

Floral Surprise Card Kit Tutorial (Pink Roses kit is shown)

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This is an original new concept, designed by Sue Douglas Floral Surprise Card Kits are very quick and easy to make! Each Kit includes 6 Sheets, and comprises of Petals; Octagonal Stand; Pop-Outs Structure; Envelope Front; Envelope Back (incl Back Text Plate for your own sentiments) and Sentiment Panels (including Sentiment Label Decoupage, 8 Sentiment Panels are included in the kit which includes a Blank one, to use with your own peel-offs or stamps. Also included is Floral Surprise Assembly Instruction Card for your recipient

Finished UK Sizes when printed on A4 cardstock:

Floral Surprise Card Width 11 1/2in (29cm) x Height 5 1/2in (13.5cm)
Envelope Width 6 3/4in (17cm) x Height 7 1/8in (18.5cm)

Materials Required:

Floral Surprise Card For best results and vibrant colours, use 4 Sheets A4/Letter Size 250gsm to 270gsm Photo Paper.

Envelope 2 Sheets A4/Letter Size 160gsm Smooth White Plain Cardstock

Reinforcement pieces Using the Reinforcement Template (on the Envelope Back sheet), cut 2 pieces from 160gsm White Cardstock, alternatively cut 1 piece from 300gsm cardstock.

Photo Glue or Wet Glue
Double-sided tape Envelope glue (or Double Sided Tape) for the Envelope Flap
3d Sticky Foam Pads, for the Decoupage on the Sentiment Panel

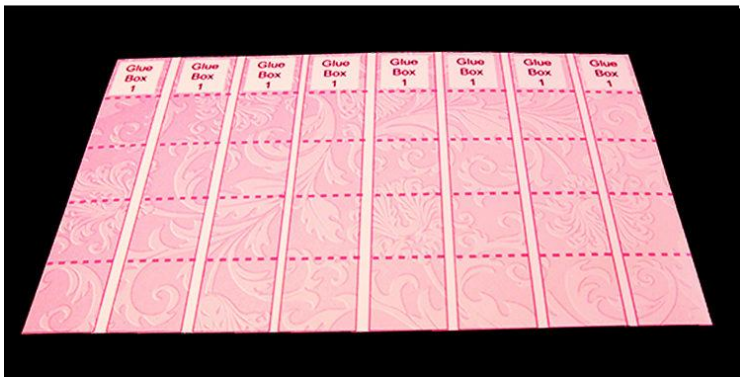


Floral Surprise Card Kit –Pink Roses kit, is used in this tutorial

Instructions:

Print

Print out the sheets on the cardstock (details of type, and weights of cardstock are explained in the Materials Required section above)



Cut

Cut out all the pieces on the printed sheets but for the 8 Pop-Outs on the Pop-Outs Structure sheet, don't cut out the 8 pieces separately just yet, it's much easier to score and cut as a whole, rather than doing that for each of the 8 pieces! See photo 3 below. Also for the moment, don't cut out the slits on the Octagon stand, that will be done later. Mark the numbers on the back of the Decoupage pieces (the Decoupage is on the Sentiment Panels sheet). On the Octagon Stand piece, clip on each side of the sentiment panel up to the dotted fold line as indicated by the teal arrows, on photo 4 below. This will allow you to fold along the dotted lines on the octagonal stand correctly.

Score and Fold

Score and fold along the dotted lines on the following pieces:

