



SLIMLINE CARD MAKING **MADE SIMPLE**

Slimline cards are a stylish twist on traditional card sizes and a great way to stretch your creativity. Discover everything you need to know to add this fun format to your paper crafting repertoire.

SLIMLINE CARD SIZES

Did you know there's no single "universal" size for slimline cards? Instead, discover a few creative options! Here's the most common sizes, with measurements for layers and the best [standard North American] envelope sizes to use...

SLIMLINE OPTION 1: 3-1/2" x 8-1/2"

- Most popular (my favorite)! Makes the most of an 8-1/2" x 11" sheet of cardstock... the piece that remains after the card base is cut is perfect for a layer on the front! It also best fits a standard envelope.
- Card Base: 7" x 8-1/2", score on short side at 3-1/2"
- Layers:
 - 3-1/4 x 8-1/4
 - 3 x 8
 - 2-3/4 x 7-3/4
 - 2-1/2 x 7-1/2
- Envelope #9: 3-7/8" x 8-7/8" (best fit)
 - [Shop what I use in my Favorite Amazon Finds](#)
- Envelope #10: 4-1/8" x 9-1/2" (oversized)

SLIMLINE OPTION 2: 3-3/4" x 8-3/4"

- A simpler adaptation of the traditional 3-5/8" x 8-5/8" size
- Cardstock: 7-1/2" x 8-3/4", score on short side at 3-3/4"
- Layers:
 - 3-1/2 x 8-1/2
 - 3-1/4 x 8-1/4
 - 3 x 8
 - 2-3/4 x 7-3/4
- Envelope #9: 3-7/8" x 8-7/8" (tight fit... best for single layer cards)
- Envelope #10: 4-1/8" x 9-1/2" (oversized... plenty of room for layers and embellishments)

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SLIMLINE OPTION 3: 4" x 9"

- The super-sized version!
- Card Base: 8" x 9", score on short side at 4"
- Layers:
 - 3-3/4 x 8-3/4
 - 3-1/2 x 8-1/2
 - 3-1/4 x 8-1/4
 - 3 x 8
- Envelope #10: 4-1/8" x 9-1/2" (with layers, may be tight on width)

FAQ

What is a slimline card? It's a card base that's long and slim- or tall and slender- as opposed to the more traditional rectangle-shaped cards like Note Cards (3-1/2" x 5"); A2 (4-1/4" x 5-1/2"); A6 (4-1/2" x 6-1/4"), A7 (5" x 7") or 4" x 6".

Why are slimline cards popular? The format allows for extra design space and new creative uses for the supplies you own! The layout can be used both vertically and horizontally.

Do I need special paper crafting supplies? No! Most products are easily adaptable. A too-short embossing folder can be used by embossing each end of a layer and covering the middle where the design meets. A too wide (or too short) rectangle die can also be adapted to create a narrower (or longer) die-cut. All it takes is a wee bit of resourcefulness!

What if I don't have an envelope to fit? Make your own with coordinating paper! (The 3-In-1 Punch Board found in my [Favorite Amazon Finds](#) makes it super easy!)

Is there one standard envelope that fits all the slimline card sizes?

Yes... #10 envelopes. These are standard letter-size envelopes commonly used by businesses. If you receive one that contains a return envelope, that's likely a #9 envelope. Re-purpose them!

Is additional postage required to mail a slimline card? No, not with the United States Postal Service! (thickness limitations still apply)

Have fun!

Find slimline card ideas at [StampinSavvy.com](https://www.stampinsavvy.com)