



Accordion Birthday Card

Surprise someone with a festive, handmade birthday card in the shape of colourful candles. A playful accordion card that's sure to impress!



1 Cut a white sheet of cardstock to 9.4 x 4.5 inches (24 x 11.5 cm).



2 Score the paper every 1.2 inch/3 cm along the short side to create 8 panels.



3 Use an envelope punch to make a notch in the centre of each score line. Round the corners of the paper.



4 Take a 3-in-1 corner punch and use the 7mm side to round the bottom corners of the candles. Fold the paper in half and slide it into the punch.



5 Choose 4 colours of paper. Cut two strips of 4.1 x 1 inch (10.5 x 2.5 cm) from each colour, giving you 8 strips in total.



6 Use the 4mm option on the 3-in-1 corner punch to round the bottom of each strip.





Use the 15mm option on the 3-in-1 diagonal punch to shape the top corners into points, making them look like candles.



Place the 8 candle-shaped strips on the magnetic base plate of the Cut Easy, alternating colours (e.g. pink, green, yellow, blue, pink, green, yellow, pink). Arrange the alphabet dies on top and spell out "HAPPY BIRTHDAY":

- Spread "HAPPY" across panels 2 to 6 (one letter per panel).
- Spread "BIRTHDAY" across all remaining panels.
- Keep the cut-out letters and pieces for later.



Die-cut "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" again from gold mirror paper.



Glue the coloured strips in the correct order onto the white base.



Fill in the cut-out letters with the gold letters and leftover coloured paper pieces.



Punch 8 teardrop shapes from gold mirror paper for the candle flames.



Punch 8 small ovals from white cardstock for the flame centres (use leftover cardstock from the card).



Glue the gold teardrop shapes on top of the candles and attach the white ovals in the middle as flame centres.



Cut a 40 cm piece of ribbon.



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Fold the card into a compact shape and tie the ribbon around it to keep it together.

