

Travel Time - DIY postcards



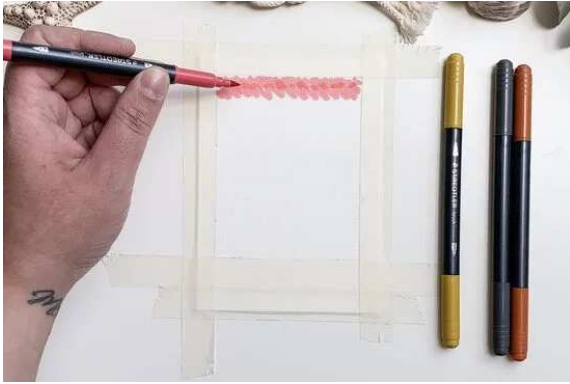
A very special way to send greetings and good wishes

You don't always have to buy postcards - with a bit of creativity you can produce your very own, personalised ones. A home-made postcard is a simple way of giving those you love a nice surprise. Whether you send it from your holiday, for a birthday, or just because - it's a lovely way of telling them you're thinking of them.



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Step-by-step tutorial



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Cut the watercolour paper to postcard size (10.5x14.8 cm) and stick masking tape or washi tape over the edges, creating a polaroid look.

I've covered 1 cm at the sides and 3 cm at the bottom here. Then colour in the upper edge of the paper in a red shade.

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Blend the red colour downwards with a water brush so that you can't see the individual strokes any more.



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To create an ombré effect, add a second colour, e.g. dark yellow, and go over it with water, too. After the card has dried, sketch in the shell design lightly with a pencil.

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Go over the outlines of the shell with a brown brush pen and then paint over carefully with the water brush. After the design has dried, go over the whole thing once more with the thin end of a dark grey brush pen, to highlight the details.



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A few paint splatters will create a lovely effect on your postcard. To achieve this, put some paint on a smooth (non-absorbent) surface such as cling film and pick it up using the water brush and some water. Then tap the brush with your index finger to create the splatters.

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Now you can remove the masking tape and write a nice holiday greeting at the bottom of the card using pigment liners and brush pens.



Material overview



What you need

Product	Article no.	Quantity
STAEDTLER® 3001 Double-ended watercolour brush pen - Wallet containing 36 double-ended watercolour brush pens in assorted colours	3001 TB36	1
STAEDTLER® 949 Water brush - Blistercard containing 4 brushes: round fine, round medium, round large, chisel	949-SBK4-C	1
pigment liner 308 Fineliner - STAEDTLER box containing 8 pigment liner black in assorted line widths (0.05, 0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7, 1.0, 1.2, 0.3-2.0)	308 SB8	1
Noris® 120 Graphite pencil - Single product HB	120-2	1

Additionally required:

watercolour paper, masking tape or washi tape