

HANDMADE GREETING CARDS

Support Brooke from home: How to make your own greetings cards

The cards can then be sold by Brooke at different events when our events resume again or please do sell the cards locally and donate the funds to Brooke.



Steps to make the cards

Step 1

Buy up to 50 blank cards and envelopes – 'ready folded' cards of various sizes 5 x 5 inches, 5 x 4 inches and 4 x 4 inches are recommended from retailers such as The Range or online during lockdown. You may like to buy some ready made stickers from online retailers such as Starform saying 'Happy Birthday' or 'Merry Christmas' to go inside the cards and also cellophane envelopes to protect the cards once they are made which give a very professional finish.



Step 2

Look out for pictures from some cards that you have received and also from old calendars – generally images of dogs, cats, other animals or flowers will be most in demand. Ask friends and family to give you old Birthday, Christmas and other cards where you can find images that you may like to use.

Step 3

Cut out the images you would like to use which broadly fit the card size that you are using and use a guillotine (with great care!) using a template size to cut the pictures from old cards and calendars to give a really professional finish to the edge.

Step 4

Stick the images onto the cards using a glue stick, you can have a border or choose to have no border.

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Step 5

Press the cards using something heavy (such as some heavy books or an old piece of wood) that you have in your house, then fold them in half to be cards and press them again.

Step 6

Some cards will be blank, some will be Happy Birthday or Merry Christmas – use tweezers to delicately place the relevant sticker on the inside of the card.

Step 7

Place a Brooke circular sticker on the back of the card (we can send you Brooke stickers) and place in cellophane bag with a label to say what type of card is inside.



We would love to hear how you get on making and selling your handmade greetings cards. You can get in touch with us at any time by calling 020 7470 9393 or email us at community@thebrooke.org

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