

# Secret Message Foldout Card Tutorial

A secret message foldout card features a shape on the front of the design, which conceals a message or sentiment, or you could insert a photo.

My foldout card designs come in three different styles; foldout flower, foldout star and foldout hearts.

Each secret message foldout card kit contains six sheets:

Card Front

Foldout shape, embellishments and sentiments

Inner Backing Paper

Insert sheet

Envelope front

Envelope back

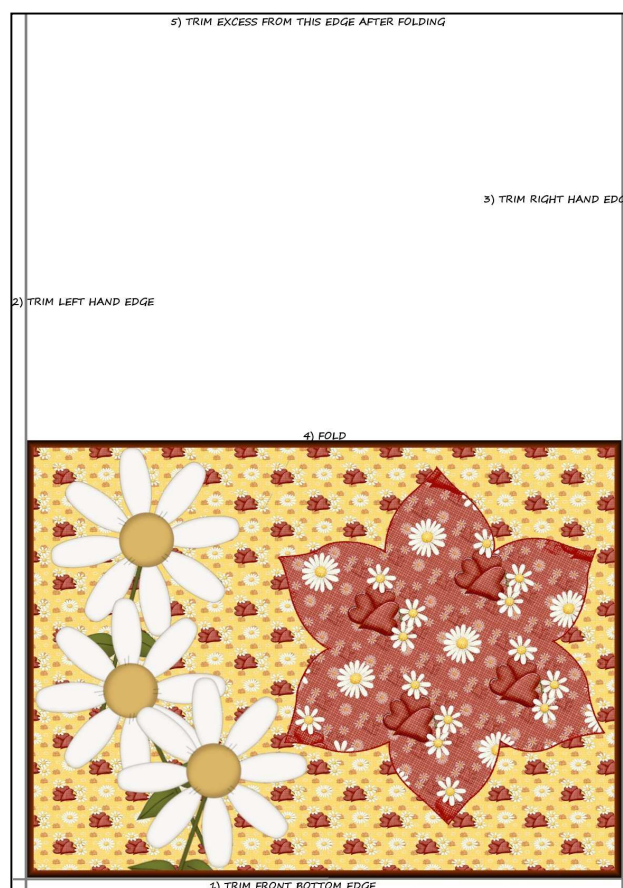
I have made my cards using 220gsm card for the front, 160gsm for the foldout element and decoupage and 100gsm for the insert sheet and envelope.

First, print the Card Front onto an A4 sheet of 220gsm card. Using the printed card front image as your cutting guide, trim the card to size and fold in half to produce your card base.

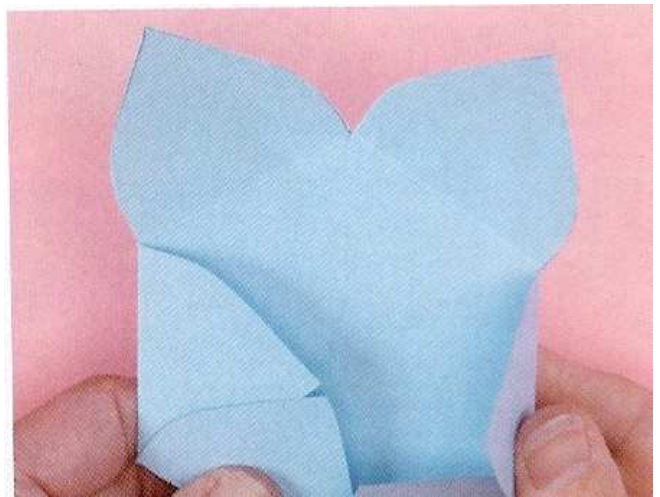
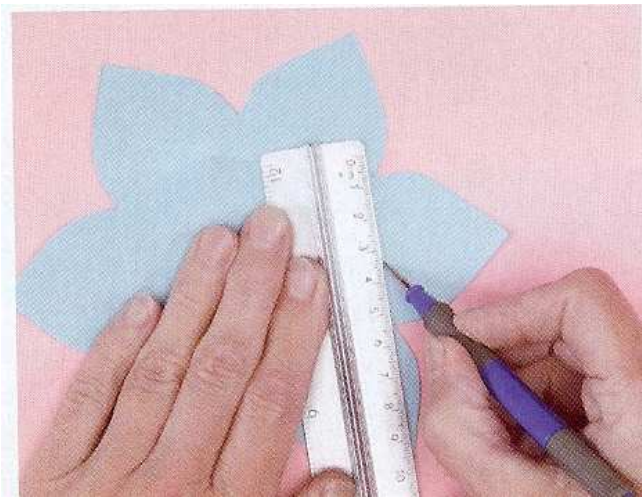
- 1) Cut along the front bottom edge first,
- 2) & 3) then up each side,
- 4) then fold at front top and
- 5) trim bottom back edge.

