



# Do-It-Yourself Ideas!

**Looking for a creative service project?** This could be a great idea for people of any age and card making ability. Host a Card Care Connection card party event where the cards are donated to cancer recipients across the United States. To make your event a success, follow the instructions below.

## DIY Card Making Kit Suggested Supplies\*:

- Precut blank (white or colored) cards (standard 4 1/4" x 5 1/2" size)
- Solid color cardstock (standard 12" x 12" size)
- Scrapbooking patterned paper packs (standard 12" x 12" size)
- Envelopes (4 1/4" x 5 1/2" size)
- A variety of coordinating embellishments such as buttons, rhinestones, paper cutouts, multi colored brads, and ribbons (please see items to avoid)
- Glue sticks, adhesives, glue dots, dimensional foam adhesive
- Stamp sentiments (should be general in nature and uplifting). Please avoid get well soon, feel better or religious messages. Sentiments could include: Thinking of You, Have a Nice Day, Hello.
- Stamp sets (various images, shapes, designs)
- Paper punchers (various shapes, sizes)
- Ink pads
- Paper cutter

*\*Please use quality supplies*

### Items to Avoid:

- Foamies/stickers
- Crayons, markers, colored pencils, pens (no handwritten sentiments)
- Construction paper (please use quality paper and cardstock)



## Once you have your supplies, follow these simple steps:

**Step 1:** Use a 4 1/4" x 5 1/2" pre-cut blank card, or take one 8 1/2" x 11" white or cream cardstock sheet, cut in half to create two 8 1/2" x 5 1/2" sheets, and then fold those in half to create the base for two cards.

**Step 2:** Choose patterned paper or colored cardstock. We recommend having at least 4 different coordinating patterns/colors to choose from. It can be helpful to cut large cardstock into smaller sizes to make creating cards easier. This will form the card design.

**Step 3:** Allow the participants to cut, glue, stamp, punch, design and create as they see fit. We appreciate some dimension, but please keep in mind thicker cards require extra postage. It often helps to follow a pattern. Cards could include a general stamped sentiment on the front cover. Please remind participants to leave the inside blank and avoid handwriting.

**Step 4:** The back of the card may be signed by the group donating the cards (e.g., Plymouth Crafters). Ensure that all embellishments and paper are well adhered. Place each completed card with a corresponding envelope (do not seal). Place all envelopes into one large envelope to be mailed to Card Care Connection. Keep in mind, we also accept monetary donations and card making supplies.