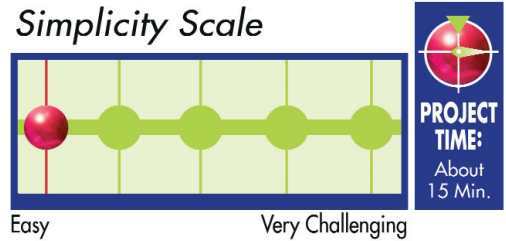




Project #274

Easy Holiday Greeting Cards & Postcards:

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Use your PictureMate® Personal Photo Lab and these easy-to-personalize templates for unique holiday greetings.

During the holiday season, everyone wants to send family and friends a special greeting that keeps them in touch with the year's events. What could be better than a favorite family photo personalized with your special message? You can create greeting cards or postcards using image editing software like Adobe® Photoshop Elements or with simple templates in Microsoft® Word and then print with a PictureMate®. Download the files and complete PDF project instructions here FREE at EpsonCreativeZone.com, select your favorite photos and start creating holiday cards that will be enjoyed by all.

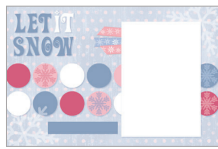
Materials Suggested:

(Not all are required) For printing: Epson Borderless 4"x6" Premium Glossy Photo Paper, Epson PictureMate® Personal Photo Lab, and an Epson Stylus Photo Printer.

Holiday Greeting Cards:



Holly_Card



Let It Snow_Card



Snowflake_Card

Instructions for using image editing software:

Step 1: Choose your 4"x6" greeting card design. Click on the selected files to open as .pngs and import into your preferred image editing software.

Step 2: Personalize the front of your card with a holiday greeting, personal message, name and/or date. Use the project photo as a guide.

Step 3: Add your digital photo on a new layer in your card document. Make sure the photo layer is under the card and type layers, if it's not, simply drag the layer in your layer pallet to the bottom of the layer box.

Step 4: Resize or crop your photo as needed to show through the opening on the card layer.

Step 5: Your personalizing is complete and ready to print. Remember to choose the correct paper size and paper type setting in your printer driver.

Step 6: Use your favorite adhesive on the back of your 4"x6" print and adhere to a coordinating pre-made greeting card.

Step 7: Handwrite a personal message inside the card and embellish if desired.

Instructions for using Microsoft® Word:

Step 1: Click on the selected card you wish to create, it will open as a Microsoft® Word document.

Step 2: Add your personalized greeting, name and/or date by highlighting the areas marked "Place Type Here". Note that once the text is highlighted, you can type your personalized message in the font style, size and color of your choice. Use the project photo as a guide.

If you're using an Epson PictureMate® Personal Photo Lab to place your photos, skip steps 3 and 4.

Step 3: To place a digital photo: go to the "Insert" pull down menu, scroll down to "Picture" and slide your cursor across to "From File". Browse your hard drive or CD for a photo and click on it to select it. Under "Format" select "Format Picture". Choose the "Layout" tab, then select "in front of text". This will put your photo on top of any text or graphic in your layout. Crop and resize your photo as needed. Use the project photo as a guide.

Step 4: Your personalizing is complete and ready to print. Remember to choose the correct paper size and paper type setting in your printer driver.

Step 5: To add a photo using your Epson PictureMate® printer, print your photos according to the sizes indicated on each of the card templates.

Step 6: Trim your PictureMate® photos with a craft knife. Using adhesive, adhere to the printed 4"x6" card.

Step 7: Next, use your favorite adhesive on the back of your holiday card and attach to a coordinating pre-made greeting card.

Step 8: Embellish your card if desired. Handwrite a personal message inside the card and mail.

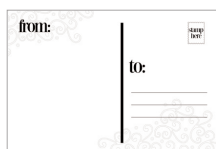
Holiday Postcards:



Postcard_1



Postcard_2



Postcard_Back

Instructions for using image editing software:

Step 1: Choose your favorite 4"x6" postcard front design. Click on the selected files to open as .pngs and import into your preferred image editing software.

Step 2: Personalize the front of your card with a holiday greeting, personal message, name and/or date. Use the project photo as a guide.

Step 3: Add your digital photo on a new layer in your postcard document. Make sure the photo layer is under the card and type layers, if it's not, simply drag the layer in your layer pallet to the bottom of the layer box.

Step 4: Resize or crop your photo as needed to show through the opening on the postcard layer.

Step 5: Your personalizing is complete and ready to print. Remember to choose the correct paper size and paper type setting in your printer driver.

Step 6: Click on the *Postcard_Back* file to open as .png and type your message and addresses.

Step 7: Your postcard back is complete and ready to print. Remember to choose the correct paper size and paper type setting in your printer driver.

Step 8: Adhere the front postcard to the back using your favorite adhesive, and press firmly together. Add a stamp and your postcard is ready for mailing.

Instructions for using Microsoft® Word software:

Step 1: Click on the selected postcard you wish to create, it will open as a Microsoft® Word document.

Step 2: Add your personalized greeting, name and/or date by highlighting the areas marked "Place Type Here". Note that once the text is highlighted, you can type your personalized message in the font style, size and color of your choice. Use the project photo as a guide.

If you're using an Epson PictureMate® Personal Photo Lab to place your photos, skip steps 3 and 4.

Step 3: To place a digital photo: go to the "Insert" pull down menu, scroll down to "Picture" and slide your cursor across to "From File". Browse your hard drive or CD for a photo and click on it to select it. Under "Format" select "Format Picture". Choose the "Layout" tab, then select "in front of text". This will put your photo on top of any text or graphic in your layout. Crop and resize your photo as needed. Use the project photo as a guide.

Step 4: Your personalizing is complete and ready to print. Remember to choose the correct paper size and paper type setting in your printer driver.

Step 5: To add a photo using your Epson PictureMate® printer, print your photos according to the sizes indicated on each of the postcard templates.

Step 6: Trim your PictureMate® photos with a craft knife, and using adhesive, adhere to the printed 4"x6" card.

Step 7: Click on the file *Postcard_Back*, it will open as a separate Microsoft® Word document.

Step 8: Type your personal message and addresses.

Step 9: Your postcard back is complete and ready to print. Remember to choose the correct paper size and paper type setting in your printer driver.

Step 10: Adhere the front postcard to the back using your favorite adhesive, and press firmly together. Add a stamp and your postcard is ready for mailing.