

Shaped slider card using Nestabilities

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You will need:

Nestabilities (I used Labels 8 and 17 for two different versions)
Cardstock
patterned paper
plastic bag (like a Zip-lock one) double sided tape
6 brads 6 brads



For my card I cut 3 of the largest labels from cardstock and one from patterned paper. I also cut one of the next size down from patterned paper. The three cardstock labels make the card and the slider mechanism, the patterned paper is for decoration, so you may or may not need all those elements (or more) depending on how you decorate yours!



You also need to cut a slice of a thicker plastic bag, through both layers of the bag - I used a quart-sized Zip-lock bag but you can cut what you need from any size. For my sample it needs to be 2.5 inches wide and longer than the largest label by a couple of inches.

Your slice of bag will be a circle, open on the long sides, sealed on the top and bottom.

I trim off those harder edges because I think it makes the slide operate more smoothly. If you use a bigger bag, and cut the slice UP from the bottom you need not trim any edges as the bottom of the bags are smooth, with no "seam" and can stick the plastic around the inner label with one piece of tape!



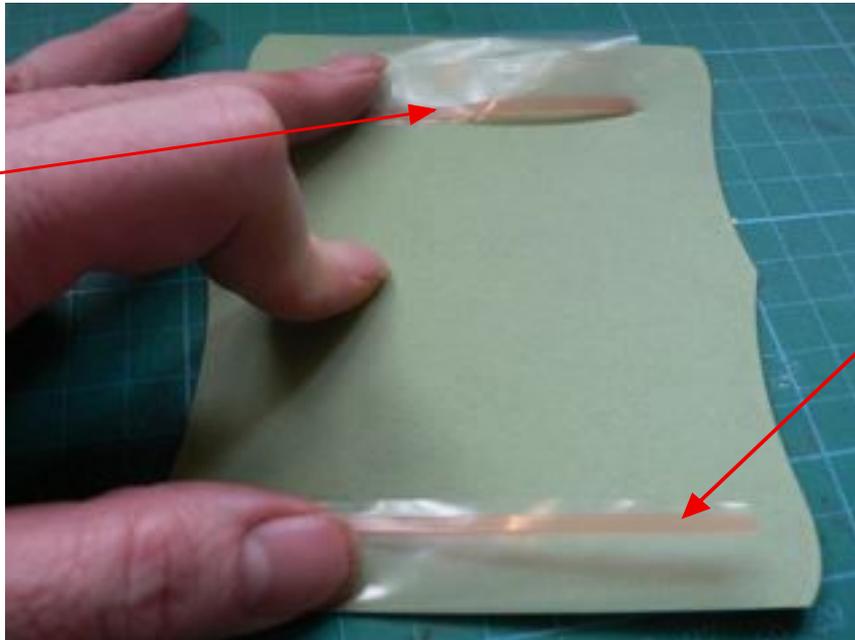
Cut off the bracket shape from the top and bottom of one label - this need only be enough so the top and bottom of the piece is straight. Depending on your label it can be just a 1/4 inch or so, or more.

You can cut a rectangle for this, but need it to be wide enough for the hole & brad arrangement that holds it all together!

Make one my way at first, to help understand how it works, then you can change it up!

Looking at the photo, wrap one of the bag slices around the trimmed label. Add good strong double-sided tape at the two edges. **BE VERY CAREFUL** not to let the tape overhang the edge and stick the bag to the cardstock. This is really important! Stick the other bag slice to one piece of tape then, making sure the circle can move freely around the label, stick the other end and trim the excess

Stick one edge of the second piece of bag here



..then stick the other end here

It will not be "the end" of the bag but some point along the length

What you want is a continuous circle of plastic, surrounding the label snugly but not tightly. It must move freely but not be so loose that it gapes. You don't want any tension in the bag, just snug but not tight!



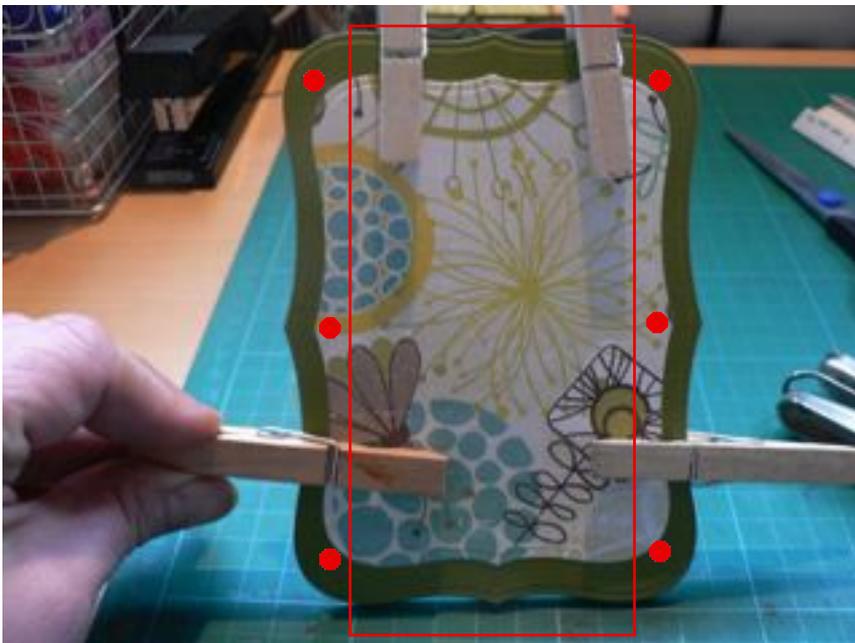
Now make the two tags that will slide out from the card, top and bottom (or to each side! - it all depends on how you decorate the front)



