Christmas Cut-Out Card

The idea here is to design a card for Christmas that can be adapted for any other occasion.

Equipment

1. Stiff, coloured card. Make sure it's not too dark, because you'll want to write on it!

2. Coloured pencils, fat fibre-tip pens, watercolour or oil paints, and paintbrushes.

3. Glitter, coloured ribbons, coloured paper or other items for decorations. What sort of decoration would be good for the card you are making?

4. A pair of scissors.

5. Some paper glue (such as Copydex).

Safety Stuff

Making cards can be fun, and there are 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 card so that it's as wide as the card you want to make, and twice as high. Then fold it in half so the fold is at the top.

Next draw a shape on the card. Here it's a Christmas tree, but you could draw any shape. What other shapes could you draw? Make sure you include the fold in the top as part of the shape.

Cut out the shape, but leave the card joined at the top.

Step Two

Now decorate your design. Use paints or pens to paint it or colour it. Then add some extra decorations to make your card more attractive. You could stick glitter, or some real holly, for example.

Now you have a cut-out Christmas card that you can send to a special friend. Don't forget to write your message inside!