

Stretch card

Ingredients:

2 sheets of A4 card or 3 sheets of A5 card

Patterned paper

Topper, no larger than 10cm wide and 11cm tall

Tape/ wet glue

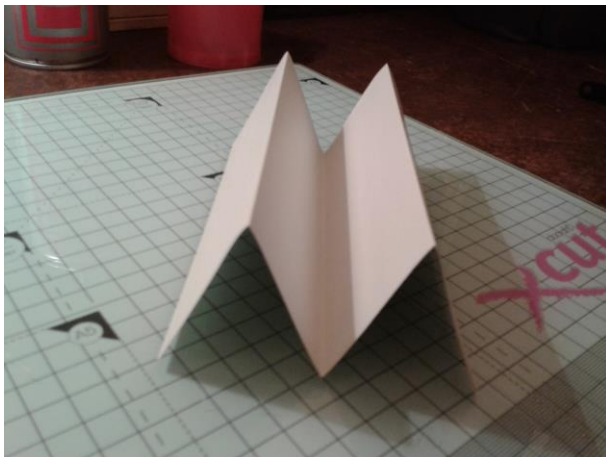
Tools:

Trimmer

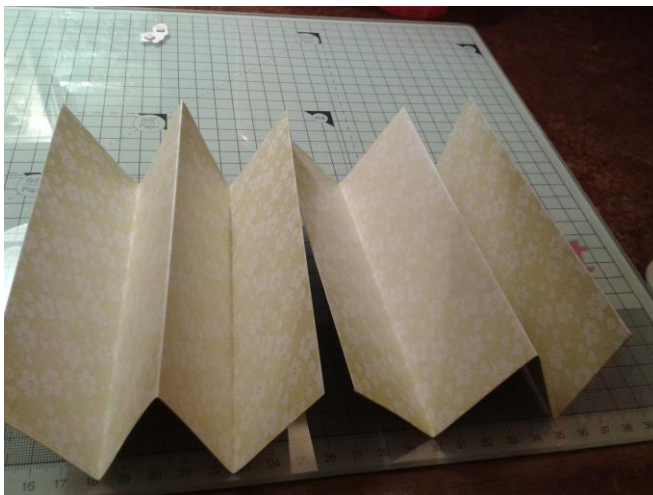
Bone folder

For my card, I have used patterned card to save having to add backing papers but the choice is yours. If you are using A4 card, cut both sheets in half to give you 4 pieces of A5.

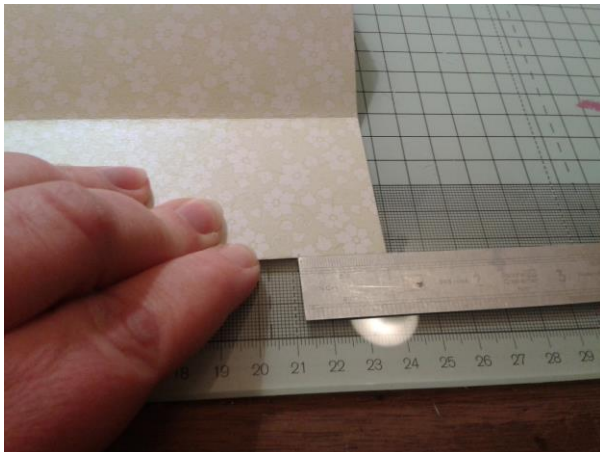
Take one A5 piece of card and fold in half with the pattern on the outside, next fold the 2 sides back on themselves to create an M.



