



# Seasonal Card Making

Crafts

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## WHAT MAKES IT MEANINGFUL

Seasonal card-making is a creative activity that brings a personal touch and warmth to any occasion throughout the year. This craft allows participants to express their feelings and celebrate various holidays and seasons through hand-crafted cards. It's a wonderful way to develop fine motor skills, artistic expression, and attention to detail. Creating cards for different seasons—whether for winter holidays, spring celebrations, summer vacations, or autumn festivals—offers a chance to reflect on the unique characteristics of each season and share heartfelt messages with loved ones. By crafting personalized cards, participants can enhance their sense of connection with others and create meaningful keepsakes that reflect their own creativity and thoughtfulness.

## TIME

Approximately 1 to 2 hours, depending on the complexity of the cards and the number of designs created.

## MATERIALS

- **Cardstock** (Approximately \$6 for a pack of 50 sheets)
- **Colored Paper** (Approximately \$5 for assorted colours)
- **Markers or Colored Pencils** (Approximately \$10 for a set)
- **Glue Sticks** (Approximately \$3 for a pack of 2)
- **Scissors** (Approximately \$2)
- **Stickers or Stamps** (Approximately \$4 for a set)
- **Ribbon or Decorative Tape** (Approximately \$3 for a roll)
- **Envelopes** (Approximately \$5 for a pack of 20)
- **Crafting Templates** (Free or \$1.50 for printable designs)



## INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Prepare Your Materials:** Gather all necessary materials including cardstock, coloured paper, markers, and any decorative elements like stickers or stamps. Cut the cardstock to your desired card size and fold it in half to create the card base.
2. **Design Your Card:** Use coloured paper to create shapes and decorations relevant to the season you're celebrating. For example, snowflakes for winter or flowers for spring. Arrange these elements on the card and use glue sticks to adhere them.
3. **Add Personal Touches:** Write a personal message inside the card using markers or coloured pencils. Add final touches with stickers, stamps, or ribbons. Ensure all elements are securely attached and let any glue or ink dry completely.

## RESOURCES

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/christmas-ideas/g4080/clever-diy-christmas-cards/>

<https://www.canva.com/cards/templates/greeting/>

## SUPPORTS NEEDED

- **Guidance on Techniques:** Provide demonstrations on cutting, gluing, and decorating techniques.
- **Assistance with Designs:** Offer help with layout ideas and how to use crafting tools effectively.
- **Time Management:** Ensure there is enough time for drying and final adjustments.

## OTHER THINGS TO NOTE

- **Personalization:** Encourage participants to think about the recipient of the card and tailor their designs to the person's interests or the occasion.
- **Cleanup:** Prepare for some mess with glue and markers. Cover surfaces with protective sheets and have cleaning supplies handy.
- **Age Appropriateness:** Adjust the complexity of the card designs based on the age and skill level of the participants.

