

Staggered Flip Card

What you will need to recreate this project:

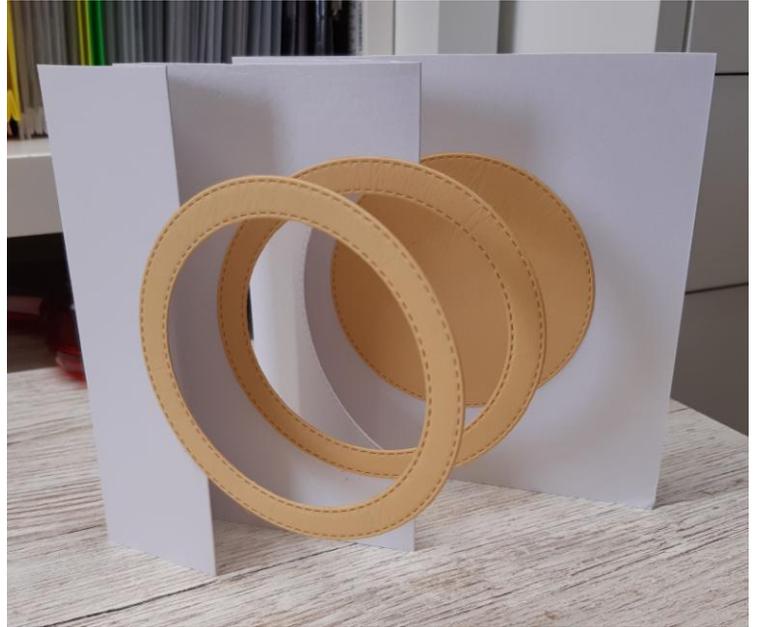
A3 Card (29.7 x 42cm)

Contrasting card

Copier paper measuring 14.8cm square

Three nesting dies - but we only use the largest & smallest

Die cutting machine



Step by step:

The first thing we need to do is to cut the A3 card in half to form two long pieces, both measuring 42 x 14.8cm, though you only need one of these pieces to make this card so put the other aside for a future project.

If you have an A3 cutting mat use the markings on that to position your score lines, unless you have a ruler twice the length of a normal one. The score lines are positioned at 14.8; 23.7; 32.6 & 37.1cm & then folded in concertina fashion so that the smallest panel ends up on the front & facing the score line, as opposed to the open edge of the card.

The second thing we need to do is to make a paper template to ensure that we position the die centrally on the card, regardless of the staggered steps. So pick out the smallest from your three nesting dies & measure that from the outermost edge to the outermost edge, regardless of where the cutting line is, & jot down that size in the centre of your scrap of 14.8cm square copier paper so it is handy.

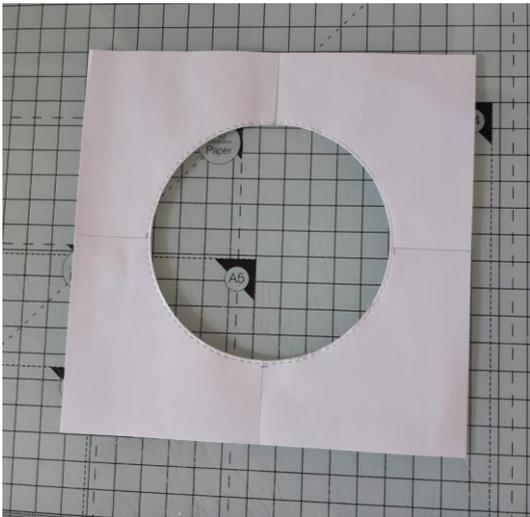
Now you need to subtract that measurement from the size of the paper, for example the die I used in the sample was 9cm edge to edge, so I subtracted 9 from 14.8 leaving 5.8cm & then divide this in half to give you the border you need to create on your paper template, so in this case that would be 2.9cm & jot your figure down again in the centre of the paper.

Before transferring these measurements onto the paper in order to create the template we need to make two lines on that paper, down the centre & across the centre, you can either mark these centre lines in with a pencil & ruler or simply fold the paper in half both ways to create them.

Then with pencil & ruler mark out from the position where the lines cross your border measurement, in my case 2.9cm & make a little mark, do this from the centre on each of the four radiating lines.

Now if you sit your die onto the paper you will see that it is perfectly positioned between the marks so you can go ahead & pass it through your machine to create the template.

Here is the one that I created:



Now it is very easy to cut out the partial circles you will need to create your staggered flip card, simply with the card ready folded, position your template centrally on the front & draw in the circle.

This will give you the position of your die on both staggered steps, as well as a place to stick a full circle on the inner back of the card, which you will need to do in order to help position the two frames.

Finally cut two frames from the contrasting card using the largest & smallest of your three nesting dies, set aside one inner circle as we don't need it but adhere the second into position on the inside back of the card using your partial circle pencil line as a guide.

Now you can use both the cut partial circles on the staggered steps as well as the full contrast circle to align your frames perfectly. Now all that is left to do is to store your paper template somewhere safe, to use whenever you want to position that die centrally on a project in the future, & to decorate your card.