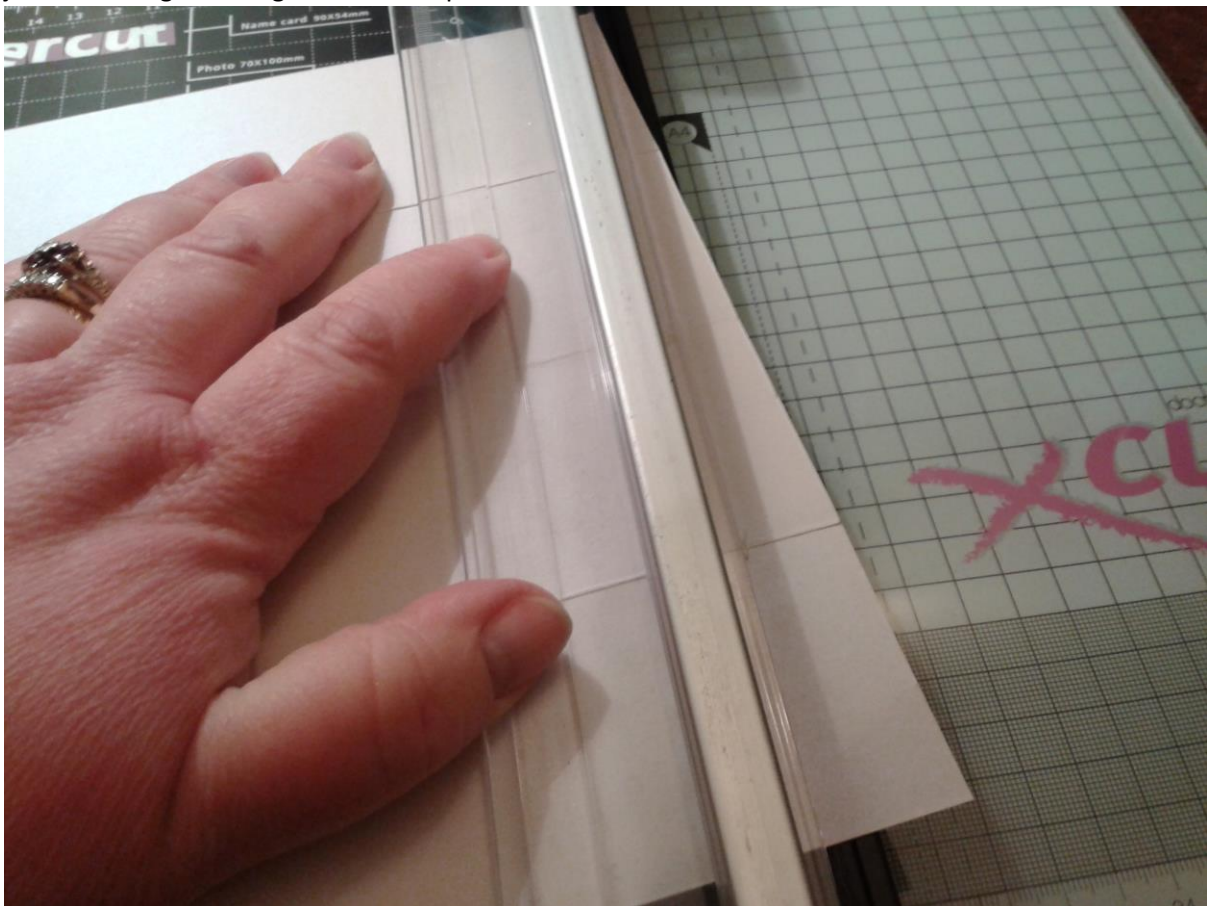
Repeat this step with another piece of A5 card, so that you have two concertina pieces



Take one piece, lay flat pattern side up with the fold lines going horizontally and mark 1 inch from the bottom right corner

