

Paper Butterflies

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I have been making butterfly cards for about five years now after experimenting to try and make something different. I sell them to help with church funds and they have proved to be very popular. They are simple to make and look really pretty.

Materials Required:

Colourful magazines.

Scissors.

P.V.A. Craft Adhesive.

Dark coloured cotton thread.

Dark felt tipped pen.

Rub down transfer lettering.

Ruler.

Card mount: SF03P.



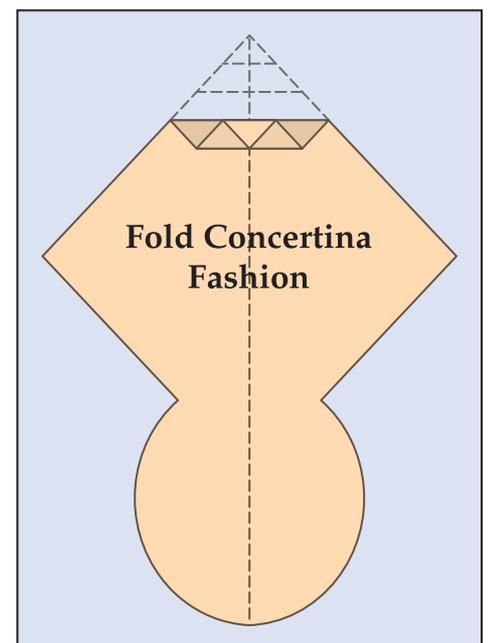
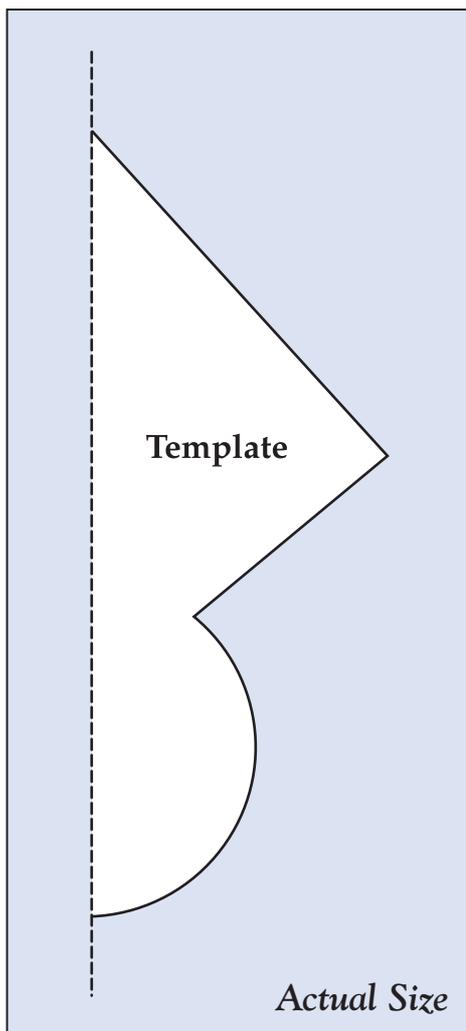
To Make The Card:

Choose a magazine with reasonable quality paper if possible, very thin paper does not work quite as well, and select a colourful picture. For this size butterfly the picture should be no smaller than 85mm x 110mm. Fold the picture in half lengthways.

Make a template from the diagram on the left and use this to cut out the shape for the butterfly from your folded picture. Place the straight edge of the template along the fold.

Unfold your picture, it will be shaped a bit like a keyhole. Starting at the pointed end, make folds of approximately 5mm concertina fashion, along the length of the butterfly, see the diagram on the right. The

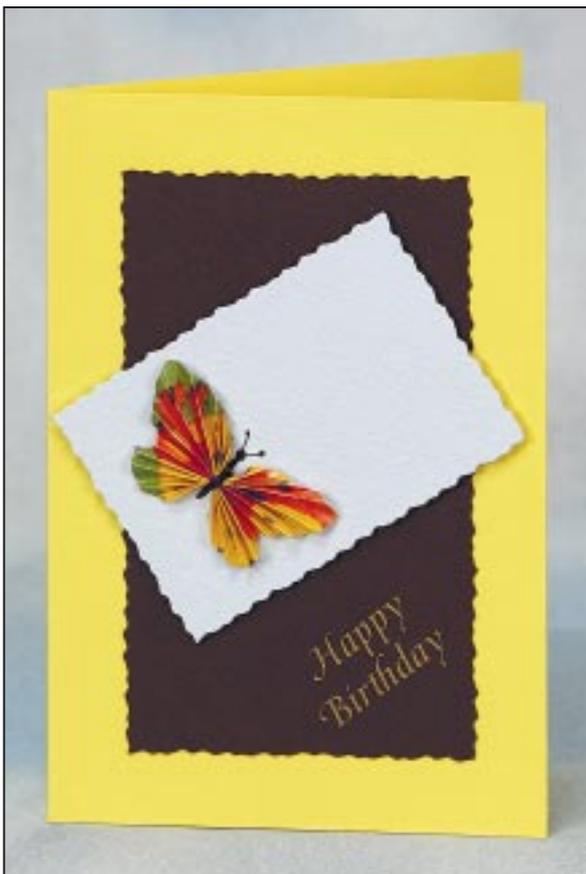
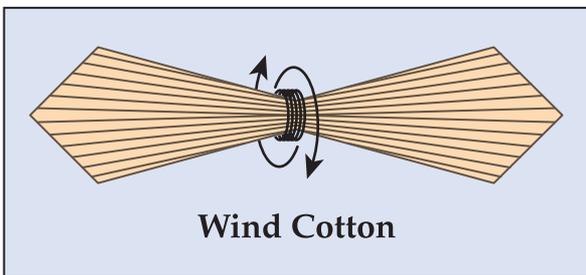
photograph on the next page shows the finished effect, were it to be unfolded.



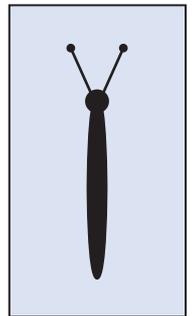


Keeping the paper folded, wrap the dark cotton round the centre, wind it round six to eight times to get a good thick band. Tie securely and cut off the ends of the cotton. Gently push open each side of the folded paper to make the butterfly. It is now ready to go on the card.

Place the butterfly on the greetings card, do not stick it at this stage, move it



about until you are happy with the position. Put a mark on the card either side of the centre band, take the butterfly off the card. Draw the butterfly's body onto the card with the felt tipped pen, see diagram for the shape.



Add the greeting to the card, I have used rub down transfers but there are many other ways of adding a greeting. Glue the butterfly and carefully stick it onto the 'body' drawn on the card.

Below Left: In this example I have used decorative panel cards to give a different look to the finished card.

Below: Try making a butterfly card with a photograph of your garden or a favourite plant in the aperture, this is very effective and can make a more personal card.



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