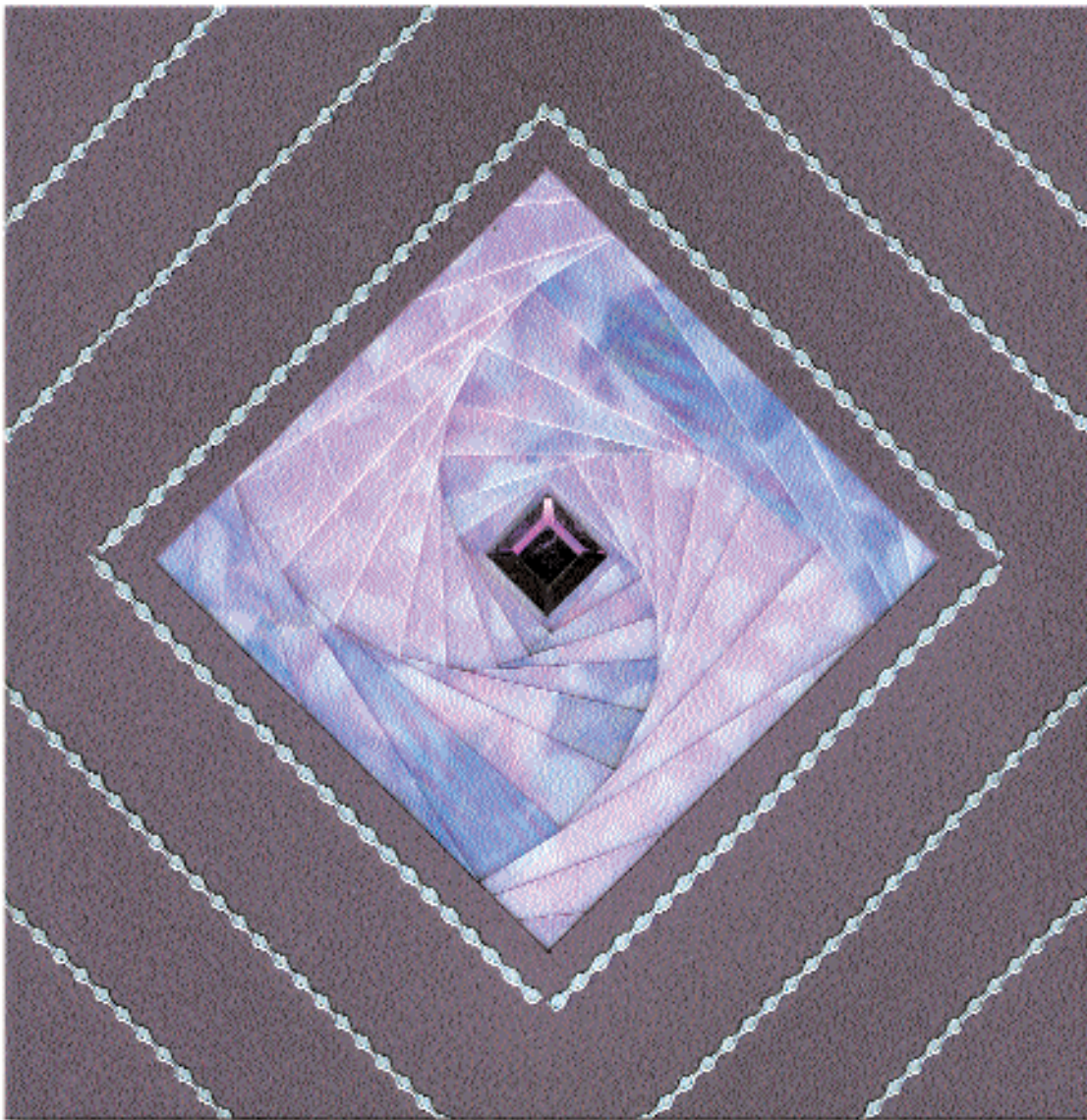


See the light with patterned vellums

Iris folding is one of the new favourites with card makers so Janet Wilson tries out the idea of using translucent patterned vellum instead of coloured or metallic paper:



- 3M Scotch Magic tape
- Piece of acetate (transparent sheet) larger than the iris pattern.
- Scissors, scalpel, cutting ruler and board

GO STEP 1

Photocopy the iris pattern, lay the acetate over it and secure one side to the paper with a piece of tape.

STEP 2

Cut the sheets of vellum into 3cm wide strips and fold in half lengthways.

STEP 3

Starting from the outside edges of the pattern lay a strip of vellum with the folded side along the first diagonal line (trim the strip so that it is longer than the pattern) and secure the open edges to the acetate with a little Magic Tape.

