

Turning Photographs into Cards

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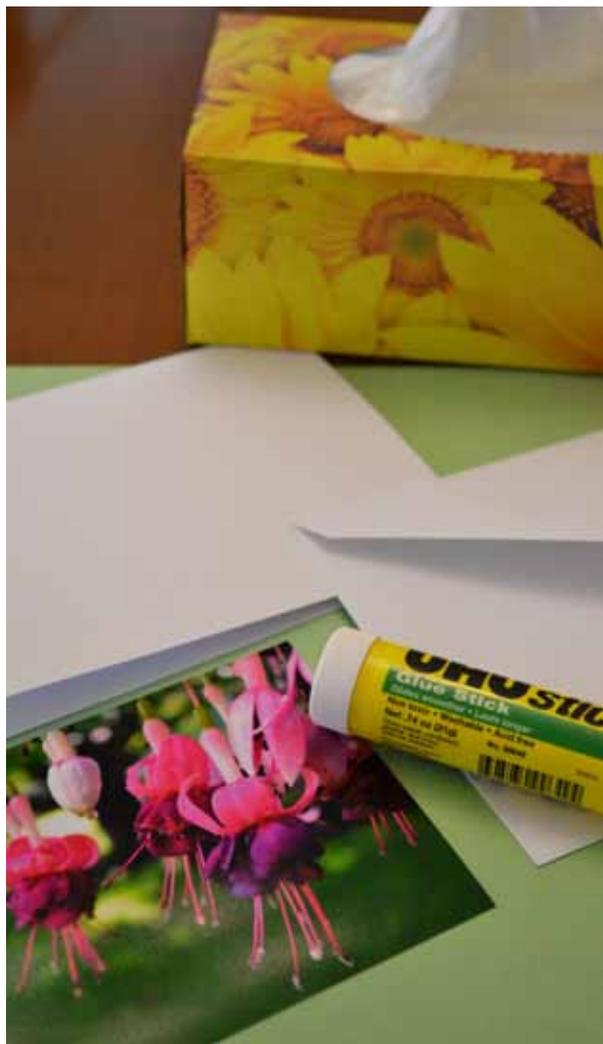
It's easy to turn your photographs into greeting cards.

Whether your subject matter is beautiful flowers from your yard, scenic vignettes from your travels or cute snapshots of pets, your photos can become useful and attractive cards.

Bundle your photo cards into sets for gift giving.

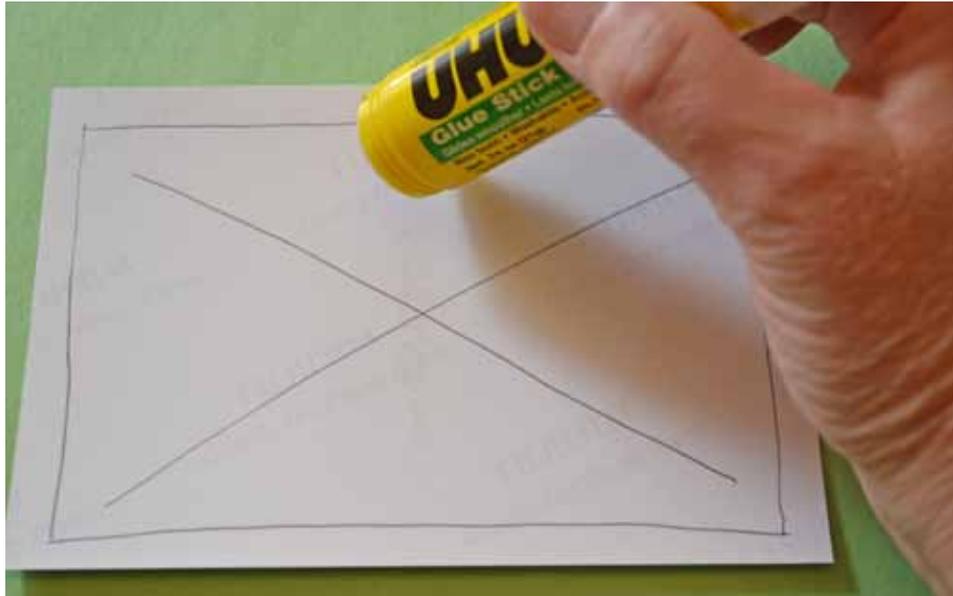
Sell individual cards or sets of cards as a fundraiser.

Keep them handy as all-occasion cards for your personal use.



Supplies needed:

- 4 x 6 photographs
- Cardstock cards and co-ordinating envelopes. (These come in value packs of 50 from your local craft supply store. Card measurement: 5 inches x 6.5 inches.)
- Good quality glue stick
- Tissues
- Scrap paper to protect your workspace. This could be construction paper, a sheet of typing paper or glossy flyers - any paper that won't transfer ink to your photos or cards.
- One-metre length of ribbon, jute twine or other material to bundle your cards if grouping your cards for gift-giving. (Not shown.)



Fold your cards and set them to one side. Place a picture face down on your scrap paper. Apply glue around the edges and in the centre of the back of the photo. Place the glue close to the edge of the photo but not directly at the edge. Don't over apply glue. If the glue stick leaves any clumps, brush them out or remove them; clumps of glue will show up as a lump between the photo and the card.



To help pick up your now sticky photo, lightly touch the glue stick to the glued surface and lift up. This will allow you to take hold of the photo's edges without getting glue on your fingers.



Place a folded card on your workspace. Position the photo over the card and let the photo drop *lightly* onto the card. Adjust the photo's position as necessary. Lay a piece of the tissue over your photo. (You could also use a sheet of paper towel or a plain piece of paper. The purpose is to have something between your hand and the photo for the next step. If making several cards, I separate plies of the tissue to be economical.



Adhere the photo to the card by pressing your fingers or fist overtop of the tissue. (Don't rub the tissue over the photo; instead, place your hand on the tissue and press.) If the tissue has picked up any glue, discard the tissue and use a clean piece when making your next card. If there is any glue on your workspace, choose a new location on the paper before beginning work on the next photograph.



Assemble the card with the envelope . . . and make as many cards as you wish!
When bundling a group of cards, pull your ribbon snug but not so tight as to bend the edges your cards.

*My deeds, my actions, Lord - command
and use the labours of my hands
to bring you glory here on earth.
Let simple things have holy worth.*

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