

Facecard Friends

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Mess around with index cards to overcome the rigid style of work associated with office paper! Spark conversations with snazzy decorations, or share these as gifts!

You'll need the following:

1. Index card, ideally blank on at least one side
2. X-Acto blade or scissors
3. (optional) Watercolor paints with brush, cloth, cup of water

Follow these steps to create your own:

1. Fold the index card in half
2. Cut from the center to the middle of the folded edge
3. Fold those 2 triangles back and forth to make creases, then fold or push both triangles inside-out, forming the mouth
4. Cut from the middle of either triangle edge about a $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch
5. Fold these 4 new triangles to crease them, then fold or push all of those triangles outward, forming the eyelids

The face is now complete! Decorate it any way you would like, through additional paper cutting (creating hair shapes, adding glasses, or experimenting to find new cutting/folding techniques) or with watercolor paint. The subject can be as conceptual or as representative as you'd like. It can be human, animal, robot, alien, or mythical creature – anything you wish to make!

Take it digital:

Since the faces fold flat once done, it's easy to scan your final Facecard and share the skin pattern(s) online with other crafters. These could be browsed online in a central repository, user rated and viewed on a 3D model, ready to be printed and cut by anyone in the world.