

## Shakers 101

Shaker cards are fun and easy to make, but here are a few tips to help you avoid making a few common mistakes.

1. Be sure to use a strong adhesive to attach your window sheet as you don't want to lose the contents of your shaker through a gap. In order of my personal preference, I suggest Crystal Effects, Tombow Multi-Purpose Glue or Multi-Medium Adhesive
2. When using Crystal Effects or Tombow Multi-Purpose Glue be sure to allow it to dry thoroughly before moving to the next step
3. When applying the Shaker Frame or Mounting Tape, make sure you leave no gaps through which can lose your shaker contents.
4. When using Mounting Tape, it is much more flexible if you remove the protective covering before you place it on your frame...just be careful not to "stick" it to something accidentally
5. Use an [Embossing Magic](#) or [EK Success Powder](#) to reduce the stickiness on the inside of your mounting foam to keep the shaker contents from sticking.
6. When placing your shaker contents, make sure you flatten it and keep it well away from the edges as you place your shaker top frame.
7. If you need more depth in your shaker for contents, add another layer of mounting tape BUT make sure it is perfectly aligned on the shaker side otherwise your shaker contents will stick on the exposed adhesive. Another alternative is to make a spacer by cutting cardstock in rings (or whatever shape) the size of your shaker and layering them one on top of the other; about four should be the depth of one layer of mounting tape.
8. Keep your image in mind when decided what and how much to put in your shaker. You don't want to have so much in your shaker that you can't see the image. You also want to make sure your shaker contents will actually shake...less is more.
9. Be creative when filling your shaker, the possibilities are endless.

Here's one example of the layers to use when creating a shaker. Of course, this recipe would differ from situation to situation. For example, you may punch or die cut a aperture in the actual image to create a shaker or, as with one of the cards in this kit, you may have a double sided shaker which would require a window sheet on both sides of the shaker.



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