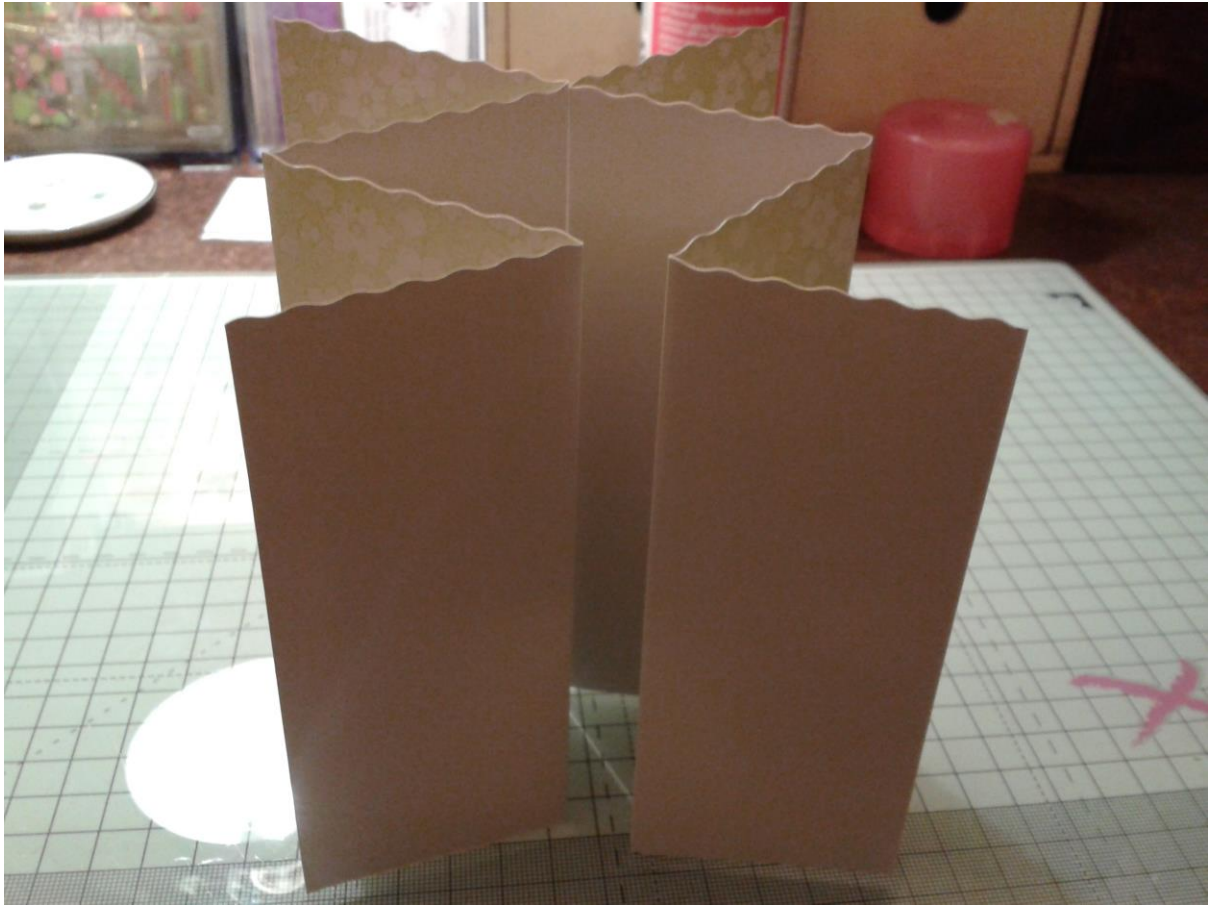


Put the card in your trimmer (I have used a fancy edge blade, the choice is yours) line the cutting edge of the trimmer with the top right corner but at the bottom line it up with the inch marking you just made to give a diagonal line and put to one side.



With the other concertina, turn over so the plain side is facing up, then repeat the last steps, marking at 1 inch in at the bottom and then trimming diagonally.

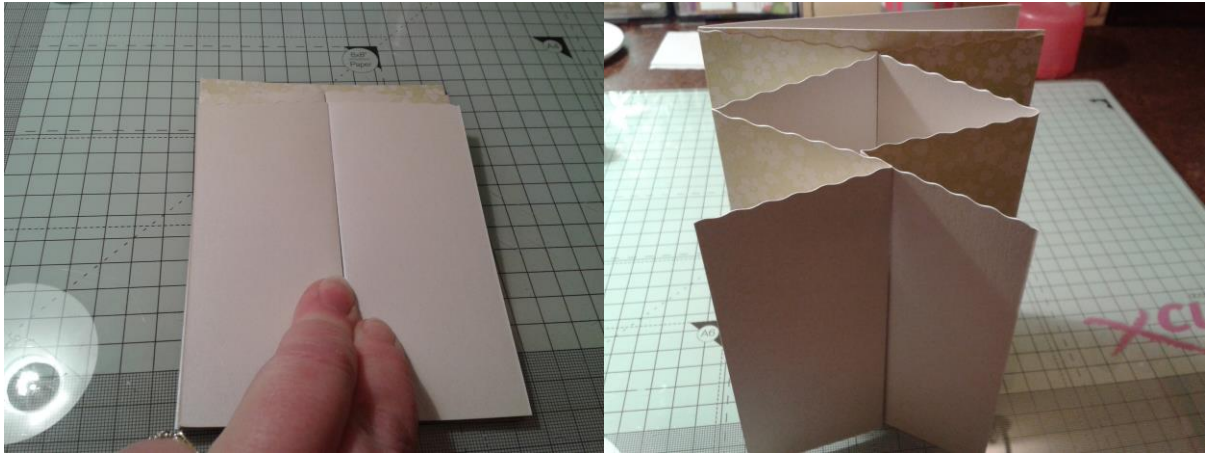
You should now have two concertinas facing opposite each other with the pattern on the outside, the tallest end at the back and the shortest to the front.



