

# The Multi-Diamond Card Tutorial

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Using your paper scraps. Accessible to all skill levels, this project will let you create something unique with very small pieces of paper. Three collections are suggested: **Violet Dream**, **By the Calm Riverbank**, or **Delicate Dream**.



# Materials & Essential Dimensions

Before you begin, prepare all your pieces. Here is the complete list of cuts needed:

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## Card Base

Cardstock: **11"1/4 × 5"3/4**, folded at 5"3/4 to form the card base.

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## Front panel

Designer paper: **6"1/4 × 5"3/4**, folded at 5"3/4. Placed on top of the base.

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## The 8 Small Squares (×8)

Cardstock: **2" x 2"**+ designer paper: **1"3/4 × 1"3/4**. Layer the designer series paper onto each cardstock square.

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## The Large Center Square

Cardstock (e.g. bronze): **3" x 3"**+ designer series paper: **2"3/4 × 2"3/4**. The centerpiece of the composition.

I recommend varying the cardstock colors for a richer, more contrasting look. Feel free to mix and match based on your collection!

# Assembly Steps

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## Prepare and glue the squares

Glue each design square ( $1\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{3}{4}$ ) onto its cardstock square ( $2" \times 2"$ ). Repeat for all 8 pairs. Do the same for the large center square ( $2\frac{3}{4} \times 2\frac{3}{4}$  on  $3" \times 3"$ ).

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## Secure with dimensionals

Use 1 to 2 Stampin'dimensionals under each small square to create dimension. Center each piece carefully before sticking it down.

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## Position the diamonds

Arrange the 8 small squares in a diamond shape (point facing up) on the card base. Make sure **not to extend past the frame** at the points — This is important if you plan to mail your card.

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## Add the center square

Place the large square ( $3" \times 3"$ ) in the center of the composition, on a small decorative strip, to tie the whole design together.

# Finishing Touches & Pop-Up Effect

## Embellishments

Add cut-out flowers, gold butterflies, or small messages to personalize your card. My advice: use a ruler or positioning board to stay perfectly straight when stamping.

- Flowers and die cuts from the chosen collection
- Small gold butterflies (very visible on a light background)
- Stamps with messages — ink them according to the background color
- Vellum cardstock (embosses beautifully in bronze)

## Accordion Spring (optional)

To add volume to your card, make a small accordion spring to glue to the back:

1. Cut a scrap of paper about **1"1/2 wide**
2. Fold accordion-style every **3/8"**
3. Glue to the back of the card
4. Result: the card opens slightly and adds beautiful dimension to your card

This effect is completely optional, but it adds a charming that is almost invisible from the outside.

# Summary & Inspirations

Here is a visual summary of all the key measurements for creating your multi-diamond card:

## Card base

**11"1/4 × 5"3/4**

Fold at 5"3/4

## Cover

**6"1/4 × 5"3/4**

Fold at 5"3/4

## Small diamonds ×8

**2" × 2"** (cardstock)

**1"3/4 × 1"3/4** (designer series paper)

## Large center square

**3" x 3"** (cardstock)

**2"3/4 2"3/4** (designer series paper)

Three collections, three completely different looks — and yet the same technique! Feel free to share your creations with **Les Ateliers de Sandra**.

Happy creating, everyone 🌸