



# Collage Card

A collage is a picture made from small pieces of paper, fabric or other small items.

Use everyday items that you have collected on your travels to make attractive decorations for your greeting cards.



## Equipment

1. A piece of thin white card.
2. Some thicker, coloured card. This will make up your greetings card.
3. Some transparent, sticky-backed plastic. You can buy small sheets of this from a stationer's shop.
4. A variety of items as decorations. You could use dried pasta shapes, seeds or rice, beads, buttons, shells, paper doilies, ribbons, evergreen leaves, sprigs or dried flowers. What else can you use?
5. Some coloured felt-tip pens.
6. Paper glue (such as Copydex).

## Safety Stuff

Making cards can be fun, and there's quite a few different kinds of card to make here. But please check with an adult before you begin, as you might need their help. Working with items such as scissors can be dangerous, so be very careful and make sure you never leave them open or lying around where smaller children can reach them.

Before starting to make your card, cover the work surface you are going to use with some newspaper or an old cloth and make sure that you're wearing an apron or some old clothes.

Gather together all the items you'll need before you begin. Most of the things you'll need can be found simply by hunting around the house, but remember to check with an adult before you take anything! And don't forget to tidy up afterwards!

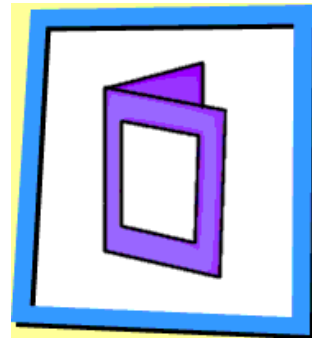
# Steps

## Step One

Cut the coloured piece of card so that it's as tall as the card you want to create, and twice as wide. Then fold it in half down the centre, and lay it down with the fold at the side. You've made your basic card shape.

Folding card like this makes it stronger. Try making a card that stands up from a thin piece of paper. You can fold the thin paper to give it extra strength.

Now cut your piece of white card into a rectangular shape that will fit on the front of the card.



## Step Two

Next, decide on the design for the front of your card. You could make a large flower, or a face if you are using seeds, rice and pasta shapes, for example.

Arrange your decorations on the front of the white card. Hold them in place with small dabs of glue.

Do you want to add some words or other decorations on the front of the card? Can you think of a good way of doing this?



## Step Three

Cut a piece of clear sticky-backed plastic that is about 1cm larger on all sides than the white card.

Peel off the backing and hold the sticky-back over the white card with the sticky side facing down. Make sure it's in the right position, because you won't be able to move it around once it's stuck down!

Press the sticky plastic down firmly over the card, making sure there are no trapped air bubbles. Then fold the edges underneath.



## Step Four

Now glue your completed decoration onto the front of the folded piece of card. Write a nice message inside the card and it is ready to give to a friend or relative!

A special card like this always needs an envelope. Can you design and make an envelope for your card to fit into?

Can you think of some other materials you could use to create a special occasion collage card? What materials could you use to create a New Year card, for example?

