

Playing with a FULL DECK

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STEP ONE

This clever little house is easy to make with cards from a classic diamond-back deck. Just trim four cards into the pieces shown below. (If there is no diamond back to guide the pitch of your roof, remove the borders from two cards. Mark the center top and the halfway point at two sides, then cut a pitched angle between these points.)



STEP TWO

Playing cards have a plastic coating that must be **lightly** scored before you can create a straight fold. You need a score line down the center of one uncut card to make the roof. The long walls are made from a single card cut in half with top and bottom borders removed. Leave the side borders in place, and score to create a tab about 1/4 inch wide at either side. Bend tabs back.



STEP THREE

Optional: Use a 1" circle punch to punch 2 faces from playing cards. Adhere these to the center of the diamond motifs in both pitched roof walls using strong double-sided tape.

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STEP FOUR

Apply skinny strips of strong, double-sided tape along the white border tabs on your long walls and attach these to the interior of the pitched roof walls. Carefully line up the tabs before pressing down on the tape to join.

STEP FIVE

Add a piece of masking tape to each side wall, sticking up as shown in the photo. Place the fold of the roof on the points of the pitch and press down to meet the masking tape on one side. When satisfied with your alignment, secure the roof to the tape on the other side.

If you leave the masking tape off one side of the roof, the house will fold flat. You could make three or four (a village!) and mail them to a friend with instructions to finish assembly by adding the last piece of masking tape.

HERE'S ANOTHER IDEA

This greeting card features a collaged paper doll. "Jumping Jack" is assembled from pieces trimmed from playing cards. The hat contains another punched circle. His toes were trimmed into boot shapes and blackened with a permanent marker.

JOIN THE CHALLENGE!

You can see more of Stacey's collaged playing card paper dolls at the new blog, www.MyArtSelf.com, which is scheduled to launch 18 January.

Stacey and her friend Arrigo each aim to make 100 art dolls during 2008, and write about the transformative process along the way. You can follow their journey, or join in the challenge with your own 100 art dolls (or postcards or mini-fabric collages or whatever) project! Instructions are at the blog.

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