

Funky Diagonal Fun Fold Card

A layered autumn card with a dramatic diagonal bridge and accordion-style base



FINISHED SIZE

5 1/2" x 4 1/4"
14.0 x 10.8 cm

FEATURED PAPER

Sunflower Fields
Designer Series Paper

CARD STYLE

Accordion base with
diagonal bridge

Project overview

Two Pecan Pie card bases work together to create this eye-catching fun fold. Base #1 forms the accordion structure, while Base #2 is trimmed into the diagonal arm that anchors the front and back of the card.

Supplies

Cardstock& paper

- ☐ Pecan Pie cardstock
- ☐ Cajun Craze cardstock
- ☐ Very Vanilla cardstock
- ☐ Sunflower Fields Designer Series Paper (168351)

Stamps, punch & ink

- ☐ Simply Leaves Punch and coordinating leaf stamps
- ☐ Pecan Pie Classic Stampin' Pad
- ☐ Cajun Craze Classic Stampin' Pad
- ☐ Crushed Curry Classic Stampin' Pad

Ribbon & adhesive

- ☐ Mossy Meadow & Very Vanilla Gingham Ribbon
- ☐ Multipurpose Liquid Glue
- ☐ Mini Glue Dots

Tools

- ☐ Paper Trimmer
- ☐ Scoring tool and bone folder
- ☐ Ruler and erasable pen or pencil
- ☐ Paper Snips
- ☐ Silicone Craft Sheet
- ☐ Take Your Pick Tool

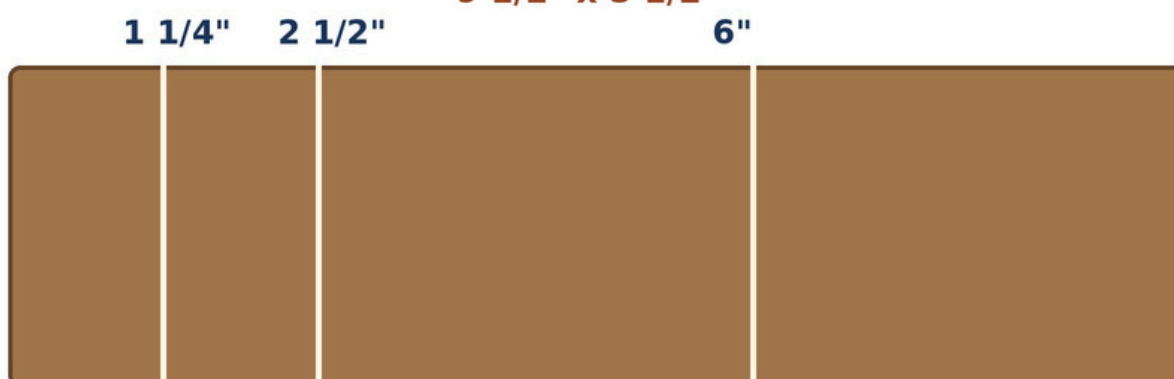
Cutting & scoring measurements

Item	Imperial	Metric	Notes
Base #1 - Pecan Pie	9 1/2" x 5 1/2"	24.1 x 14.0 cm	Score at 1 1/4", 2 1/2" and 6" / 3.2, 6.4 and 15.2 cm
Base #2 - Pecan Pie			Score at 4 1/4" / 10.8 cm on the long side
Cajun Craze panels - cut 2	8 1/2" x 5 1/2"	21.6 x 14.0 cm	Front/back mats
Sunflower DSP panel	5 1/4" x 3 1/4"	13.3 x 8.3 cm	Large front panel
Very Vanilla panel	5" x 3"	12.7 x 7.6 cm	Back writing panel
Cajun Craze front strip	5" x 3"	12.7 x 7.6 cm	Front step mat
Cajun Craze plaid DSP strip	1" x 5 1/4"	2.5 x 13.3 cm	Front step layer
Cajun Craze diagonal mat	3/4" x 5"	1.9 x 12.7 cm	Trim ends to match diagonal arm
White grid DSP strip	1 1/8" x 7"	2.9 x 17.8 cm	Trim ends to match diagonal mat
Very Vanilla greeting strip	7/8" x 6 1/2"	2.2 x 16.5 cm	Front greeting
Embellishments	1/2" x 3 1/2"	1.3 x 8.9 cm	Cajun Craze, Crushed Curry and DSP; plus one small gingham bow
	3 punched leaves	-	

