



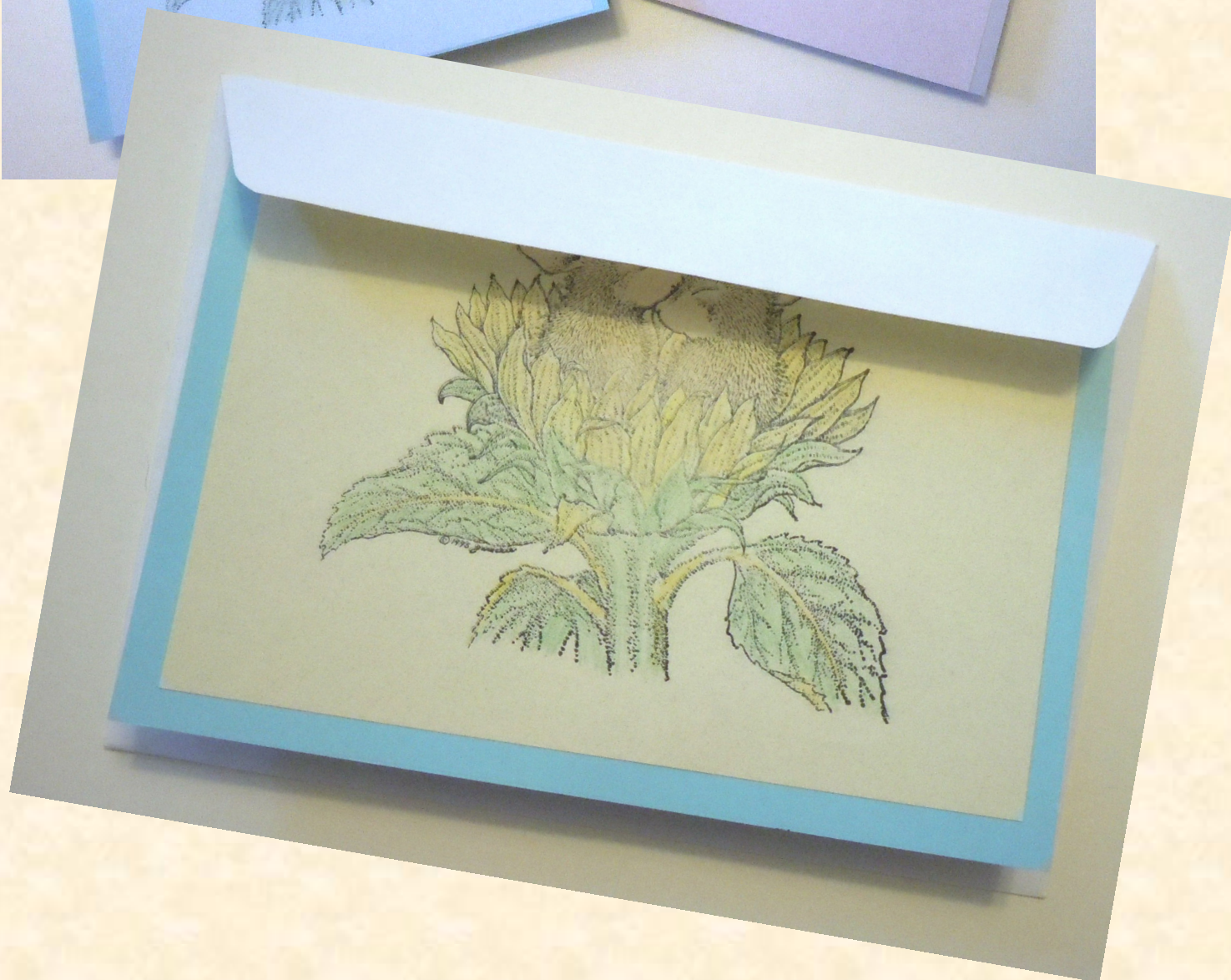
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What can you do with those odd envelopes in your stationary box that you hate to get rid of, but are taking up space?

Here's how to make a greeting card which will fit any envelope.

