

Circle Book Card Tutorial

Each circle book card kit contains four sheets:

- 1) Card base sheet 1 with three quarter circle element, two quarters and decorations
- 2) Card base sheet 2 with three quarter circle element, two quarters and decorations
- 3) Front cover half circle with ribbon and sentiments
- 4) Variety of extras e.g. extra ribbon, front cover, blank panels, sentiments etc
(Contents will vary slightly from kit to kit.)

Print all sheets at full A4 size. Everything is doubled up as the design is made, so I have found that 160gsm card is strong enough.

Print the two card base sheets twice.

Print the front cover sheet.

You may want to wait until making up to decide if you want elements from the fourth sheet.

Cut out your four card base three-quarter circles with tabs.

Score along the tab line and valley fold.

Using the circle shape as its own guide, score and valley fold twice more to define the piece into its three quarters.

Finally make a mountain fold down the centre of the tabbed quarter.

(Since you can use the circle shape and fold edge to edge, I haven't marked these score and fold lines on the designs, so that you get a nice clean finish.)



Fold the piece into a stand-up quarter circle shape and seal by sticking the tab on the outside with double-sided tape or your preferred glue.

Make up each of your four pieces like this.



Now stick the first two pieces together, making sure your mountain folded quarter is always at the base.

Add the third and then the fourth piece.

(Often, my lining up isn't perfect, so I have to do a little trimming up the curved sides.)



You will have attached three sides, the fourth is left open to allow the book to close.

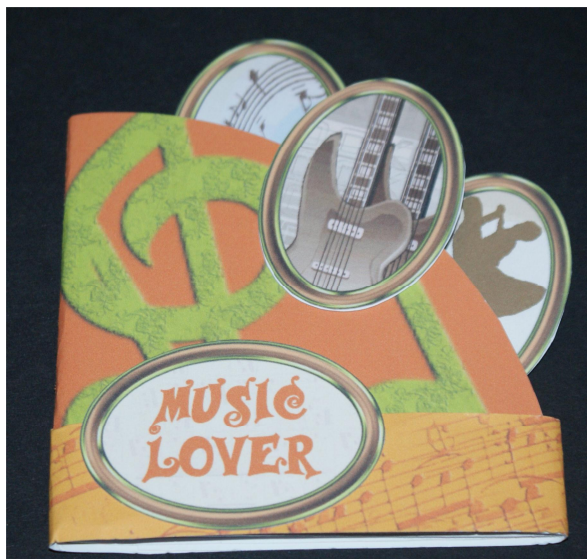
Add your chosen elements to the inside. There are coordinating quarters and you can cut some of these down the middle for the base eighths.

Before you attach your front cover, decide whether you want to tie the book closed with a real ribbon, or hold it closed with the paper ribbon wrap provided.

If you are going to use a real ribbon, you may want to attach it under the front cover. If this is the case, do that now. Hold the card firmly closed and attach your ribbon edge to edge and around the spine.



Now take your half circle front cover. You will find it is bigger than required, so that it can wrap around the spine. Again hold the card firmly closed and stick the cover around. Trim to fit. (Again, if your lining up has not been perfection, this hides any uneven bits.)



If you are using the paper ribbon wrap, now fold it around to fit . nice and snug - not so tight that it cannot be readily removed, but tight enough to hold the card neatly. I usually add a sentiment to this piece.

Finally decorate your card exterior and slip over the wrap.

More hints and ideas:

1. If you have used a real ribbon, when you open the card, the ribbon can be tied to hold it open in its full circle.
2. A real ribbon can look very pretty attached as a feature to the outside of the front cover.
3. Consider attaching some of your elements so that they peep out over the edges when your card is closed (like the example above).
4. With a paper wrap, it is easiest to slide it on from the top of the card down, if you have not chosen elements to be over the edge. Otherwise it will need to be slipped on from the base up.
5. If elements are over the edge, use the blank tags to back them for a professional finish.
6. Use blank tags inside to write on your personal messages.
7. Make a mini card with just one quarter piece and the front cover.
8. Or make a card with two or three quarters, rather than all four.

I hope you have fun making these cards.

Best wishes.
Christine.

Here are two more of my finished cards:



Pink rose





Lavender



Other designs available:



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