

ADVANCED CARD CREATIONS

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Put your scrapbook supplies to good use in the creation of customized cards. I enjoy making cards that are three dimensional once they are removed from the envelope. Because they fold flat for mailing, you are able to save them in an envelope that attaches to your scrapbook page, making it possible for future generations to remove and display in their homes in the years to come.

I created a triangle tree Christmas card a few years back and I liked the design so well I decided to adapt it for a different theme...a graduation card. The trees become arrows that are pointing up, the hanging stickers are also arrows (pointing up) with a message written on the spiral that refers to growing up and moving up to bigger and better things.

GRADUATION CARD

1. Cut two matching triangles from black card stock. Cut a slit about halfway down from the top of one triangle and a second slit about half way up from the bottom of the second triangle (figure 1). Interlock the triangles together at the slits to form a three dimensional arrow that is pointing up.
2. Cut out four smaller white arrows, fold them in half and attach each one in the creases of the larger triangles.
3. Cut a spiral out of red paper and punch tiny holes where you want to hang arrow stickers. Cut out an x shape in the middle of the spiral to act as an aid in attaching it to the top of the triangle base. Write your message on the spiral leaving space around each hole for the dot sticker that will hold the hanging arrows in place.
4. Sandwich thread between pairs of matching sticker triangles and strips to create arrows. Poke the thread through a hole in the spiral and fasten it down with a dot sticker. Trim any excess thread once the desired length is achieved.
5. Drape the decorated spiral over the arrow base for a colorful and fun display (figure 2).

*the spiral can be removed and the arrows will fold flat in order to place them both into an envelope for mailing or to sit on your scrapbook page, inviting the reader to take it out and assemble it for an interactive scrapbook experience.

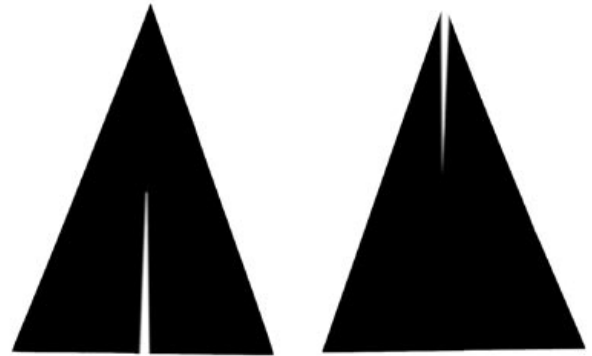


fig.1



fig.2

SUPPLIES

- Stickers: Mrs. Grossman's Paper Company
- Black pen: Sakura
- Red paper: Canson
- A 8 Envelope
- Black and white cardstock
- Thread



Green triangles form a tree from which a red spiral is suspended bearing my holiday greeting and dangling star stickers.