Octagonal Stand
Pop-Outs Structure
Envelope Front
See photo 1 below

Mountain folds
Mountain folds
Mountain folds

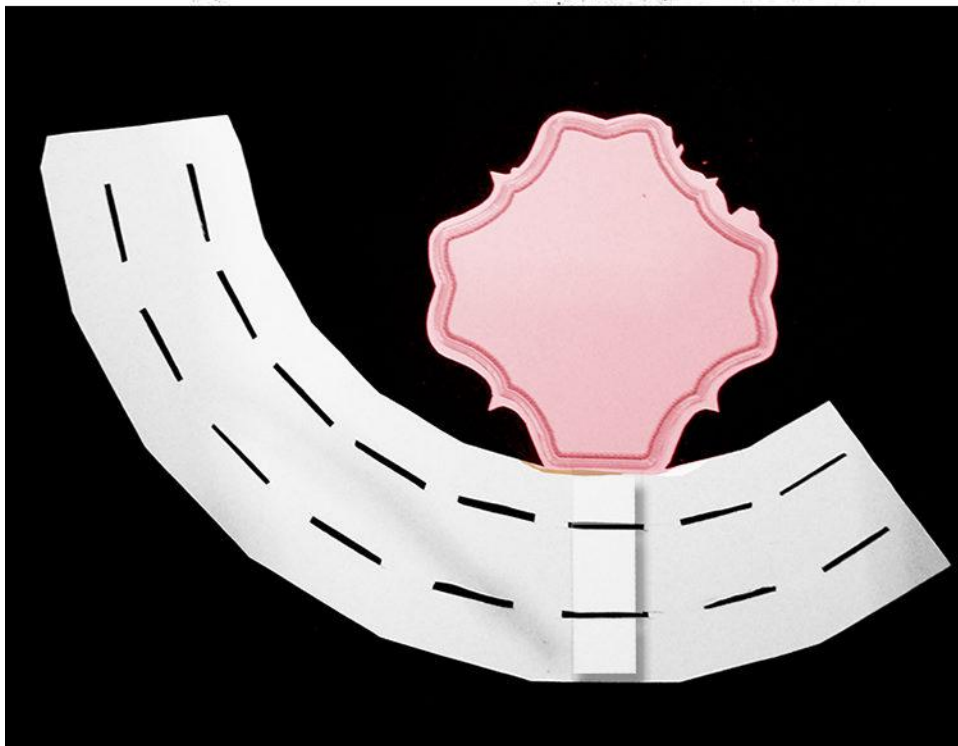


Cut out to separate the 8 pop-outs structure pieces. See photo above

Reinforce

Using the Reinforcement Template, (found on the Envelope Back sheet), cut 2 pieces from 160gsm White Cardstock, alternatively, cut 1 piece from 300gsm cardstock. Using a wet glue to attach the two pieces together, (obviously if you have opted to cut the reinforcement piece from a heavier weight of cardstock, then you won't need to do this). Apply to the wrong side of the Octagon Stand as shown in photo 1 below, using a wet glue. Place closer towards the bottom edge of the Octagon, rather than the top edge of the Sentiment Panel portion.

Cut out the slits (don't do just one cut on each of the slits, you will need to cut out the whole slit. It then makes it easier to thread through the pop-outs structure pieces, and gives a better finish. Apply the Back Text Plate with wet glue. See photo 2 below.



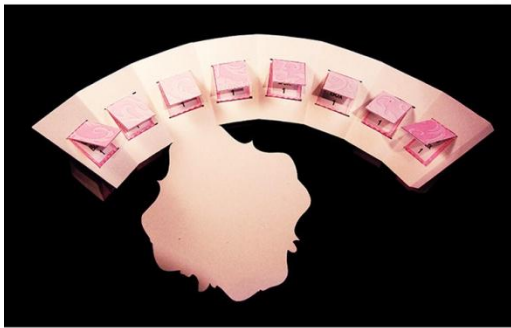


Choose a Sentiment Panel , or alternatively, use the Blank sentiment panel with your own peel-offs or stamps.

Add the Decoupage layers, with 3d Foam Pads



Apply the Sentiment Panel to the Octagon Stand piece using 3d Foam Pads.



Apply the Pop-Outs Structure to the Octagon Stand

Please look further down this page at photo 5 on the left, to see what we are aiming towards at the end of the step.

Starting with the slits at the top of the octagon sides, thread through the part of the pop-out strips that are labelled Glue Box 1, making sure the right side of both pieces is uppermost. Apply wet glue to the **underside** of the Tab marked 'Glue Box 1' and stick to the wrong side of the octagon side as shown in photo 1, left. So you should be able to see the 'Glue Box 1' text uppermost, on the tabs if you have applied them correctly. Peg into place, until dry.

See photo 2, left. This is what you should now see from the front side of the Octagon Stand

Now for the bottom slits. Thread through the bottom tabs of the eight pop-outs structure pieces from the front side of the octagon stands. Apply wet glue to the tabs labelled Glue Box 1 and stick down the tabs just threaded through See photo 3 left.

Peg into place, until dry (see photo 4, left)

When dry remove the pegs, and the octagon stand should look like the bottom photo (5), on the left.

When you look from the front side after this step is complete you will be able to see that the right side is uppermost on both the octagon stand and all eight of the pop-out structure pieces .

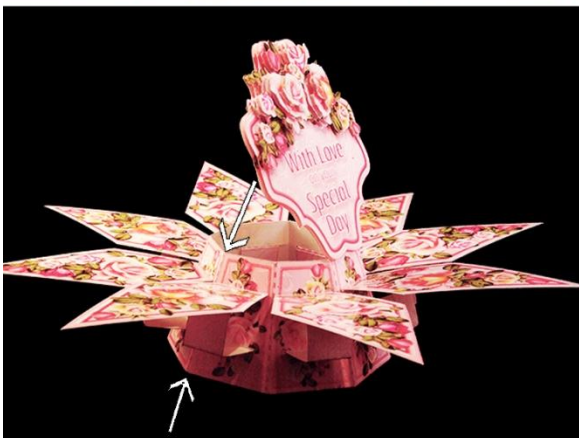


Applying the Eight Petals

Apply a wet glue to the top ledge of the pop-out structure and butt the bottom edge of the petal at right angles up to the side of the octagon stand, just lift up the 'petal' and check that the position is central as shown left (photo 1), (the peg is just temporary and should be removed before the next instruction).



