

Self Mailing Valentine



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INSTRUCTIONS for making a 6.25" x 4.25" Self Mailing Card

Materials needed:

File Pg 1: Instructions

File Pg 2: Template

File Pg 3: Messages

Other materials needed:

glue stick

double-stick tape

decorative paper (gift wrap works!)

paints, stickers, glitter, etc. (optional)



Closed Card



Top Flap Opened



Fully Opened Card

Tools:

1/2" heart-shaped hole punch (optional)

Metal ruler Pencil

Craft knife and/or scissors

Bone folder

1. Print 3-page file. Instructions and Messages print on white bond. Template prints on colored card stock
2. Using bone folder and ruler, crease dotted lines and cut card stock according to template. Solid lines = cut; Dotted lines = crease/fold.
3. Glue decorative paper to OUTSIDE of rectangular end flap. (See *Tips* below.)

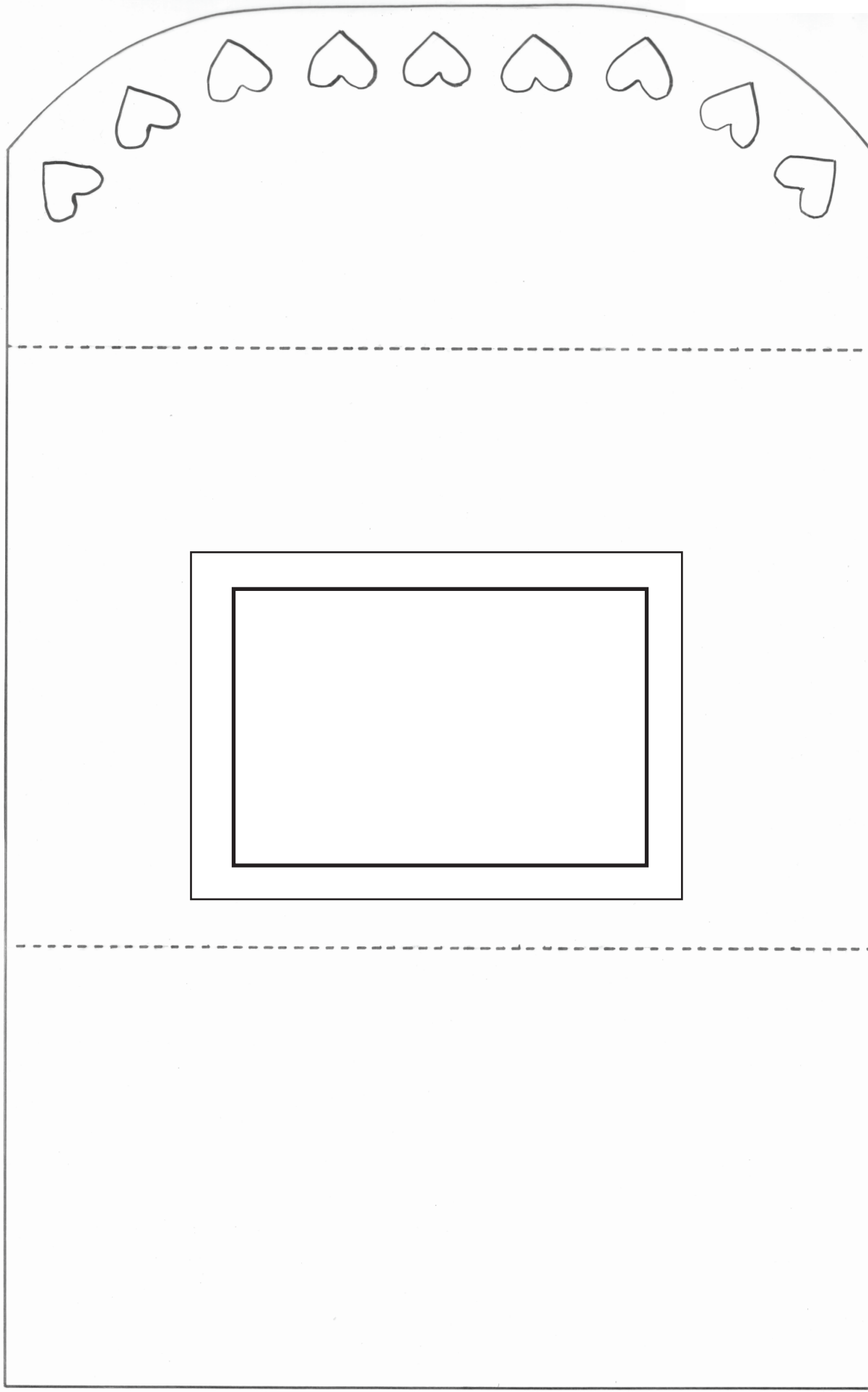
Tips for Applying Decorative Paper

- a. Apply glue stick to area of card stock you wish to cover, not to the decorative paper.
- b. Position decorative paper on glued area so the edge of the sheet aligns with the folded edge of your card. Smooth into position. Press and dry under weights.
- c. When dry, trim away excess decorative paper using a craft knife. Use a SHARP blade. Guide the knife around curves by laying it against the card stock edge. Use the metal ruler to guide your knife along straight edges.

4. Glue decorative paper to INSIDE of curved end flap. (See *Tips* above.)
5. Punch heart-shaped holes in curved end flap as shown on template.
NOTE: Punch Alternative: If you don't have a punch, hand cut the hearts with a craft knife. OR color them with paints, pens, colored pencils, glitter, etc.
6. Glue heart-shaped punch outs evenly around outer edge of curved end flap. See photographs above.
NOTE: Alternative: Paint edge OR glue on lace, rickrack, etc. OR hand cut hearts and glue onto edge.
7. Cut out one of the four message blocks. Embellish with stickers or glitter if desired.
8. Using the template for size, cut a piece of decorative paper larger than your message block. Center and glue message block onto decorative paper.
9. Before adhering message assembly to card, open Valentine so inside is exposed. Fold bottom flap up and pencil mark where it falls over the center panel. Open and glue message assembly to the center panel BELOW your pencil mark so the greeting is not revealed until the flap is opened.
10. With Valentine fully open, glue a strip of decorative paper along the bottom edge of the INSIDE of the rectangular flap. (see *Tips* above.)
11. Write a personal message inside the rectangular flap. Close with curved flap on top. Seal with double stick tape. (Seal with glue if you intend to use U.S. Postal Service.) Address, add correct postage, and mail!

Print out or copy the Template onto card stock of your choice to create more Self Mailing cards.

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Messages to cut out and paste inside your self-mailing Valentine

Hugs & Kisses
to the one
my heart misses.

I'm sweet
on you,
Sweetie Pie

Love me,
Love my dog

You are always
on my mind,
forever
in my heart!