

## 3D Decoupage Christmas Snowmen Kit

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**Your Kit Includes:** Cards, Envelopes, Decoupage Sheets, 3D Foam Pads, Backing Papers and Full Instructions.

To complete the cards as shown you will need a pair of scissors and some adhesive.

## How to Make Your Cards

Start by cutting out one of the decoupage prints using a craft knife and ruler or paper trimmer, this will form the base of your picture.

Place the images onto your chosen paper colour. Choose a size to cut the paper panel, this can be a comfortable size to mount the image, smaller or much larger than the image, it's entirely up to you. Stick the panels onto your chosen backing paper using double sided tape. Cut around the panels leaving whatever border width appeals to you. There is no need to follow the examples exactly, there is plenty of paper so that you can experiment with your own combinations and border widths.

Arrange the papers on the card until you are happy with the layout. Then stick them to in place using double sided tape.

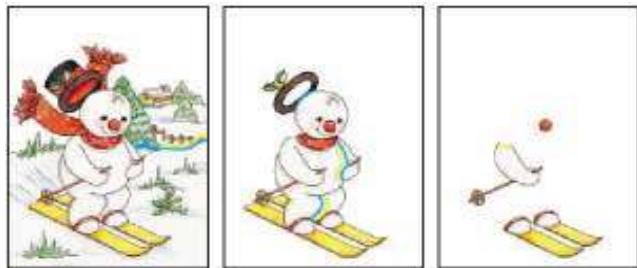
Cut out each part of the design as shown in the cutting guide. If this is your first decoupage project you will probably find it easier to use scissors. Craft knives are more accurate once you have mastered the basic technique. Some general cutting advice is included.

**Cutting** - Draw bridges between delicate pieces that may be damaged during cutting, removing them just before you use the piece. Very fine hues, such as stems, may be widened by coloured pencils (not felt tips), to make them easier to cut. If using scissors pierce the piece first from above and cut it out from below. As you cut the outer edge consider adding special effects such as feathering and serration to gain better effect. As you cut, try and bevel the outer edge by slamming scissors or blades under the print, this will help to hide any harsh white edges. Any visible edges should be concealed using a soft lead pencil or coloured pencil. Cutting can be done with small scissors or a craft knife and cutting board.

**Shaping** - Extra depth can be given to your design by shaping the pieces as they are applied e.g. shaping the curves of a sail, the petals of a flower. This is done by cutting out the entire piece and placing it face down on a shaping mat then rubbing it gently with a shaping tool. A bone folder makes an excellent shaping tool but you can use the back of a tea spoon. You can also shape the pieces by manipulating them with your fingers.

Another technique that can be used to add more detail is feathering, mainly used for feathers and hair, the piece is cut out and then a series of small cuts are made into the piece at the appropriate angles. A further shaping technique is slicing whereby larger cuts than feathering are made and each cut section can then be shaped individually e.g. flight feathers of a large bird, scales of a fish.

Mount each cut out onto the card using the 3D foam pads. Tweezers are very helpful for positioning smaller pieces.



Please feel free to use this project for making hand made cards to sell. If you wish to reproduce this project in any format feel free to do so but please include the bottom paragraph.

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