



Greetings Card Tutorial

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Materials and Equipment Needed:

- Blank card and envelope (the size - I used was 10.5cm x 14.8cm)
- 4 brightly coloured co-ordinating papers
- Co-ordinating adhesive ribbon
- Small beads and sequins
- Spray mount
- Sticky tape
- Flower punches in three different sizes (optional)
- Quilting Rule (optional)
- Sewing machine (optional)

Step 1: Cut the papers that you have chosen as your border colour and ground colour to size. For my card I used purple metallic paper 7.7cm x 8.9cm for my border and lilac textured paper 7cm x 8.3cm for my ground. Hand-cut or punch (I use punches to speed up bulk production) flower motifs in a variety of sizes and papers making sure that you include your border colour in your selection. For this card I used two large flowers, three medium flowers and five small flowers.



Step 1

Step 2: Lightly mark your stitch lines with a pencil and apply your adhesive ribbon. Stitch your lines and leaf detail either freehand on the machine or by hand if you prefer. For designs such as this one I personally like the uniformity and speed of machine-stitch. Tie your thread ends and secure on the reverse with sticky tape.



Step 2

Step 3: Layer up your paper flower motifs and arrange them on your card, overlapping your stitch lines and applied ribbon. Secure with spray mount (I find that spray mount gives a much cleaner finish than other types of glue)



Step 3

Step 4: Stitch your beads and sequins onto your card by hand at the centre of each flower. Take your needle up through both the sequin and bead, loop over the bead and then go back down the same hole. If you secure all flower centres in one go this will leave you with just two loose thread ends to tie-off and secure on the reverse with sticky tape.



Step 4

Step 5: Stick your design on to your chosen border paper and then apply this to your card base. Once again, the cleanest finish is achieved with spray mount. I use a quilting rule when doing this final stage to ensure that I am applying my design to the card base nice and square. Add your chosen text (if desired) below your design.



Step 5

Step 6: Now you have completed your handmade card it is time to sign and date your handy-work and add a personalised sticker to the reverse if you have one.



Step 6



Final Card