

Duo Fold Aperture

What you will need to complete this project:

2 x A4 card cut to 14.8 x 29.7cm
14cm square of card
2 nesting circle dies – largest 10cm diameter
Embellishments to decorate
Backing paper if desired
Tacky glue

How to recreate this project:

With one of the pre-cut base cards in horizontal position measure & mark the following points both to & bottom; 14.8 & 22.2cm & very lightly score in these lines.

With the smallest of your circle dies face down on your work surface measure the diameter from edge to edge, knowing this measurement will help greatly in positioning the die to ensure both apertures meet up once the finished card is closed.

Now deduct this measurement from the 14.8cm figure - eg: the die I used measured 9.4cm edge to edge, ergo $14.8 - 9.4 = 5.4$ cm, then divide this figure in half = 2.7cm, which gives you the width of the border all around the die.

Calculate your border width in the same way as I have done above & then measure & mark that border out lightly on the half of your card with the central score line going through. Align your die carefully within this marked area & stick in place with repositionable tape so it won't move as it goes through your machine, cut out the aperture & then repeat on the other piece of card. Retain one of the die cut circles to use later.

Now fold & burnish along the lightly scored lines of both pieces of card, making sure the decorative edge of the die cut faces outermost on each. Flip one of the cards upside down & slide into position within the other – at this point you will realise that you need to cut a TINY slither off the edge of the inside card (where it meets the fold of the other) so they lines up snugly, & then adhere the two together using Tacky glue.

I used the same card throughout the sample pictured above but you could now use a different colour, or even decorated piece of card for this next stage if you prefer. It needs to be 14cm square & you need to measure the larger of your two dies in the same way as before – face down, & then deduct this measurement from 14cm - e.g. the die I used measured 10.4cm edge to edge, subtract that from 14 = 3.6cm, divide this by 2 = 1.8cm.

Measure your own die & then subtract this from 14 & divide that by two, which gives you your border measurement to help position your die exactly in the centre of the square of card which we are going to use as the layer for the front flaps.



Once you have taped the die into position run it through your machine, remove the die cut but keep it to hand as we need it later. Now cut the square of card exactly through the centre giving you two identical pieces to adhere to the flaps of the card. Close the flaps of the card & using 3D pads, line up each panel onto the front of the flaps so they touch in the centre & the semicircular cut outs are equally spaced around the aperture in the flaps.

Use the larger & smaller circles you have left over to decorate the inside back of the card, being careful to align them so the smaller one is lined up with the aperture when the flaps are closed.

Decorate as desired.