It ends up at approx 19 x 14 cm (7.5 x 5.5 inches), so will fit into a standard C5 envelope if you don't want to make the matching one provided.

Next, print your insert sheet, cut out and fold and attach inside.



Now, print your foldout element sheet on 160gsm paper, then print the backing sheet on the reverse. Make sure you feed your element sheet back in top first so that the backing prints on the reverse of the flower, star or hearts design, as this is the piece you want to be double-sided when you fold it.



Cut out your main element and score across the bottom of each petal, star tip or heart tip (illustration shows the flower shape).

Fold the petals or tips into the centre, overlapping in the same direction with each petal. Tuck the last petal under the first one.



Stick your chosen message (or even a photo) inside and attach to the base card in the centre of its matching shape.

Now you can finish the card as you wish, adding decoupage and extra sentiments inside. You can add an extra sentiment onto the flower exterior, or a smaller element to look like a button closer.



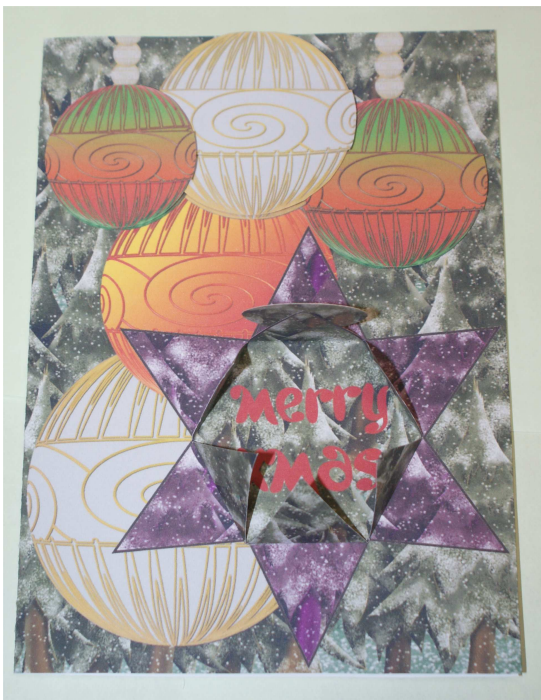
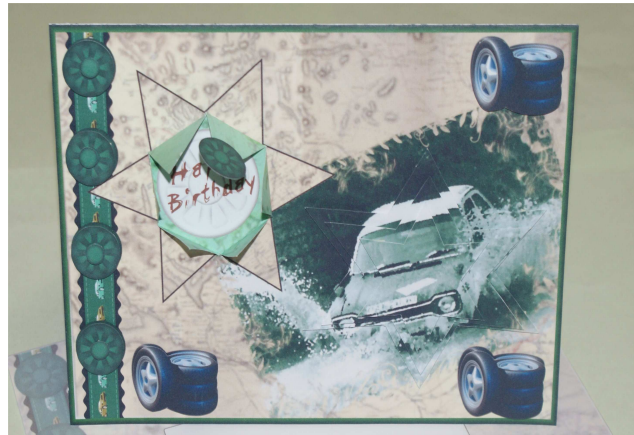
See further sample pics below.

Finally make up your matching envelope or use a standard C5 one.

I hope you enjoy hiding your secret messages and photos!

Best wishes.  
Christine.





Secret Message Foldout Card Kits designed by Christine Crowther