

A Diorama Concertina Card Tutorial

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Supply List:

- **Cardstock/DSP:** Basic White, Thick Basic White, Pool Party, Balmy Blue, Highland Heather, Gorgeous Grape, Lights of Aurora DSP
- **Stamps/Die Cuts & Ink:** Light & Wonder stamp set with coordinating die cuts, Textured Notes die cuts (next to largest rectangle); Highland Heather, Gorgeous Grape, Balmy Blue and Pool Party Classic Stampin' Pads
- **Adhesives & Tools:** Paper Trimmer, Grid Paper (to protect the work surface while using Sponge Daubers), Sponge Daubers, Bone Folder, acrylic blocks, Cut & Emboss Machine, Take Your Pick Tool, Adhesives of choice (glue, tape roller, glue dots), scissors, dimensionals
- **Embellishments:** Wink of Stella, Balmy Blue Sheer Ribbon, Frosted Iridescent Dots



Instructions: (all measurements are in inches)

1. **Create the Card Base** - Cut **Thick Basic White cardstock** to 4-1/4" x 11". Score at 5-1/2" and fold in half.

2. **Prepare the Inside Panel** - Cut **Basic White cardstock** to 3-3/4" x 5". Layer onto **Highland Heather cardstock** cut to 3-7/8" x 5-1/8". Adhere inside the card base.
3. **Make the Diorama Concertina Frame** - Cut **Pool Party cardstock** to 8-3/4" x 5-1/2". Score along the long edge at 1/2", 1", 1-1/2", 2", and 2-1/2". Flip cardstock 180° and repeat



on the other side. The unscored center area should measure about 3-3/4" x 5-1/2".

4. **Fold the Concertina** - Starting at the score line closest to the center, fold **mountain, valley, mountain, valley, etc.**, finishing with a **mountain fold**.

5. **Cut the Window Opening** - Die cut the center of the unscored area using the **Textured Notes die** (4-3/4" x 3-1/4"). This creates the diorama window.

6. **Create the Background Sky** - Cut **Lights of Aurora Designer Series Paper** to 5-7/16" x 3-11/16". **Add Clouds** - Die cut clouds from **Balmy Blue cardstock** using the Light & Wonder dies. Sponge lightly at the bottoms with **Balmy Blue ink**. Attach to the sky with dimensionals. Adhere to the back mountain fold to form the sky. When you press the diorama flat to be sure the adhesive sticks and the element buckles, you may need to trim the DSP a tiny bit to make it less wide. Simply carefully take it out and trim as needed and reattach.

7. **Build the Mountains** - Die cut mountains from

Pool Party cardstock. Sponge bottoms with **Pool Party ink** for depth. Die cut snowcaps from **Basic White cardstock** and adhere snowcaps to the mountains. Add Wink of Stella for snowy shimmer.

8. **Add Pine Trees** - Die cut small pines from **Highland Heather cardstock** and sponge lightly with Highland Heather ink. Adhere to the mountains. Mount the scene onto **Balmy Blue cardstock** "lake" cut to 3-11/16" x 3-1/4". Trim down while creating so that entire piece ends up being 3-11/16" wide. Attach inside the diorama's middle layer. Again, if needed, trim width slightly. Every diorama will be slightly different.

9. Die cut large pines from **Gorgeous Grape cardstock**, sponge with Gorgeous Grape ink, trim to 3-11/16" and adhere to the inside front layer of Diorama.

10. **Stamp and Add the Sentiment** - Stamp "May Your Day Be Filled With" and "Love" in Gorgeous Grape on **Basic White cardstock**. Fussy cut around the sentiment.

11. Attach to a strip of **Balmy Blue cardstock** (1" x 4") layered with **Balmy Blue Sheer Ribbon** (5-1/2"). Adhere with glue dots and dimensionals. If desired, attach the sentiments elsewhere on the card if it feels better to you. My cards always end up with the sentiments in different places.

12. **Assemble the Diorama to the Base** - Secure the folded Pool Party diorama piece to the front of the card base with strong adhesive.

13. **Finishing Touches** - Add three **Frosted Iridescent Dots** to the lake area for extra sparkle. Add other **Frosted Iridescent Dots** as desired.

Follow along with the video: <https://youtu.be/s65WxQJ3nZU>

Tips from the crafting table:

- Because the concertina fold has multiple score lines, make sure to use your bone folder for crisp folds and fold slowly, alternating mountain/valley folds. This keeps the diorama straight and prevents the cardstock from looking bulky or uneven when assembled.
- When adding elements like clouds, trees, and mountains, use a mix of glue and dimensionals. Keeping some pieces flat and others raised creates that gorgeous, layered look—just like a real landscape—and makes the diorama scene feel alive.

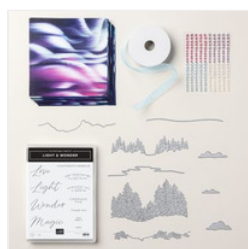


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[Lights Of Aurora Suite Collection \(English\) - 165768](#)

Price: \$81.25



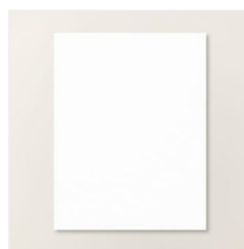
[Basic White 8-1/2" X 11" Thick Cardstock - 159229](#)

Price: \$17.00



[Highland Heather 8-1/2" X 11" Cardstock - 146986](#)

Price: \$14.00



[Basic White 8-1/2" X 11" Cardstock - 166780](#)

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[Balmy Blue 8-1/2" X 11" Cardstock - 146982](#)

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[Pool Party 8-1/2" X 11" Cardstock - 122924](#)

Price: \$14.00



[Gorgeous Grape 8-1/2" X 11" Cardstock - 146987](#)

Price: \$14.00



[Balmy Blue Classic Stampin' Pad - 147105](#)

Price: \$9.00



[Pool Party Classic Stampin' Pad - 147107](#)

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[Highland Heather Classic Stampin' Pad - 147103](#)

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[Stampin' Cut & Emboss Machine - 149653](#)

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[Grid Paper - 130148](#)

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[Paper Trimmer - 152392](#)

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[Wink Of Stella
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