



Inspiration Sheet - Two-Toned Cardstock Background Magic

Create amazing card fronts using 1-4 shades. (Papercrafting Playdate 186 on 8/20/2026)

Diagonal Stripes Background - makes 2 cards

- 5-1/2" x 8-1/2" (2) card bases
- 3" x 4" (2) pieces of Two-Tone cardstock
- 3" x 4" (2) Basic White or copy paper
- 3-1/4" x 4-1/4" (2) coordinating cardstock
- Embossing Folder

Directions

1. Stack the pieces of Two-Toned cardstock together with one piece having the dark side up and the other having the light side up.
2. Cut in half diagonally from one corner to the other. Take each triangle half (still stacked) and cut 1" from the long edge.
3. Separate dark & light pieces. Attach the cut pieces to the Basic White or copy paper with every other piece being dark & light.
4. Use an embossing folder on the pieces and a sanding tool to reveal the white inner core..
5. Attach to coordinating cardstock and card base.



Horizontal Stripes Background

- 5-1/2" x 8-1/2" card base
- 4" x 5-1/4" Basic White or copy paper
- 4" x 2-3/4" (3) pieces of Two-Tone cardstock in graduated colors
- Embossing Folder

Directions

1. Stack the pieces of Two-Toned cardstock together with all pieces having the dark side up and cut in half lengthwise at 7/8".
2. Attach strips to Basic White or copy paper going from darkest to lightest tone making sure to use both sides of the Two-Tone cardstock.
3. Use an embossing folder to imprint a pattern and a sanding tool to reveal the white inner core.

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Rectangles Background - makes 2 cards

- 5-1/2" x 8-1/2" card base (2)
- 5-1/4" x 4" (2) pieces of Two-Tone cardstock (or create 4 rectangles 2" x 2-3/4")
- 4" x 5-1/4" Basic White or copy paper
- Symmetrical die or punch shape. Cut 4 - one from each side/tone of the 2 pieces of Two-Tone cardstock

1. Stack the two pieces of 5-1/4" x 4" two-tone cardstock and cut in half lengthwise at 2", turn and cut in half at 2-3/4".
2. Attach the rectangles to the Basic White/copy paper making sure the dark and light sides of the colors are opposite diagonally.
3. Stack the 4 die cut or punched shapes and cut into quarters.
4. Pop-up, reassemble, and attach the quarters in the intersection of the 4 rectangles making sure that the opposite color tones are over the corresponding rectangle color. (There will be quarters left over to make additional cards.)



Circles Background

- 5-1/2" x 8-1/2" card base
- 4-1/8" x 4-1/8" Basic White
- 2" circle punch - Punch 4 circles of Two-Tone cardstock in graduated colors
- 3/4" x 4-1/8" coordinating pattern paper
- Long skinny greeting

1. Stack and cut the four 2" circles in half. (you can make it really easy by cutting 8 circles, 2 of each color).
2. Attach the dark half of the circles along the top and bottom edge of the 4-1/8" white square leaving 1/16" margin.
3. Sand the edges of the light circle halves and attach them to the corresponding dark half. The subtle white sanded edge creates an illusion of vellum layered over the circles.
4. Mount greeting sentiment in between the circles.
5. Attach the pattern paper to the edges of the card base and pop up the Basic White in the center.