

# Basic Easel Card Tutorial

## Supplies Needed:

- Stampin' Trimmer with cutting and scoring blade
- Bone Folder
- Double-Sided Sticky Tape

## Instructions to Make an A2 (5 1/2" x 4 1/4") Card

- Cut card base to 5 1/2" x 8 1/2".



- Cut a second piece of card stock (which will be the card front) to 4 1/4" x 5 1/2".



- Position the long side (8 1/2") of card base horizontally in your Paper Trimmer or Scoring Tool (as shown here) and score at 2 1/8" and 4 1/4".

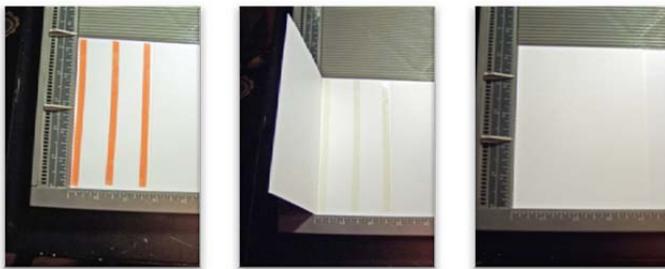


- Within the top 2 1/8" portion of the card, attach Double-Sided Sticky Tape close to the edges but not overlapping. Here I applied tape to the top, middle and bottom of the 2 1/8" section to ensure a firm hold.

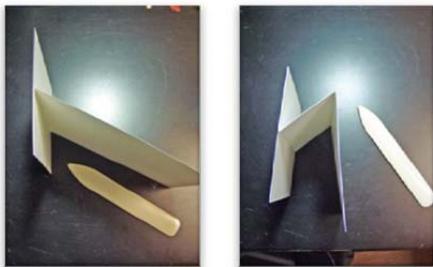


- Next, you're going to attach the card front to the base. I find an easy way to do this is to use your Scoring Tool which will give you a top and side edge to work against. Attach your card base snugly against the top and side. Remove the Sticky Tape and hold it firmly with one hand while taking the card front and placing it snugly against the top and side and press firmly down. Viola, you should have a perfectly aligned card.

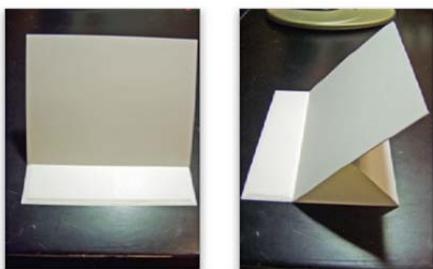
If you don't have a Scoring Tool, remove the red covering from the Double-Sided Sticky Tape and carefully line the top of the 4 1/4" x 5 1/2" piece with the top of the 2 1/8" flap. **Note:** It may be easier for you to line the pieces up if you turn back just a corner of the Sticky Strip at the top edge which will allow you to line the two edges up exactly. Once you have them lined up, attach the corner and continue to line up across the top as you remove the remainder of the covering. Now the piece will remain perfectly in place while you remove the covering from the remaining strips.



- Now that the card front is attached, fold the 2 1/8" score into a valley fold\* and the 4 1/4" score into a mountain fold\* and burnish with a bone folder. \*If you're not sure what this means, see the Glossary also found on the Hints, Tips & Tutorials page of my blog.



- You will need to place "something" on the inside, bottom third of the card to keep the easel from closing; this can be layered mats (as shown in the template), punches on dimensionals or embellishments. This is how your card should look:



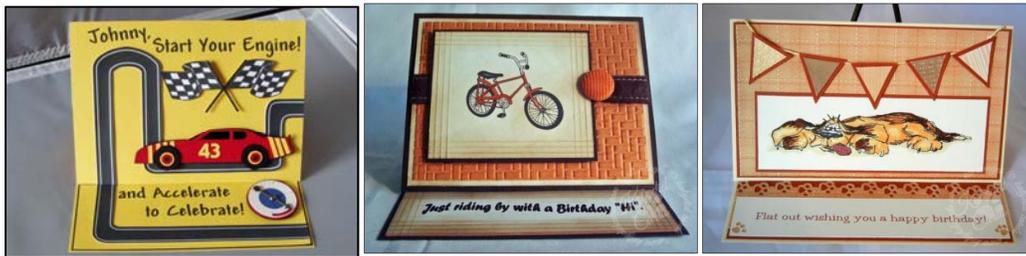
- Decorate your card as desired.

The size and shape of your easel card can be easily changed to accommodate the stamp(s) you intend to use.