Cutting & Scoring diagrams

BASE #1 - PECAN PIE

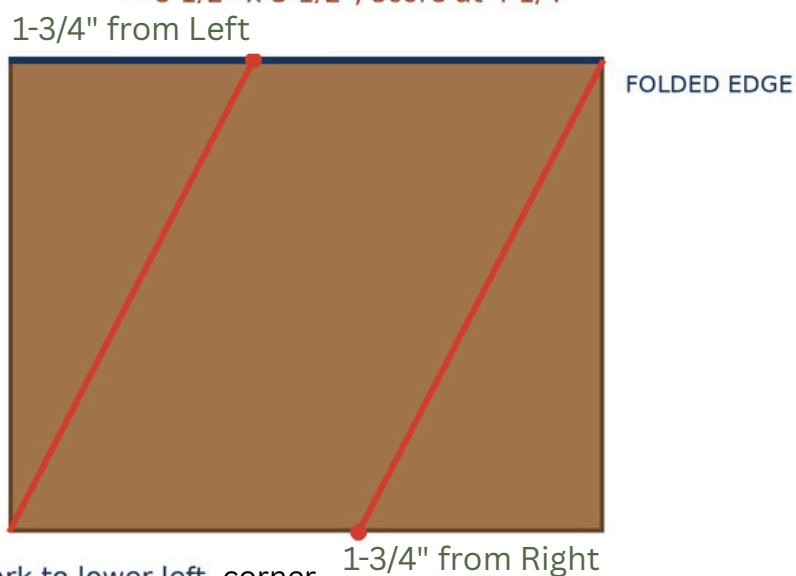
9 1/2" x 5 1/2"



Score at 1 1/4", 2 1/2" and 6". Fold mountain - valley - mountain.

BASE #2 - DIAGONAL ARM

8 1/2" x 5 1/2"; score at 4 1/4"



CUT 1: Top mark to lower-left corner
CUT 2: Bottom mark to upper-right corner. keep the fold intact.

Important envelope check: Before gluing the diagonal arm, dry-fit the card and confirm that the finished height does not exceed 4 1/4" (10.8 cm) and the width does not exceed 5 1/2" (14.0 cm).

Assembly instructions

1

Prepare Base #1

Score the 9 1/2" x 5 1/2" Pecan Pie piece at 1 1/4", 2 1/2" and 6". Fold the score lines mountain, valley, mountain. Burnish firmly with a bone folder.

2

Prepare Base #2

Score the 8 1/2" x 5 1/2" Pecan Pie piece at 4 1/4" and fold it in half. Place the folded edge at the top.

3

Cut the diagonal arm

On the folded Base #2, mark 1 3/4" (4.4 cm) from the top-left corner and 1 3/4" (4.4 cm) from the bottom-right corner. Cut from the top mark to the lower-left corner. Cut from the bottom mark to the upper-right corner. The centre fold must remain intact.

4

Layer the accordion base

Adhere the 5" x 3" sunflower DSP to one 5 1/4" x 3 1/4" Cajun Craze panel, then attach it to the large back section of Base #1. Adhere the 3/4" x 5" plaid DSP strip to the 1" x 5 1/4" Cajun Craze strip and attach it to the narrow front step.

5

Trim the diagonal layers

Lay the 1 1/8" x 7" Cajun Craze strip over the diagonal arm, leaving about a 1/8" border. Use the arm as a template to trim one angled end, slide the strip into final position, then trim the opposite end. Repeat with the 7/8" x 6 1/2" white grid DSP strip over the Cajun Craze mat.

6

Decorate the arm

Glue the grid DSP to the Cajun Craze diagonal mat, then glue the layered piece to the Pecan Pie diagonal arm. Keep the fold at the top.

7

Attach the diagonal arm

Dry-fit the arm across the card. Align the lower point with the bottom-left corner of the front step and check the finished envelope size. Apply glue only where the arm touches the front and back sections. Secure the front end first, then the back end, and confirm that the card opens freely.

8

Add the front greeting

Stamp "Thinking of you often" in Pecan Pie ink on the 1/2" x 3 1/2" Very Vanilla strip. Tuck the strip beneath the diagonal arm and align it neatly on the plaid front panel.

9

Create the leaf cluster

Punch three leaves: one Cajun Craze, one Crushed Curry and one from DSP. Stamp the leaf veins tone-on-tone; stamp the DSP leaf in Pecan Pie. Gently crumple each leaf to add natural texture, then glue the leaves together near their tops.

10 Finish the front

Attach the leaf cluster to the diagonal arm. Add a small Mossy Meadow and Very Vanilla gingham bow over the joined stems with a Mini Glue Dot.

11 Complete the back panel

Stamp a plaid leaf in Crushed Curry ink on the 5" x 3" Very Vanilla panel and add "A little something to say hello" in Cajun Craze ink. Adhere it to the remaining 5 1/4" x 3 1/4" Cajun Craze panel, then attach the finished panel to the back of the card, covering and reinforcing the rear attachment point of the diagonal arm.

12 Final check

Open and close the card several times. Add a Mini Glue Dot beneath any loose edge of the mechanism if needed. Avoid Dimensionals so the card stays as flat as possible for mailing.

Finished card views & helpful tips



Side view: the diagonal bridge links the front step to the back panel.



Back view: the writing panel hides and reinforces the rear attachment point.

Rose's tips

- ☐ Use an erasable pen or a light pencil mark for the 1 3/4" diagonal cutting points.
 - ☐ Cut from the cardstock edge toward the marked point with even pressure to help prevent the point from snagging in the trimmer.
 - ☐ Dry-fit the diagonal arm before applying glue. Small shifts in placement can affect whether the card fits a standard A2 envelope.
 - ☐ Liquid glue provides a little positioning time when aligning the diagonal layers.
 - ☐ Only glue the arm where it contacts the card base; gluing the full length would prevent the mechanism from opening.
- The writing panel may be placed on the back, as shown, or an additional panel can be added inside for a longer message.

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