

# Creative Arts

## 3 Simple Ways to Fold Your Paper to Make a Card Base (Using Standard 8 ½” x 11” Cardstock – 110 lb. stock is the best)

### 1. Standard fold – one sheet of 8 ½” x 11” paper

Take a sheet of paper, placing the 11” side along the top edge of the paper cutter. Cut the paper at 5 ½.” This will give you 2 equal pieces. Using a scoring board, place the long side at the top and score at 4 ¼.” Gently fold along the scored line. Crease flat with a bone folder. This base can be used either “portrait” style or “landscape.” (This gives you 2 card bases from a single sheet of paper.)



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### 2. Tent Style fold - one sheet of 8 ½” x 11” paper

Take a sheet of paper, placing the 8 ½” side along the top edge of the paper cutter. Cut the paper at 4 ¼.” This will give you 2 equal tall pieces. Using a scoring board, place the long side at the top and score at 5 ½.” Gently fold along the scored line. Crease flat with a bone folder. (This gives you 2 card bases from a single sheet of paper.)



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### 3. Gate Fold Style – one sheet of 8 ½” x 11” paper

Take a sheet of paper, placing the 11” side along the top edge of the paper cutter. Cut the paper at 5 ½.” This will give you 2 equal pieces. Using a scoring board, place the 8 ½” edge at the top and score at 2 1/8.” Then flip your paper and at 2 1/8” on the other side. Gently fold along the two scored lines. Crease flat with a bone folder. Your edges should match in the center.

Using an additional piece of cardstock, cut a strip 1 ½” long by 9 3/8.” Score at 2 ½” from each end. That will be your middle “belly band.” Gently fold and crease. Set aside until you make your card. Once finished with your card, decorate your band to match. Slide the band up keeping your two “gates” closed.

