

Concertina Christmas Tree



Today's card project is simply stunning! Open this somewhat plain card to find a beautiful Christmas tree inside. The card is intended to be displayed open, so that the inside is on show. This project is so simple that you can get the kids to make one too.

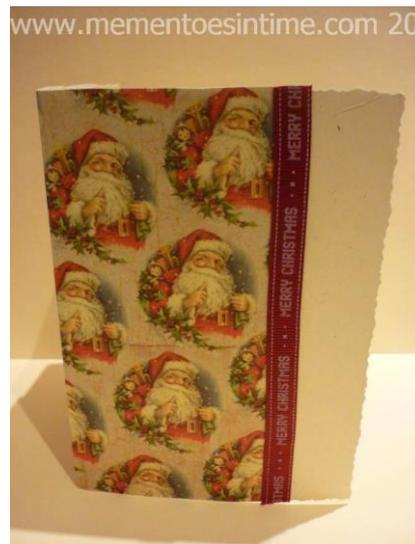


Here is another example, with a simple stamped concertina. If you would like to make these cards, read on.





For the second card example, I've cut out the concertina pieces from green paper using the template and scored and folded each piece. I've decided to decorate each concertina with a gold stamped and heat embossed design but you could of course leave it plain, or dry emboss them.



Decorate the outside of your card. I've gone for a very plain design as this will not be the thing on show and I want the person receiving it to look inside.



Next, open out your base card and fix each concertina to each side of the card, using the central fold as a guide. Put the largest piece at the bottom and work towards the top of the card using the smallest piece at the top. You might like to arrange them first before gluing, to make sure you have enough room. Then fix the pieces in place with glue or double sided tape . As your card opens the tree will fan out.



I've added a gold star across the fold too and you can also cut a base or bucket for your tree to sit in.



The other version of this card has a frilly edge, made using a border punch. I've also gone for a printed paper for this tree.



Assemble the tree in the same way.



The outside of this card is covered with scrapbook paper and I've chosen to hold the whole thing closed with a piece of ribbon, so this card is almost like a gift. This also keeps the card closed for giving.



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