

Recycled Envelopes

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The quilling and background on this card are made from old envelopes which have decorative patterns on the inside. Take a look at the 'reverse side' of envelopes which come through your door, you will find there are an amazing variety of pretty colours and patterns to be found. You may soon find you don't read your mail, but just search the envelopes for pretty patterns. Happy Quilling!

Materials Required:

1 strip White 3mm quilling paper.

Old envelopes.

Sharp fine tip scissors.

Quilling tool with deep slot.

2 pence piece.

Pencil and ruler.

P.V.A. Craft Adhesive.

Card mount - AP15U.

To Make The Card:

Select a piece of envelope with a pattern you like for the background, cut it slightly larger than the card aperture and glue into place. I have rubber stamped 'Happy Birthday' across the middle, if you don't have a suitable rubber stamp you could write the words, stick on a 'motif' or use rub down transfers.

Next, cut the paper for the flowers and decorations. The dimensions can be adjusted to suit the size of the card.

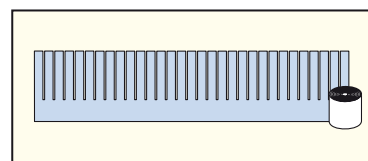
Fringed Flower:

Make two of these. For the flower centre use a quarter length quilling strip, roll this into a tight coil and glue while still on the tool.

Cut a strip of patterned envelope 1cm wide and 13cms long, snip across the strip all the way along the long



edge at approximately 2mm intervals, make the cut about three quarters of the width leaving a narrow uncut edge (see picture below). Glue the flower centre to the uncut edge, patterned side upwards, roll up by hand and glue the end so that it does not unroll. When dry gently ease open the snipped edge to reveal the flower centre.



Double Fringed Bud:

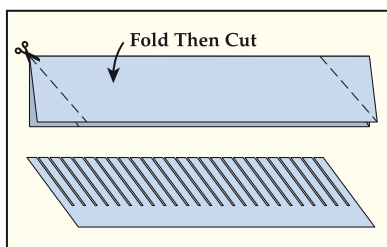
Make four of these. For each bud cut the paper 15mm wide and 9.5cms long. Fold in half lengthways (patterned side out) and snip all along the folded edge, at approximately 2mm intervals, make the cut about three quarters of the width leaving a narrow uncut edge. Place one uncut end into quilling tool, roll



up and glue. Hold for a short while before removing from tool to ensure it sticks.

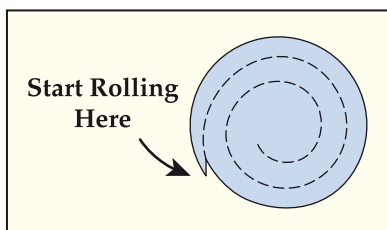
Diagonal Double Fringed Flower:

Make Four of these. Start this flower in the same way as the Double Fringed Bud, but snip across the width at a 45 degree angle (see diagram). Place the pointed uncut end into quilling tool, roll up and glue, hold until dry then remove from the tool.



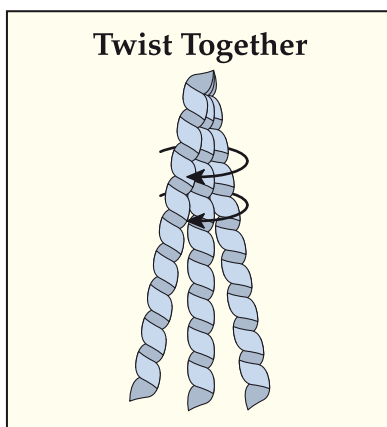
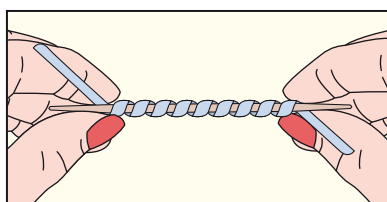
Circular Rose:

Make four of these. Cut paper 4cms wide 9cms long. Fold in half widthways. Place a 2 pence piece on the paper, draw around it with a pencil and cut it out. You will have two circles. Cut each of these in a spiral as shown and roll from the outer edge to form a rose. Glue the end under the rolled rose to hold fast.