Once you have the petal positioned correctly, bring the 'petal' back down again and peg into place. There are two different designs for the 'petals' on each kit, which are alternated all the way around the base. I find it easier, to split the two designs of the 'petals' and then to take 4 petals of the same design and attach to every other pop-out. I peg those four petals first in every alternate pop-out, and wait for the glue to dry. Once dry, I then attach those petals that are left. I find if I try to do them all at once, the pegs are competing with each other, for space, and there's an increased chance, that the petals may be moved out of position.

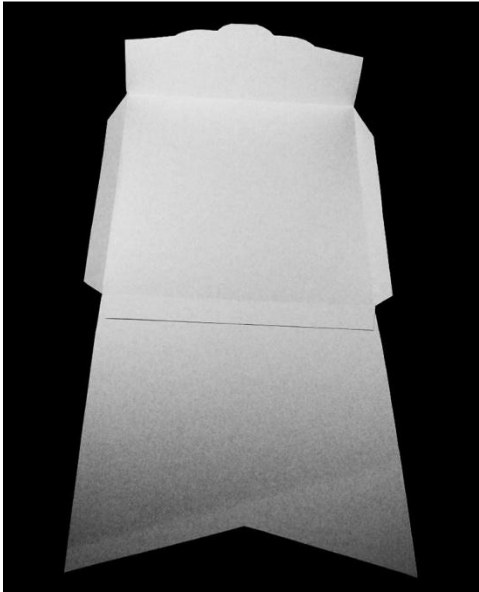


Apply wet glue to the Glue Tab on the Octagonal Stand and attach to the other side, peg into place until dry. This forms the octagonal stand.



Envelope

Apply wet glue to the bottom tab on the Envelope Front and place on top of the bottom of the Envelope Back (see photo 1 left)



Back View of the Envelope

Apply glue to the side tabs on the on the Envelope Front and bring the bottom of the envelope over the tabs.



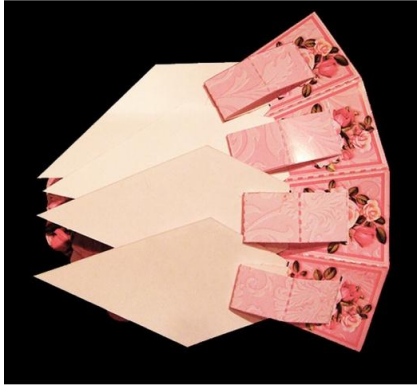
Finished Envelope



Placing the Floral Surprise Card in the Envelope

Flatten the Card by pinching the two sides of the bottom of the Octagonal Stand, together making sure the Sentiment Panel is somewhere near the middle – it's not possible to get it exactly in the middle! (see photo 1)

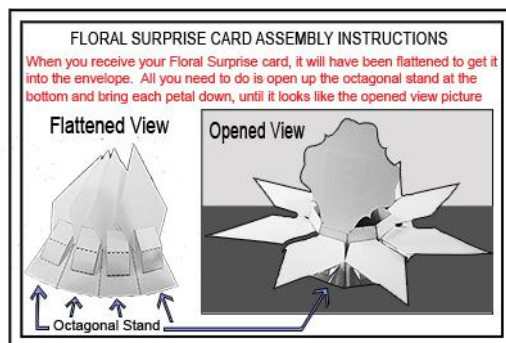
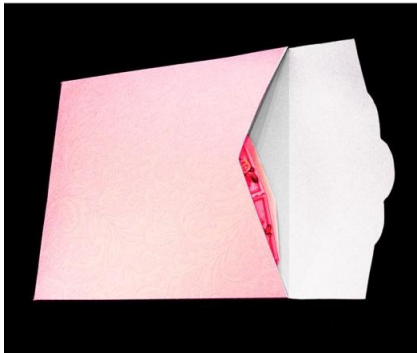
Arrange the petals as shown on each side



