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## SOUTHWEST CONTEST



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**About me:** I love color and anything that sparkles, designing my own clothes although I never went to a design school. I love creating almost anything but, I especially love designing and making greeting cards!

**Project skill level:** moderate

**Project time:** 30 minutes to 1 hour

**Project tags:** Birthday School Family Father's

Day Spring Summer Thank You Cards Vacation/Travel Classic Teen Spiritual/Religious Country Holiday Love Celebration Celebration Cards FamilyCards Love Notes/Cards Outdoors Animals Seasonal Cards Cards Just Because Cards Congratulations Cards School Cards Friend Cards Playful Naturalist Clean & Simple Mom/Grandma Dad/Grandpa Friends Southwest

I designed this card as I remembered, driving through southern New Mexico. The cacti were huge, the desert never ending, lots of wild life, if you looked close enough, and at night I could hear the coyotes howl! And I actually saw a road-runner for the first time. Yes, the Southwest is wild and for the most part, untamed... just the way I like it! Many of the patterns on the Southwest Cricut cartridge are very similar to the real life thing. I've got to say that the Southwest cartridge is the best "free cut" ever! It captures all the Southwest has to offer and then some. I am having so much fun with this cartridge!

## CRICUT®: WHAT WAS USED



Cricut Expression® 2



Southwest Cartridge

## OTHER MATERIALS NEEDED

Card stock

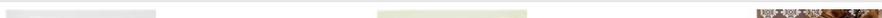
Non toxic glue

Non toxic art paint

## STEP 1

Decide the size card you'd like to make. This card is 5" x 5". I cut black card stock same size as card then cut 1/4" smaller "floral print coral" card stock then 1/4" smaller light blue card stock. Using the Southwest "free cut" Cricut cartridge I cut a 3" cloud, 3" teepee, one 2 1/2", 1 1/2", 2" rock formation, 2- 1" cactus, 1" horse, 2-3/4" yucca plants, and one 3/4" bull skull and pottery... yeah, I like to see just how small I can cut...lol!!! On the light blue card stock I used brown and green non-toxic art paint and a sponge and carefully blotted in the bottom half of the card. I then place each item where I wanted it to go. I used nontoxic red and green art paints to enhance the Yucca plants. Once I was done I drew in some birds with a black pen and there ya have it. This card was quite a challenge due to all the small parts but, it was very fun to make! I hesitated putting on any type of signage because this card can be given for whatever the occasion is!

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