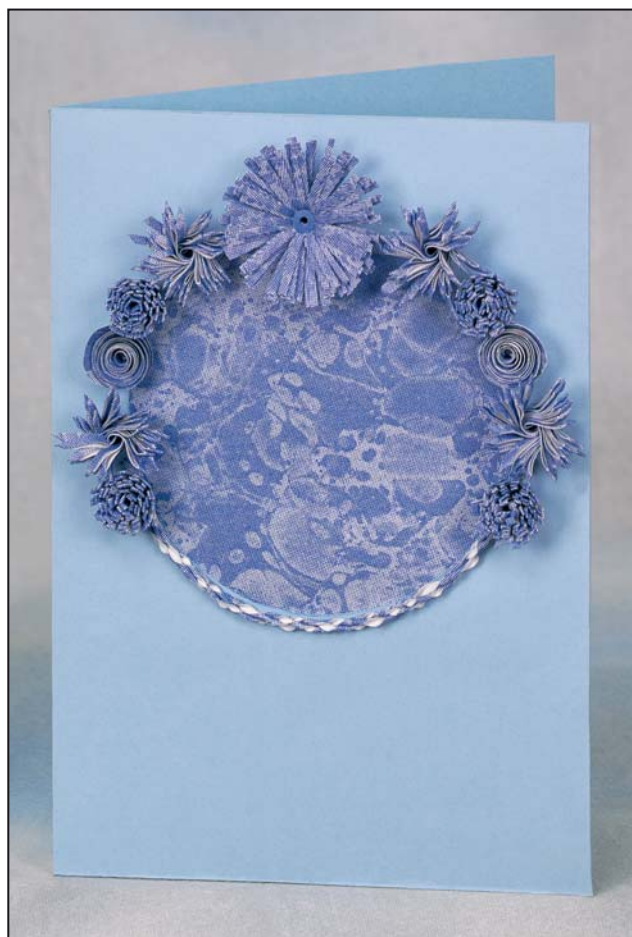
Spiral 'Rope':

Cut 3 strips of paper 2mm wide and 25cms long. Roll each strip, by hand at an angle down the full length to produce a spiral. You may find it easier to wind around a cocktail stick, see diagram. Glue the three spirals together at one end, gently twist them together to produce 'rope'.



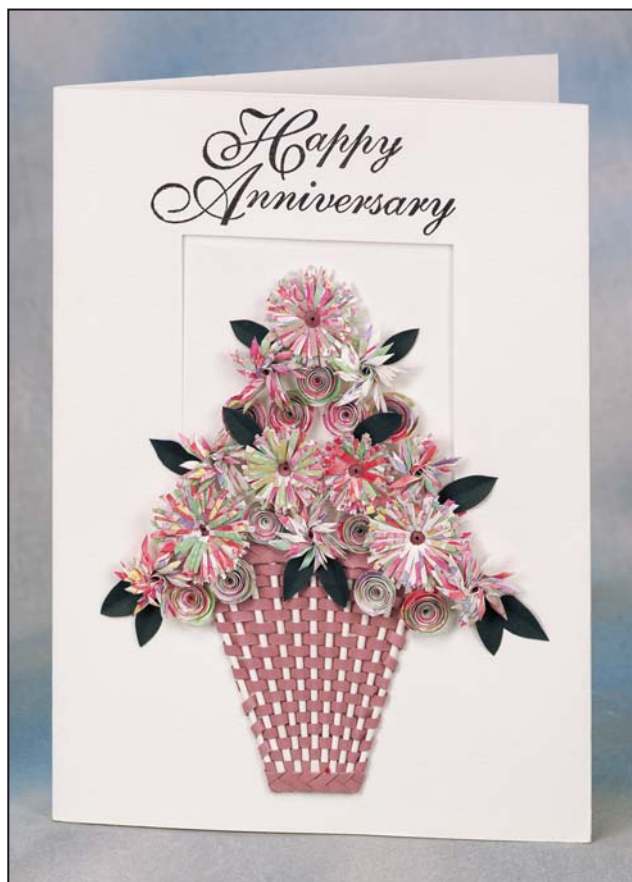
Tip:

It is important to arrange the flowers on the card before gluing. Decide where you want your 'ropes' and glue these in place first. Then glue the flowers on ensuring that one flower is glued onto the ends of the 'ropes' to hide them.



Above: A similar design using an envelope, with a marbled finish.

Below: The flowers in this design have been made from wrapping paper, the basket canes from cigarette papers.





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