

Handmade Envelopes

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Materials:

- Paper of own choice - which can be pre-painted if desired
- Corner punch
- Scissors
- Glue
- Matisse Derivan products of choice to enhance
- Misc ribbons and embellishments

Folding:

1. This is taken from a full 12"x12" piece of scrapbooking paper, however you could use a rectangular scrap if you like.
2. Creating the flap areas - fold the paper over, not the full width of the desired envelope, but approximately just over half way, as shown.
3. Fold the other side of the paper back over, leaving the width of the envelope. The area shown white is the width of the envelope.
4. If your piece is not the correct size, fold the top back so that the two flaps overlap each other enough to glue.
5. Unfold and trim off the excess using the fold line as a guide..



6. Refold, and depending on how long you want your envelope, cut off, allowing for the top and bottom flap areas as well.



7. Fold up the top and bottom flap areas.



8. Unfold the top and bottom flaps, and using the corner punch, make each corner rounded.



9. When you open it, it should look like this.



10. Using your sharp scissors, cut away the rectangles from each corner, using the fold marks as a guide.



11. If you would like to make rounded corners for the inside flaps, simply fold the top and bottom flaps in, and use your corner punch.



12. Fold and glue, making sure to add any embellishments/ribbon prior to gluing if they need to be included under the flap.



13. Alternatively, you can fold it this way to create a differently styled envelope.



14. Use the offcuts to make matching envelopes of different sizes.

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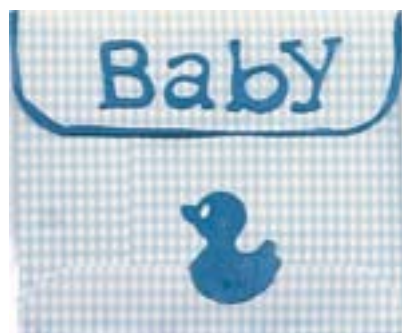
Finishing Touches:

1. Embellish with items of choice, or by using paints and inks from Matisse Derivan's range to create unique effects that you can't buy. For ideas, please visit <http://www.matisse.com.au/pages/craft.htm#craftideas>

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