

SLIDER PUZZLE CARD

Cut:

1 puzzle base of decorated paper, **5" x 3 3/4"**. Cut in half longwise at **1 7/8"**. Re-assemble the two pieces to match pattern horizontally. Cut the top half at 3" from left edge, leaving a 2" piece. Cut the bottom half at 2", leaving a 3" piece. Reassemble the pattern and set aside.



Cut:

1 blue base, **4 1/4" x 9 1/2"**, scored on long edge at 1", 2", 7 1/2", and 8 1/2" (or flip to score at 1" and 2" on each end).

Fold inner two score lines as valleys (as for a gate-fold card), and the outer two score lines back to card edge forming a z-fold (as shown). Burnish the folds. Set aside.

Cut:

Small blue panels for the puzzle pieces from other half of cardstock, (2) 2-1/8" x 2 1/4", and (2) 2 1/8" x 3 1/4".

Mount the patterned pieces on blue panels, leaving an even border around each one. (Smaller blue backings are *almost* square so watch even border for correct placement.)

Place a non-stick sheet inside the car to protect from oozing glue. Arrange mounted panels to one side as they will appear on the card before starting to glue. Then, close card and apply glue to both front edge flaps (outer 1"). Working quickly and maintaining the pattern, attach each of the four panels onto the glued edge and adjust them into place so that the "puzzle pieces" align perfectly when the card is closed. Hold in place for a few seconds to set glue. Turn card over and press firmly.



Cut "Happy Birthday" greeting along marked cut lines. Glue to larger piece of black paper and trim with so that a 1/8" black border is left. Attach to inside of card.



Adapted by Susan Wickes from: [Puzzle Slider Cards - April Crafternoon Fun Fold Class: Suestampfield Creative Escape - YouTube](#)

ROLL AN ABSTRACT!



In a clean small tray with a shallow gutter around the inner edge, attach paper approximately 5 1/2" x 4 1/4" or slightly larger with removeable tape. Pour a small amount (about 1/2 tsp.) of black ink into one corner of the tray. Drop a small marble into the ink – or you can use two at a time -- and roll it around to ink it. Roll the inked marble across the paper. As it runs out of ink, return it to the corner to re-ink. (You may need to add more ink as you go.) Move the tray to guide the marble to where you want your lines. Moving the tray in circles makes curved lines. Watch the spaces you are making so they don't get too small to paint.

When the ink is dry, use watercolors to fill in some of the spaces you've created. Leave plenty of white and be sure to use the color of your card base in your color palette. Sumi and most other black inks are not waterproof so avoid getting the lines wet.



Trim the painted and dry panel to exactly 5" x 3 3/4". Often an edge gets messy from the inking process [see top edge above]. I use a cut-out viewing "window" to mark where I want to trim to remove the unwanted area.

The panel is now ready to make the puzzle card.