

Iris Folding Cactus:

Iris Folding is a craft technique that combines folded paper strips of different colors into a spiral pattern to create unique designs. There are several pattern books available to make designs for any occasion or scrapbook page theme. Iris folding is simple yet creates very intricate looking designs for cards and scrapbooks.

Materials Required:

Dark Green Rectangle Cards

Ivory colored card stock sheet

Iris Folding Papers (mixed greens IVP2032)

Scissors and ruler to cut paper strips

Light box (or if you have a glass table put a light underneath and you should be able to trace your design)

Holographic paper or ribbon

Hobby knife

Cutting mat

Cello-tape

Key Points:

- Iris Folding should be done using thin papers to ensure that the design does not become too bulky.
- Regular memory book paper is too thick. Papers to use should almost be as thin as wrapping paper.
- The Iris Folding Paper Packs available are great, as they have already combined six different coordinating designs of thin paper as well as two foil pages together
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Cactus:

1. Cut a 9.5 x 14 cm or 3 " x 5" rectangle out of ivory card stock.
2. Trace the outline of the cactus onto cream card stock and cut out the cactus with a hobby knife.
3. Pierce the 'grass' pattern from the back to the front using an Ornare piercing tool at the bottom of the cactus
4. Cut 2.5 cm or 1" paper strips from 4 different colors of green paper (IVP 2032) for the main part of the cactus and 4 colors (2 the same as the main cactus and 2 different) for the side arms of the cactus. The flower required a single piece of yellow paper.
5. Fold your paper strips in half (length-wise).
6. Place your cut out card on top of your pattern **front** side down.
7. Decide the order in which you wish to place your paper strips (i.e. what color will lie against another color.)
8. Starting at #1, take the colored paper strip you wish to begin with and place the folded edge along line #1 for the body of the cactus. Cut to size...leaving a small amount at each edge to overlap the card stock and tape in place using cello tape.
9. Take the second colored paper strip you wish to use and place the folded edge along line #2, cut to size and tape in place.
10. Continue in this manner until you have used one of each of the 4 colored paper strips.
11. The next colored paper strip will be the same as you used for #1, the following one will be the same as #2 etc.
12. Continue rotating the colored paper strips in the same manner until you have filled in all of the numbers.
13. Over the center hole place a fancy piece of foil or holographic paper to accent your design.
14. Repeat steps 8-13 for the two side arms of the cactus. In the example, the 2 side arms of the cactus use the same colored paper strips however they are arranged to mirror each other. ** Hint: When there is only a narrow piece of cardstock to attach the one end of the paper strip to, initially just tape the one end and then once there are several paper strips beside each other you may tape all of them down to the

narrow edge. You will need to trim the width of the paper strip to fit. Do not let tape show through any other parts of the design.

15. Turn your card over and admire your design!

16. Finish the card by attaching your folded design to a green card.