With the third piece of A5 card, fold in half to give you an A6 card, cover the back of one of the concertinas and stick to the front of the card.



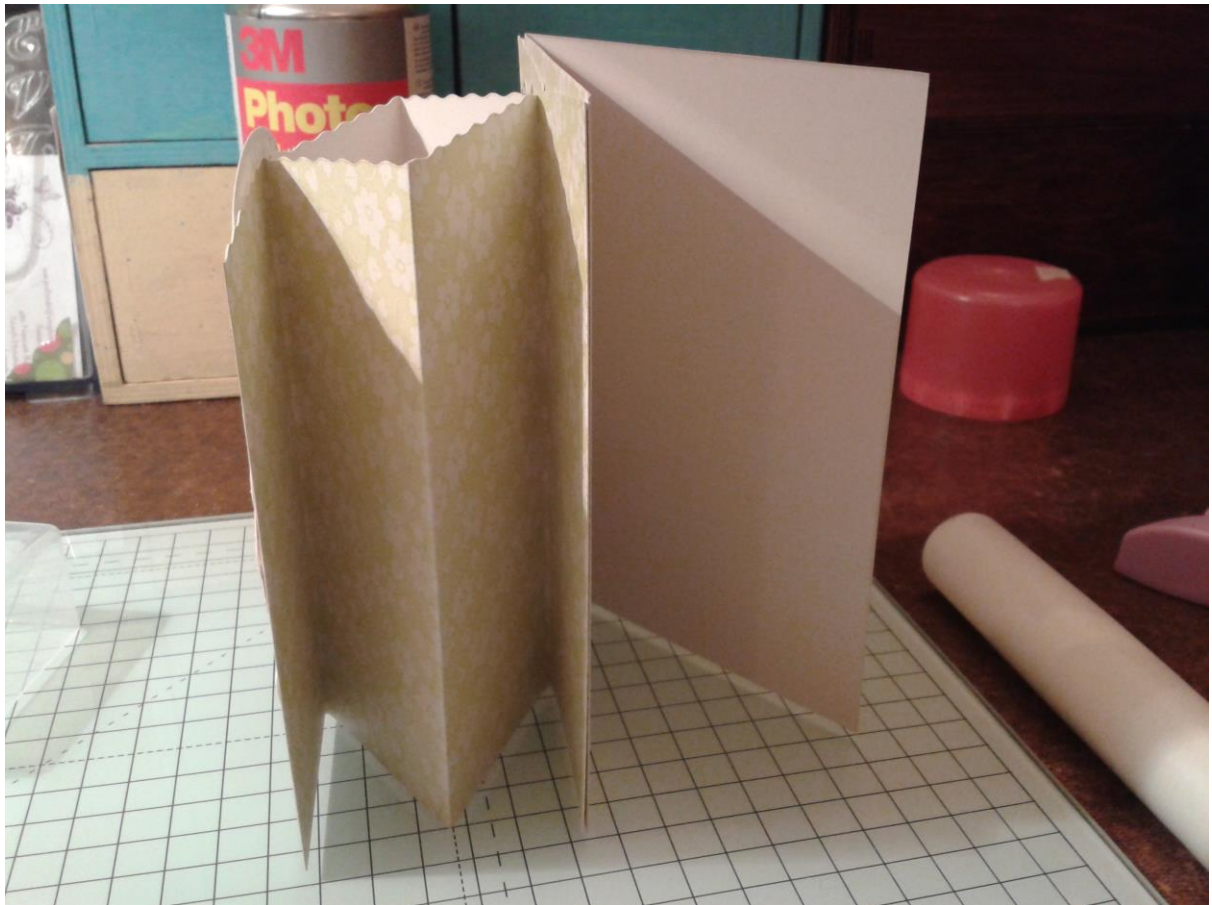
Do the same with the other one lining them up with the edges of the base card, they should meet in the middle as well.



Fix the topper to the front of the card, this will hold the whole card together



Side view



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