The one rule is that the base of the card (with the two scores) should measure two times the height of the card front. Here are a few examples:

- For a 4 1/4" x 5 1/2" portrait orientation; cut base to 4 1/4" x 11" and score at 5 1/2" and 2 3/4". Cut front piece at 4 1/4" x 5 1/2".
- For a 4 1/4" square; cut base to 4 1/4" x 8 1/2" and score at 2 1/8" and 4 1/4"

Experiment for yourself to see what designs you can create. Projects provided in this class will give you additional inspiration. Future classes will explore additional easel techniques. Here are a few easel cards I made to give you a jumping off point.



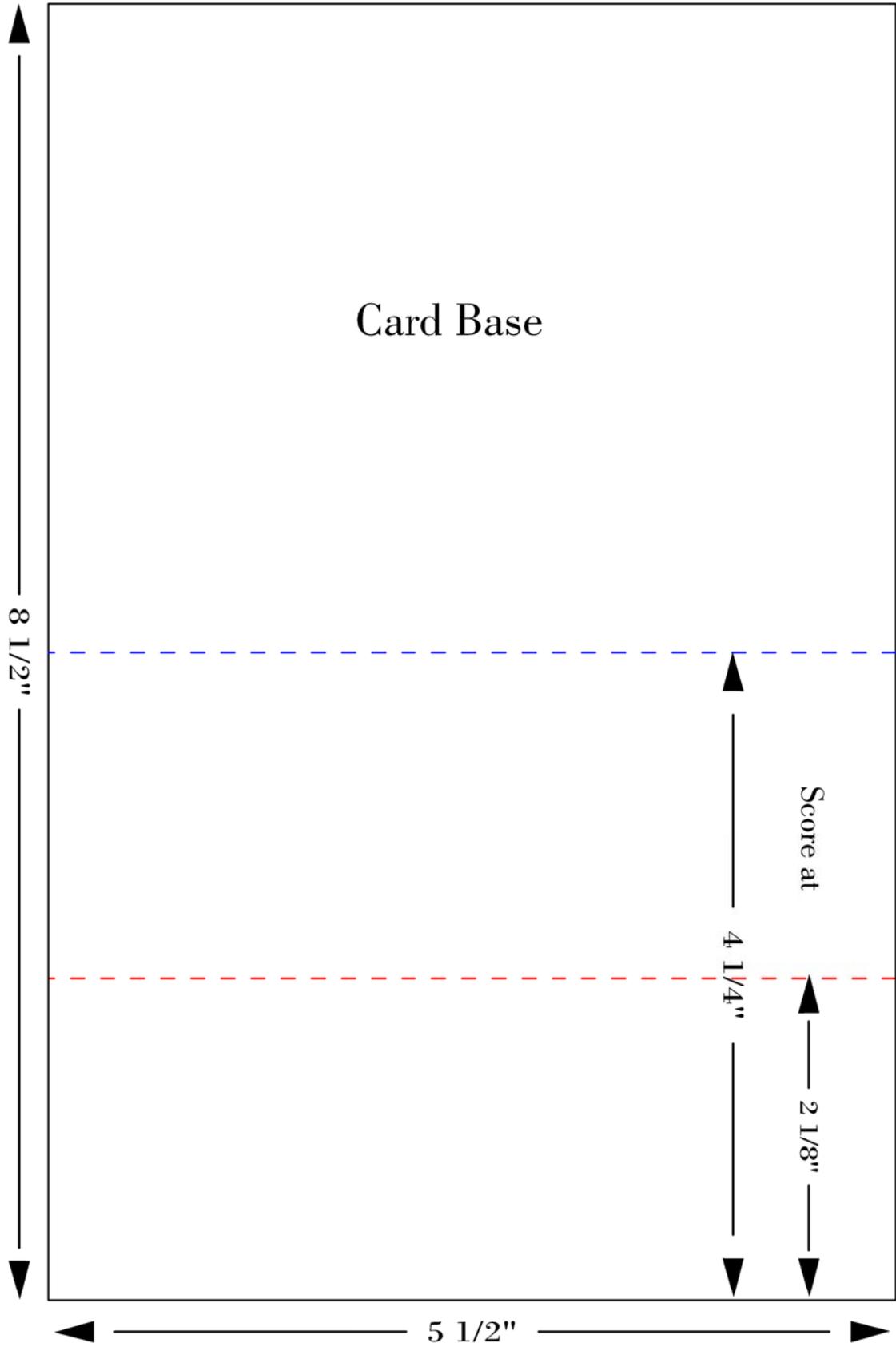
Once you're comfortable with the basic easel, come back and look for tutorials for other variations of the easel card.

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# Easel Card Template 1



# Easel Card Template 2

