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Easel Friendship Card

Age Level: ★

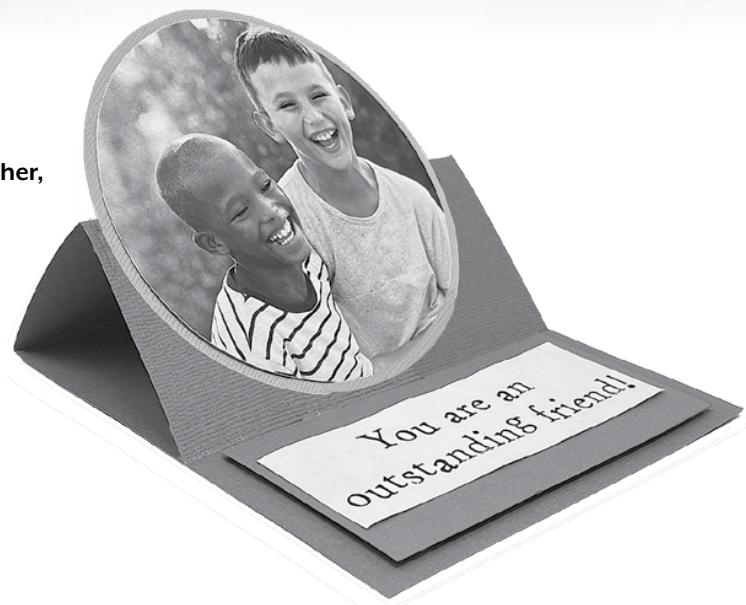
A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need. PROVERBS 17:17

What It's All About

Friends can always be kind, loving to one another, and stand up for each other. An easel stands up so people can see the artwork. Add a photo with your friend and give it as a gift to say thanks for being your friend.

What You Need

- ★ Easel Card Patterns (p. 26)
- ★ Paper Cutting Tools (see p. 8)
- ★ Scoring materials (see p. 9)
- ★ Coloring & Writing Instruments (see p. 8)
- ★ Colored cardstock
- ★ Pencils
- ★ Glue
- ★ Pop dots or foam dots



Preparation

Photocopy Easel Card Patterns, making one for every two or three children. You may want to laminate the patterns for durability (see Laminate It on p. 10).

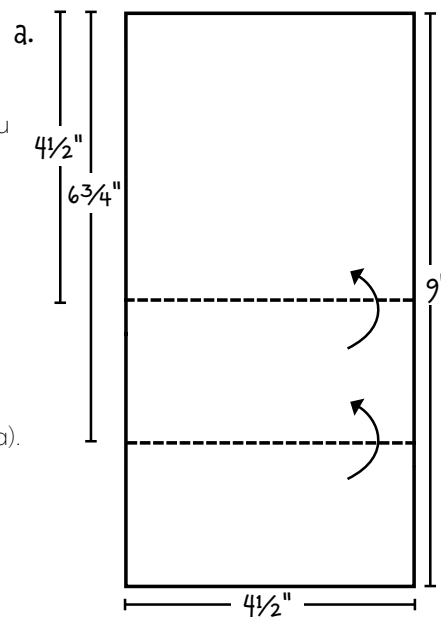
Cut the following, making one for each child, or children choose their cardstock and use scissors and rulers to cut for themselves:

- ★ One 4½x9-inch piece of cardstock

What Children Do

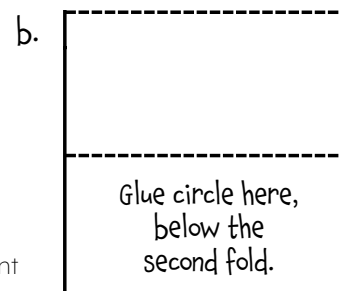
Making the Base and Stand

1. Score a fold line across the cardstock at 4½ inches and 6¾ inches (image a).
2. Fold both scores in the same direction (see arrows on image a).
3. The long, unfolded part of the card is the bottom of the card. Check that the folded sections form a triangle that stands up above the base (see image of finished card, at top right). This triangle is the easel or stand. It is also the front cover of your card.



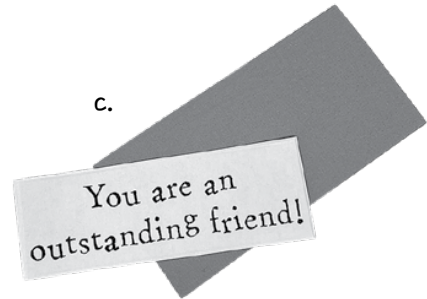
Adding a Shape to the Stand

4. Use Circle Pattern to trace and cut out a 4-inch circle from cardstock.
5. Decorate the circle with a message; or alternatively, stickers, photo, or drawing.
6. Lay card flat on table with the folded edge at the top (image b).
7. *It's important that you do not glue the entire back of the card down to the front!* If you do glue the entire circle, the card will not be able to form an easel.
8. Put double-stick tape or glue on the bottom half of the circle. Center circle on front of card so that only the portion of the cover beneath the second fold (image b).



Decorate the Easel's Base

9. Choose either an Oval Message Pattern or Rectangle Message Pattern. On a piece of cardstock, trace the pattern and cut a piece of cardstock.
10. Add a message to this cutout. Write something like "You are an outstanding friend" or "Thanks for such an outstanding gift."
Optional: Write your message on a separate sheet of paper, or type it on a computer and print out (image c). Trim the message to fit and glue to the message cutout you made from cardstock.
11. Use pop dots or foam dots to attach the cutout to the base of the card, in front of the triangle stand. Tucking the bottom edge of the triangle behind this piece helps the triangle stand upright.
12. You can write an additional message on the inside of the card, above the message cutout you attached in Step 11.
13. Untuck the bottom edge of the easel to close card. Now you can hand the card to your friend or place it in an envelope for mailing.



Easel Card Patterns

