Cards and gift tags: teacher guide

Christmas cards and gift tags

One page
for the adult

Materials

- Card or thick paper
- Scissors and a glue stick
- Tissue paper for the window card (optional)
- Scissors and a hole punch
- Ribbon or string

Time

- Christmas cards: 20–40 minutes (longer for fine detail)
- Gift tags: 10–20 minutes (longer for fine detail)

What it practises

- Folding in half accurately
- Writing names and short messages (early writing)
- Cutting and gluing to a fold (pop-up card)

Three levels

- Easy: a fold card with a big tree and words to colour; four big tags.
- Standard: a window card for tissue paper; nine tags.
- Fine detail: a pop-up card; twelve small tags with a border to draw on.

Before you start

For mark-making, the editable tags and cards (PowerPoint or the fillable PDF) let an adult type each child's name before printing.

Ideas to extend it

Write cards to families, to the local library or to a care home. Talk about who the card is for.

Safety

Check with families before posting cards with children's names outside the setting.