

Dad's Garden

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This design doesn't fit an envelope or box, as it has a lot of depth, but it makes a perfect accompaniment for a gardening present.

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

Creative Paper: SR002P Orange, SR005P Pale Green, SR071P Green Texture, SR138P Turquoise Gingham, SR228P Light Kraft, SR230P Dark Kraft.

Corrugated Card: COR01 Light Recycled.

Handmade Paper: HND11A4 x 2 Brown.

Flowers: FLW02-15 Tiny Rosebuds, FLW03-08 Small Rosebuds, FLW04-15 Medium Roses.

Gold Label Stickers: XL553U-01 Garden, XL758U-01 Letters, XL760U-01 Café, XL780U-18 Loopy Border.

Die-Cut Tag: SRT03P Green Meadow.

Ribbon: MTR20-71 Sand.

Paper Punch: PPW404 Ash Family.

Craft Knife and Scalloped Scissors.

Pencil and Ruler.

Sticky Fixers and Double Sided Tape.

P.V.A. Craft Adhesive and Silicone Glue.

Card Mount: DF06U-14 Dark Brown.



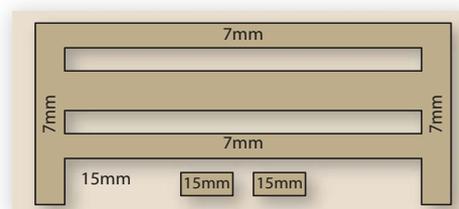
strip ends, turn the card over and add another frame to the back of this trellis too. Do the same to the other two apertures to finish the trellis work.

Cut the peel-off umbrella from the pole while it is still on the sheet. Stick the top part onto the gingham paper and trim to the sides of the umbrella leaving the bottom edge untrimmed.

Cut a frill along the bottom of the umbrella at about 5mm from the sticker edge using the scalloped scissors. Decorate with a blue loopy border and fold along the sticker lines to make a 3d shape. Apply a thin layer of P.V.A. glue along the side edges and stick onto the middle fence panel (photo on next page).

Stick the pole onto a scrap of paper and cut along the edges (leaving the base sticky). Stick this onto the card under the top of the umbrella using glue on the pole where it crosses the trellis only.

Cut a piece of corrugated card to 55 x 120mm for the bench. On the back, draw a line along each side at 7mm in from the edge and make the bench as shown. Cut the two front legs from one of the slots you previously cut out so the lines go up and down when they are fitted. Cut an oblong seat the same



TO MAKE THE CARD:

Cut a curved edge across the top of each panel on the card mount using the diagram for the shape. Cut an 8 x 8cm aperture from the centre of each panel.

Using a knife and ruler cut 5mm wide strips from the brown handmade paper. Stick a length of double sided tape around the outside edge of the first aperture. Using the grid from your craft mat to keep all the strips at the same angle, neatly stick the handmade paper strips across in a diagonal pattern to make the trellis effect. Repeat this on each panel.

Place a centre piece, cut from one of the apertures, onto the handmade paper and draw around it, mark a box 2cm out around this line to make a 10cm square. Cut along both lines to make a frame, then repeat five times to make six frames in all.

Apply double sided tape to the back of one frame and carefully stick over the first aperture, hiding the



width as the bench and 18mm deep. Use P.V.A. glue to stick the pieces together, then stick onto the panel in front of the parasol stand.

To make the bird table, cut a 12mm x 80mm strip of dark kraft paper and stick in place. Cut a 35mm square from dark kraft paper then cut a 20mm square from the centre to make a frame. Back this with a square of light kraft paper and add to the upright. Make the crossover top from 7mm x 50mm strips of paper cutting the ends at a slight angle.

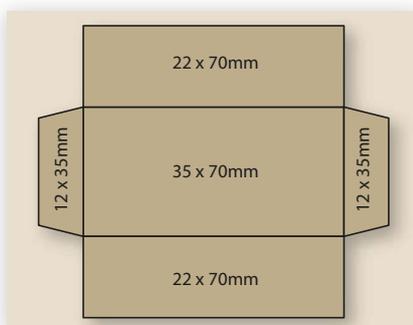
Cut a piece of orange paper 20 x 60mm and another to 10 x 60mm. Stick the narrower piece onto the larger with a sticky fixer in the middle and glue at each end. Attach onto the card using a sticky fixer in the middle and glue at the ends as before.

Punch out different sized leaf shapes from both of the green creative papers. Use your scissors or the pencil to gently curl each leaf then stick into place on the card with silicone glue using the photo to guide you. Try not to actually stick the leaves across the fold of the card.

Cut the stems from the flowers and buds close to the heads and use silicone to stick them amongst the leaves and in the box as shown.

Make a small envelope from light kraft paper using the diagram for size, fold and tape along the join and stick onto the edge of the 3rd trellis.

Stick a gold fork and trowel onto a scrap of black paper and cut out. Use silicone glue to attach a rose and the tools onto the seat of the bench.

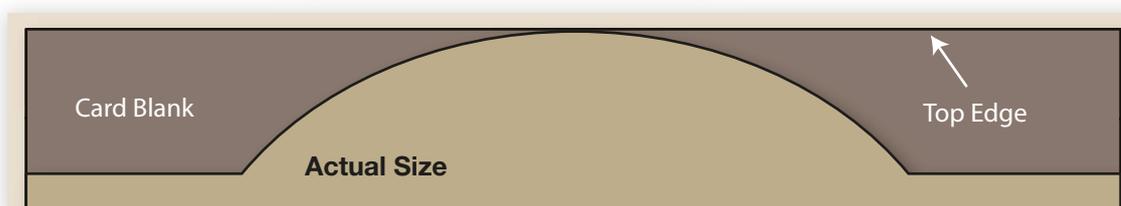


Cut three small circles or use a punch if you have one from the dark kraft paper. Stick onto the front of the envelope and add letters to spell DAD. Tie the ribbon onto a tag from the sheet, write your message onto it and slide it into the envelope.



VARIATION:

If you have to post your card, try this simpler version instead. I've covered the front of the card with dark kraft paper (SR230P). The flowerpots are cut from orange paper and I've used a die-cut banner (CDS039G) for the message.



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