Flatten the card

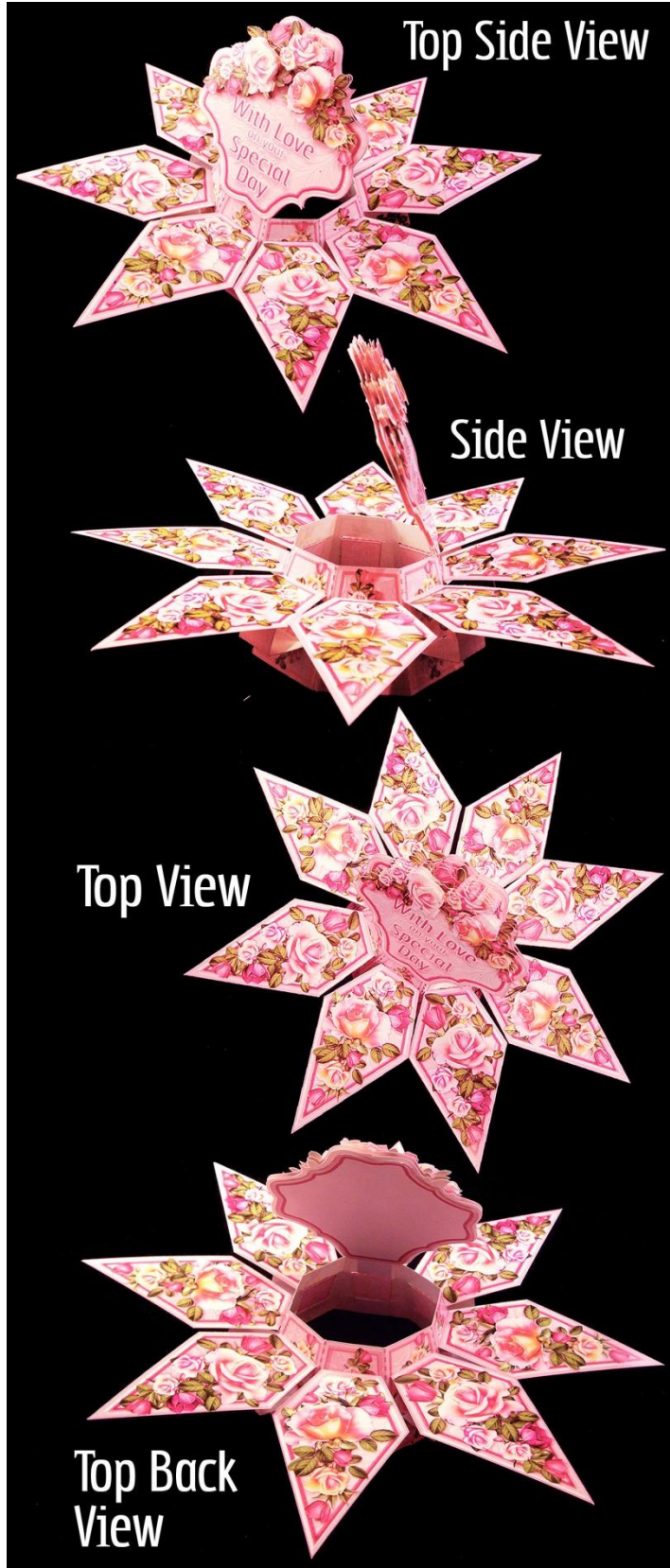


Place into the Envelope at an angle. If you place it in straight, it won't fit!



Place the assembly instructions (found on the Octagonal Stand sheet) into the envelope for your recipient's use, so that they can enjoy this original card!

Final Views



Front View



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Floral Surprise Kit Pink & Peach Roses

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Also an Envelope, Back Text Plate
a range of Sentiment
Panels are included

An original 3d Design
that Folds Flat
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Matching
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Floral Surprise Kit Golden Poinsettias

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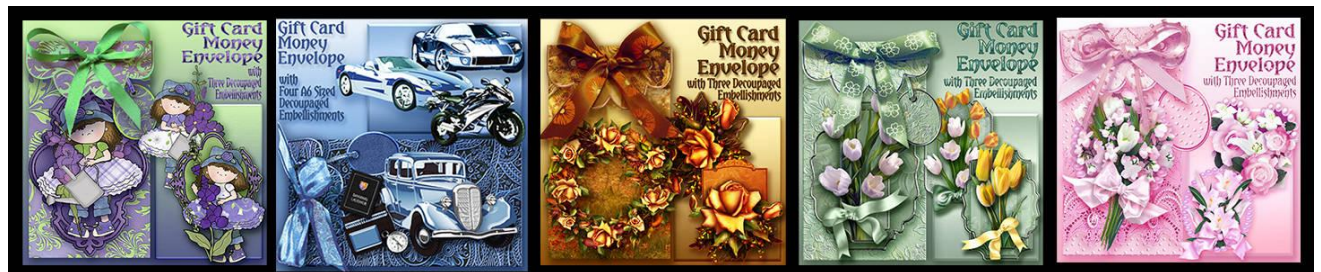
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