The tags should be no wider than the widest point of the smaller label - in my case this was about 2.5 inches, but the measurement was also dictated by the pattern on the cardstock I wanted to use! You need to be able to punch the holes for the brads on either side of them and still secure the front, slider, and back of the card while still allowing the tags to move freely between the holes.

I cut the tags, added the edging, then backed the tags with more cardstock, for extra stability

Does this illustrate it better? You can see the tags can move freely between the brad points



I usually make my tags LONGER than the label, top to bottom, so I can trim it down to the right size. In this case I added a decorative edge trimmed from the cardstock sheet. The edging is the “pull tab” that extends from the card. On this sample, the tabs extend top AND bottom, but in the sample at the beginning I tried to make the tab only extend from the bottom. It’s all in the placement and where you stick the tags to the plastic.

See the tab at the bottom only?



See the tabs top AND bottom?



I haven't yet, but would add PULL to the tab that activates the mechanism.

To make the mechanism work you will now stick the two tags, one with the BACK of the tag to the FRONT of the plastic and one with the FRONT of the tag to the BACK of the plastic



Again, as before, it is CRITICAL that the tags be stuck ONLY to the bag, not to the cardstock. At this point you can play around with placement of the tags, depending on how much of the tab you want on show, whether you want the tab to extend top AND bottom, how much you want the tags to come out (fully? just a bit? more one side or the other?)

For mine I wanted the tags to fully extend top and bottom with tabs showing top & bottom.

I lay down the slider part, then the tag, then put one of the cover labels over it. I adjust the tab so as much of it can be seen past the label. I trim the tag so it is slightly shorter than the slider and clamp it to hold it



Flip it over and repeat the placement and trimming of the second tag .

Now stick the tags to the bag. For full extension, the straight edge of the tag should just about match the edge of the label but experiment with placement and see how it changes how far the tags extend



Now you should be starting to see how it works! When you pull one tab, the bag will rotate around the label and as you pull one tab, and the bag rotates, the other label will move out. Pretty nifty, hum?

To assemble it all, stack all the elements, matching the shaped edges as closely as possible.

The stack is back of card label, slider mechanism, front label

I stuck the patterned paper smaller label to the cover label at this stage to help with the brad placement and clamped the stack together so I could punch the brad holes through all of them at once



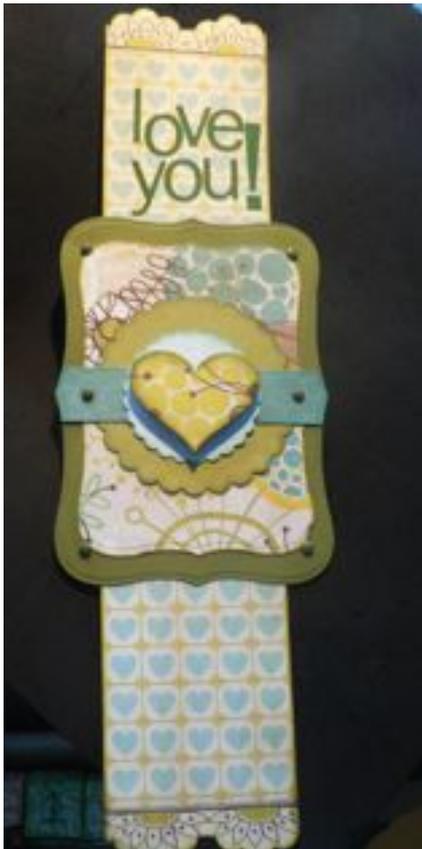
The brads need to hold the card together but be placed so they don't interfere with the slider. Two top, two middle, two bottom. If you use the smaller label, and made sure the tags were no wider than the width of the label, placing the brad holes will be easy, just use the label as your guide!

For a neat finish on the back, I just covered the brad backs with punched circles.



The front of the card can now be decorated as you like.

But a word about the inside tag decorations - they should be FLAT, as flat as you can make them, and stuck down really, really well. You don't want them to get caught and keep the slider from emerging, nor to get pulled off and lost somewhere inside!



I like to decorate the top part a bit more, then leave space on the bottom for a hand-written message



Hope that is all clear enough for you to follow and make one of your own! Any questions, feel free to comment on my blog or the You Tube video (I'm UKmaryanne) and I'll answer if I can.

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