

Shaker Card (Rectangle) Tutorial

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Because of the shape of this shaker card I decided to make a tutorial that I hope will help when you assemble this card. All of my rectangle shaker cards are assembled the same way. I'm using this Thank You shaker card as an example.

Not included you will need:

3M foam tape

Acetate sheet

Shaker pieces, i.e. like beads

Double stick tape

School glue or stick glue

Powder

Brush

Q-tip

Baby wipes



I printed the front of the card with photo paper and the inside of the card with card stock. However, the card stock wasn't very heavy. I wish I had used the heaviest card stock because of the weight of the front of the card.

See the enclosed tutorial



Print Page 1. The easiest way I found to cut this out is with a paper trimmer. I have a colored border around the edges so you cut it and avoid white paper from showing on the cut lines. Please cut off the colored border.

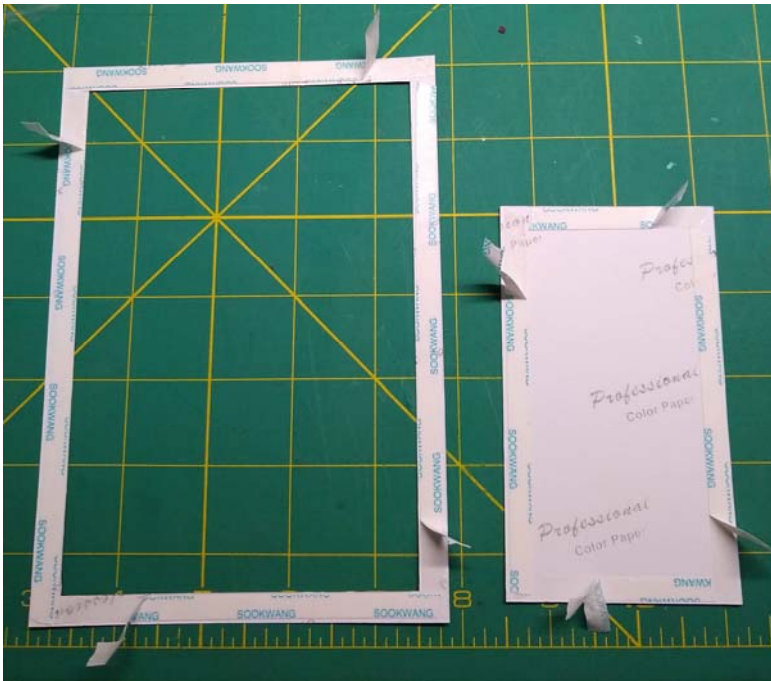
Also cut an acetate sheet (not included) ever so slightly smaller than the background. The background is 5 x 7 inches.



These are the pieces cut out. You may not be able to clearly see the acetate that is almost the same size as the background that is on the lower right side of the photo. For that reason I have an arrow pointing to it.



Apply double stick tape to the frame and center piece. I made the outside frame 3/8 inch wide so you would use 1/4 inch double stick tape. Make sure you don't allow the tape to show on the inside edge, otherwise it could show when you attach this to the acetate film. Apply this same tape to the center piece being careful to not allow the tape to show on the outside edge.



Lift the opposing corners and bend the tape outward. The reason for this is so you have some wiggle room for misalignments. Apply the stick glue to the exposed tape. This allows for some wiggle room if you need to realign the pieces. This isn't my idea, I saw it on one of Sandie Burchell's videos.

Place the background piece (facing up) on a table, then the acetate piece. Line up the outside frame and the center piece with the background piece and attach it to the acetate. See the next photo. You are attaching this to the acetate piece and not the background piece. The background piece is there so you can visually see where to line it up. Take care to look and see that the center piece has equal amounts of space all around from the outside frame piece.



Line up one corner and remove each double stick tape tail as you go until all the tape is stuck to the acetate piece.



You should end up with two pieces that look like this.



Turn the frame/center/acetate piece over and apply 3M double stick foam tape to the frame and center piece. This is being applied to the acetate.

