

Tea Light Candle Gift Card Project

What you will need to recreate this project:

1 x A4 double sided patterned card base – approx. 220 gsm

- or print both sides of a piece of card

Template – included with this project sheet

Flower head punch - approx. 2.5 – 3 cm diameter

Scalloped edge punch

Scalloped square punch approx. 5.5 cm

Leaf paper punch

Card scraps in both green & white

3 x tea light candles

Wet glue & gel glue



*You will need heavy duty punches, as they need to cut through the card.

How to assemble this project:

Print off the template onto the side of the card that will become the housing for the tea lights & the inside of the card itself. As standard the solid lines are the cut lines & the perforated lines – which are white, so you won't see them until you print it out – are the score lines. **So be careful choosing your base card or you won't see the perforated lines - though it is pretty easy to guess where they are!**

Carefully score the perforated lines & remove the white panel before cutting around the template - retain as many large pieces of waste as possible to punch out all of the flower heads later.

From the white card scraps, punch out a scalloped border as well as a scalloped square, & then cut the square in half diagonally. From the base card waste, punch out as many flower heads as you can – you can always use up the spare on other projects . You actually only need 9 for this project, but you might want to sculpt extra flowers so you have a choice. Finally, punch out 4 leaves from the green card scraps.

Preparing the sculpted flowers:

(In the case of base card with differing pattern/colour on either side - you can use either side of the punched flower heads, either exclusively or as a mix).

The base of the flower is simply one complete flower head, though you need to work it with your fingers to shape it into a cup form. For the second layer, nick between two of the 'petals' as far

as the centre of the shape, dab a little wet glue on the 'petal' to one side of the cut & bring the 'petal' from the other side over to completely cover the first. Pinch between your fingers until the glue has set, thus forming another, though smaller cup form. Add a very small blob of glue gel to the base of this second 'cup' & position inside the first.

Each of the remaining layers will be formed in this way, apart from the final one. The next layer, you need to cut out one complete petal & then form the cup, attach with glue gel to the flower structure. The fourth layer you need to cut out two entire petals – by this point you may want to handle the forms with tweezers - to make working with them a little easier. The final core of the flower is a half of the punched flower head, rolled up & allowed to slacken slightly before gluing. Attach to the core of the flower form with gel glue. Put aside to dry while completing a second flower form.

Assembling the project:

If you want to interface the aperture with acetate, you will need to do this before creating the 'box' structure which will hold the tea light candles.

Look at the cut out card & you will see the two equal, but larger sections at one end these will form the 'card' portion of the project – they need to be on your left as you fold the scored lines. Beginning at the scored line that is approximately in the centre of the card, fold this to the left & onto what will be the inside of the 'card'.

Working your way out to the far right, the next scored line will be folded right, the following one left etc. which will form the 'box' in which to hold the tea light candles. Secure the base of the box before gluing the overhang of the box to the back of the card which will help give it stability. (You can camouflage this edge with a peel off later, if you wish)?

Before working on the card, slide the tea lights candles into the box & tuck in the top, this will help secure the back flap while the glue is drying.

Fix the scalloped border down the open edge of the card & the half scalloped square centrally, against the card fold. Using more glue gel, attach one flower & two leaves vertically following the line of the card fold, & another set around the top right hand corner of the tea light candle box itself - see main image.

Leave overnight to allow the glue gel to set completely.

