ARTMAKING PROJECT | Artist Trading Cards!

Artist trading cards are miniature works of art created on 2½ x 3½ inch card stock. A fun and simple project, create your own card to trade with friends and family.

Artist Trading Cards are miniature works of art about the same size as modern baseball cards, 2.5 by 3.5 inches, small enough to fit inside standard card collector pockets, sleeves, or sheets. The tradition of these pocket sized pieces of art dates back to the 1960s and make a great way to start out your art collection.

Cards can be made using a variety of media including pens or pencils, paint, collage materials, or even metals or fibers. The cards are then traded or exchanged. Trade amongst your household or put a few in an envelope and mail them to friends or family!

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What materials do you have on hand that you could use to make your card?
What kind of colors or imagery would you like to include on your card?
Will you trade your card with someone or send it in the mail?

MATERIALS

- Index cards or playing cards or postcards or any type of cardstock.
- Scissors
- Scrap paper, magazine pictures, old calendar pages, junkmail, etc
- Glue Sticks
- Markers, gel pens, colored pencils
ARTMAKING PROJECT | Directions

Step 1
Gather your supplies, start planning how you can make your card unique.

Step 2
Decorate your card using a variety of materials. Try starting out gluing down different materials for a background, and collage or draw on top. The small size of the card creates a unique challenge, feel free to decorate the back, or even expand off the edges.

Step 3
Trade cards with a friend or send one through the mail!

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