and Fold Flower on Gate Fold Card



Most papers that are printed on both sides will work for this technique, but it's best to choose a pattern that isn't too busy for the side that faces up. I used the Kaleidoscope paper pack from Hot off the Press for this card.

Materials used:

- Cream card stock 6.5" x 10"
- Kaleidoscope paper pack (Hot off the Press)
- Butterfly Dazzles (Hot off the Press)
- Pink Jewel Dazzles (Hot off the Press)
- Layered Labels template (Hot off the Press)
- Birthday Greetings stamp set (Hot off the Press)
- Turquoise ink pad
- Circle cutter (I used Coluzzle, but any will do)
- X-Acto swivel knife, or other craft knife
- Cutting Mat
- Cut and fold flower pattern
- Light weight printer paper
- Bone Folder

Size the flower pattern to 3.5 inches and print it onto light weight paper.

Cut the pattern out, leaving a wide margin so you have plenty of room to tape it to your double-sided paper. Secure the pattern onto the double sided paper with low-tack tape or other low-tack adhesive. It needs to be something that will hold the pattern securely, but will come off without tearing the paper.

Using a craft knife, carefully cut along the solid lines, making sure to cut through both layers of paper. When cutting, I prefer using a swivel knife as it gives me more control and I don't need to turn the paper as often.

After you have finished cutting, carefully remove the pattern. Use a bone folder to score the top and bottom of each petal as indicated by the dashed line on the top petal on the pattern. Fold the petals forward on the score lines so that the back side of the paper is shown. Glue the outer edges of the petals, but leave the smaller petal within the petals un-glued for a 3-D effect.

Use a circle cutter and cut a 3 7/8" circle around the flower. Mount the flower on contrasting paper. Cut a larger circle around the first circle, leaving a 1/8" border. Score the card stock at 2 1/2 and 7 1/2 inches. Fold on score lines to make a gate-fold card. Cut two 2 1/2 x 6 1/2 inch rectangles from the contrasting paper. Glue them to each gate flap.

Cut two 2 1/4 x 6 1/4 inch rectangles from two different patterned papers. Glue them to the gate flaps, leaving a narrow border around each one. Glue the circle with the flower on it to the left flap, leaving enough room below it for a label.

Use the Vintage Sign from the Layered Labels template and cut out a label. Mount the label on contrasting paper and then mount that on a piece of card stock. Cut out around the label, leaving a narrow border. Stamp Happy Birthday on the label, then glue it to the right flap of the gate fold, just below the flower.

Cut another label for the inside of the card and stamp the sentiment. Mount the label on contrasting paper. Cut around the label, leaving a narrow border. Cut a 1 inch by five inch strip from the same paper you used as a background for the front of the card. Glue it horizontally across the inside of the card. Center and glue the label with the inside sentiment over the horizontal strip.

Add a tiny pink dazzle to each flower petal. Add butterfly and flower dazzles as shown.

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