Materials needed:

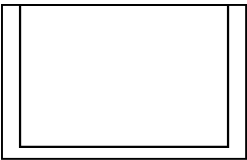
Paper Cutter
Cardstock (inside of card)
Lighter Weight Paper (outside of card) to compliment cardstock
3M Photo Mount Spray
Rubber Stamps Of Choice
Colored Pencils (use up your children's when they grow out of them)

Size:

To fit any size envelope.

First choose an envelope. Then choose 1 piece of cardstock (for the inside of card) and 1 piece of lighter paper for the outside of card. These should be complimentary to each other.
(The cardstock could be printed on one side, as long as the back side is a light solid color.)

You will be making a card like this:



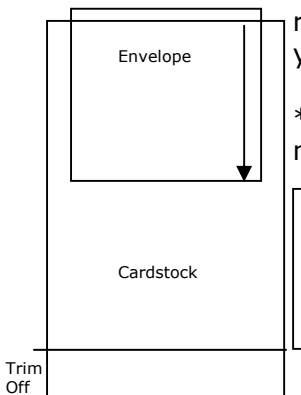
If desired, you could cut the bottom off, like this:

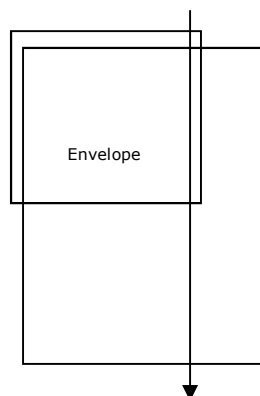


Directions: (Length of card)

#1. Work with cardstock piece first. Place cardstock 1/4" down from top of envelope. Measure with ruler from the top of cardstock to the bottom of the envelope. Place ruler at the end of cardstock and measure the same height from end of envelope down from end of cardstock. Mark lightly where the ruler's measurement ends. Place on paper cutter and trim this excess off. (This is so that you don't have to fold cardstock in order to see if it will fit envelope).

*Tip: When cutting, try to line up your paper with the lines on the paper cutter. It will not only help you to line up the paper evenly, but will also help you in the next step, cutting the lighter weight paper, to be smaller than the cardstock.





#2. Width of cardstock: Your width of cardstock will be wider than your envelope, so you will have to move it over so that it is 1/4" from the left edge. Once you do this, you can see how much you will have to cut off the width so that you will be 1/4" from the right edge of the envelope. (See arrow). Place on paper cutter and trim this amount off. (It's not exact, so it may take a few passes to get it right).

#3. You no longer need your envelope as a guide, so you can lay it aside. Now you will be using your cardstock as a guide to cut the lighter-weight paper.

Beginning with the length of cardstock and lighter-weight paper, place the cardstock back on the paper cutter and note the line that you used as a guide. Place your finger on the next line over to the right. (This should be about 6 mm away). Place the lighter-weight paper on the cutter and cut to this line.

Moving to the width of cardstock and lighter-weight paper, place the cardstock back on the paper cutter and note the line that you used as a guide. Place your finger on the next line over to the right. (This should be about 6 mm away). Place the lighter-weight paper on the cutter and cut to this line.

#4. Fold both papers in half, lengthwise. The lighter-weight paper should fit over the cardstock paper with a little margin on both sides. Don't join yet; work on one paper at a time to stamp (as errors could be made).

#5. Picking up the lighter-weight paper, stamp a design on the top outer fold.

#6. Picking up the cardstock, stamp a design on the inside lower fold.

If both of these were successful, you can continue on to #7. If not, recut and stamp one or the other if needed.

#7. Fold cardstock on fold again and lay aside. Open up the lighter-weight paper flat and smooth open. You need to do this because you will have to work quickly once you spray the 3M Photo Mount. (You should have a ventilated area such as outside or the garage to work in, yet be able to get to a table quickly to join the cards together).

#8. Walk outside or in a garage and spray the 3M Photo Mount (lightly) on the entire back of the lighter-weight paper. Lay it down (quickly) on a clean table, sprayed side up. Quickly put the cardstock fold on top of the lighter-weight paper fold (on the lower end). Smooth the backs of the card together. Quickly smooth down the top of the lighter-weight paper on top of the cardstock.

#9. If, for some chance, the lighter-weight paper looks uneven at the bottom of the cardstock, simply place the whole card on the paper cutter and trim off the bottom to catch both papers.

#10. With a very light hand, fill in stamps with colored pencils.