

Shaker card

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Supplies:

- Ink pads
- Markers (or coloring tools, as desired)
- 2 Complementary Sheets of Colored Cardstock
- White Cardstock
- Clear Transparency Sheet
- Stamps
- Trimmer
- Clear Micro Beads
- Embellishments
- Double-sided or Redline Tape
- Foam Tape
- Template

For my shaker card project I chose a triangle shape. You may choose any shape, just keep in mind you have to cut out the center and might want to start with a basic shape, square, rectangle or triangle. My triangle back measures 6" on all 3 sides, the slightly darker top triangle measures 5 1/2" on all 3 sides, the white background, behind the snowman is just a tiny bit smaller than 5 1/2", cut your transparency the same size as the white background. Once you have your 3 triangles cut, decorate them however you choose. I stamped different sized snowflakes on the top, darker blue triangle, I also embossed some of the snowflakes with sparkle embossing powder. I added a few punched out snowflakes and put some "bling" in their centers. For the snowman I used a Quickutz die, decorate however you would like, I also stamped and embossed some small snowflakes around the snowman. Next, center and tape the white triangle onto the larger 6" triangle, next put mounting tape along all 3 sides, making sure it is placed so it won't show from the outside of the card (ornament) and also make sure it won't show through the transparency window. A hint here would be dust the mounting tape with an embossing buddy on the 3 sides that will face into the snowman, this is so the micro beads won't stick to the mounting tape. Now mount your transparency onto the top decorated triangle, on the inside, not on top of the snowflake-decorated side. You are now ready to add the micro beads, just a 1/4 t or so, you don't want too many in there. Another tip, be very sure you have the mounting tape touching on every side, if there is even a teeny space, you will have beads everywhere, ask me how I know this?? I made a heart shaped shaker card and it was very hard to not have even a tiny space, I had red and black beads leaking out everywhere. At the top I added silver thread to hang as an ornament, this started out as a card, but was too big to fit in an A-2 or A-6 envelope. I would suggest if you have never made one of these to start with a simple square, maybe using a punch, its easier and quicker than using an exacto knife, safer too. There are also many die cuts that you can use to cut your shape, just remember about adding the mounting tape, when you choose a template.