Very important. There must be no space present between the foam tape strips as your shaker bits could shake out of the card. I used two layers of 1/4 inch foam tape because of the size of my shaker bits. Make sure to put a couple of your bits in to determine if you have enough height so the bits will shake. Do not remove the final strips off of the foam tape at this point.



Using powder, brush it all along the edges. This is done to keep your shaker bits from sticking to the sides of the foam tape. I found I needed to use a paint brush to get as much powder as possible all around the edges. I shook out some of the powder, but I needed to use a baby wipe and Q-tip to clean out all the powder.



Put in your shaker bits.

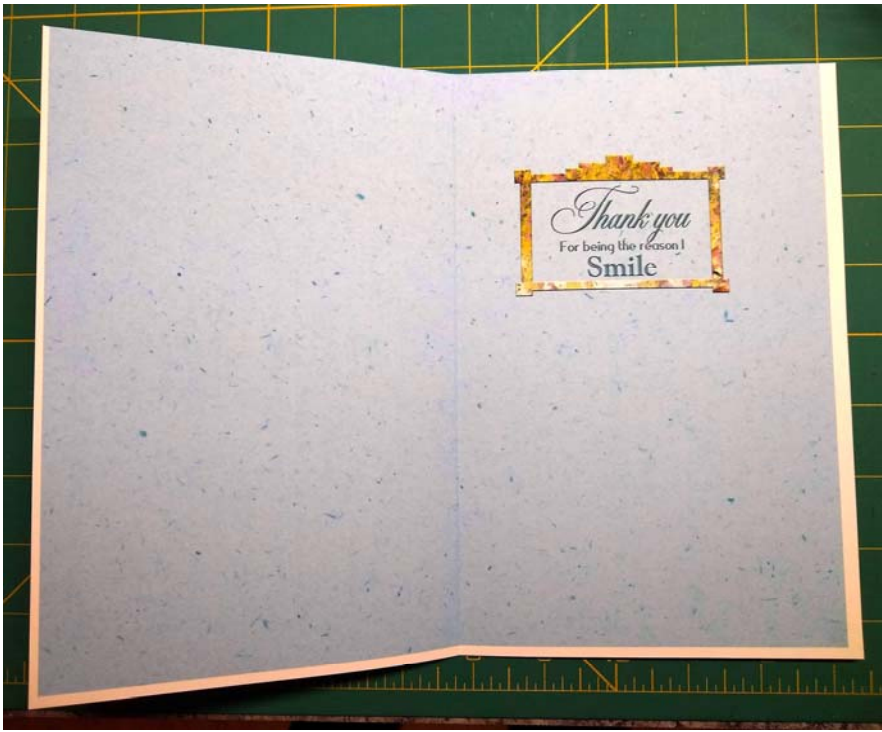
Lift the opposing corners on the foam tape and bend the tape ends outward, which will give you some wiggle room for misalignments. Apply the stick glue to the exposed tape. You'll need to take the protective tape strips off the middle. But with only the ends of the opposing corners on the frame exposed you can keep the center from prematurely touching the background piece.

You'll need to attach the background piece facing down so very carefully line up the outside edges to this piece. Don't use the foam tape edge as your guide, but the card outside edge to line this up.



Print the inside. Make sure as best as possible that it prints evenly. My printer can print this a little crooked so I hold the paper in my document feeder until I know it is going in squarely. This is important as you will be folding this in half and then make a crease with your bone folder.

NOTE: I recommend using a heavier card stock as the weight of the front of the card can cause it to flex when it is assembled.



If your printer does what I mine does it doesn't print to the edge. See the photo above. Therefore I trimmed off only the amount needed from the top so no white paper is showing. Fold this in half and use a bone folder to make a good crease.

The inside sentiment is towards the top so you can line up the folded card to the very top edge.

Using double stick tape on the shaker piece, make sure you have the tape as close as possible to the edge. Attach it to the outside of the folded and creased inside piece. I would strongly suggest you only lift the opposing corners off the tape and use the stick glue. Then trim the side and bottom edge to fit the shaker piece.

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