STEP 4

Work your way around the outside edges, alternating the vellums and securing them to the acetate and the one underneath until you reach the central square.

STEP 5

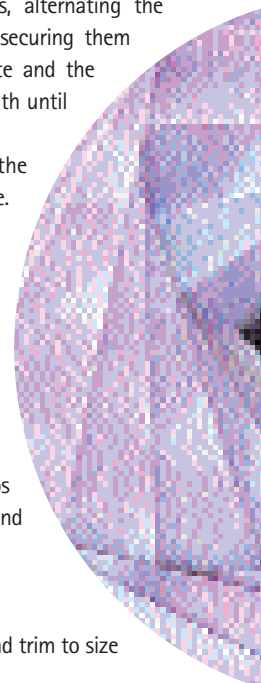
Secure a square of one of the vellums over the central square, fixing it to the folds underneath with tape.

STEP 6

Secure the project by placing strips of Magic Tape over the whole area and carefully remove from acetate.

STEP 7

Fold the A4 sheet of card in half and trim to size given on the layout diagram.



To preserve the optical properties of the paper I have covered the back of the fold with one of the patterned vellums used in the folding sequence, thus allowing light to filter through the design when the card is open.

The space between the borders can be utilised for appropriate peel-off greetings. I use a piece of acetate secure at one edge to the pattern sheet so that I can keep lifting it up and having a sneak preview of what is happening on the right side!

GET READY...

- 2 toning sheets of printed vellum
- A4 and A5 card to tone with vellums
- Stick-on jewel
- Border peel-offs (Starform sheet 1001)
- Double-sided sticky tape

Source

Printed vellums and stick-on jewels are widely available and those used in this project are from Kars stockists. Starform peel-off sheets are also widespread but, in case of difficulty, can be obtained mail order from The Art of Craft Ltd, 248 Shawfield Road, Ash, Aldershot, Hants GU12 5DJ. Tel: 01252 334855.

STEP 8

Trim the A5 sheet to the dimensions of the backing sheet and temporarily secure centrally (use 3M Post-it index flags) behind the front page of the card.

STEP 9

Enlarge the card layout pattern by 141% and lay the pattern onto the front page of the card, securing with index flags.

STEP 10

Carefully cut out the aperture, going through both layers of card. Remove pattern and backing sheet.

STEP 11

Place strips of double-sided tape around the aperture on reverse of the backing card and place a piece of one of the vellums over it.

STEP 12

Place strips of double-sided tape around the aperture again and also around the edges of the backing sheet.

STEP 13

Place strips of double-sided tape around the back of the aperture on the front page and remove protective paper. Lay the iris fold right side uppermost onto the cutting mat, centre the aperture over it and then press the card down onto the iris fold to secure it behind the aperture.

STEP 14

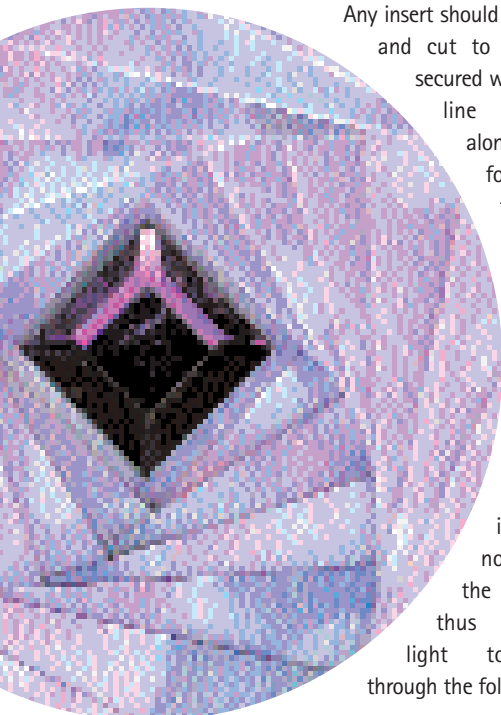
Carefully fix the backing sheet over the back of the fold matching up the apertures. TIP: Place the base card right side down onto a sheet of white paper so that you can see the edges of the front page aperture.

STEP 15

Apply peel-off strips to decorate the front page and add stick-on jewel to centre of the iris fold.

STEP 16

Any insert should be folded and cut to size and secured with a thin line of glue alongside the fold line on the back page. This is so that when the card is stood open the insert will not block the aperture, thus allowing light to filter through the fold.



IRIS FOLDING WITH PATTERNED VELLUMS

FULL SIZE IRIS PATTERN



CARD LAYOUT - ENLARGE BY 141%

