ART ACTIVITY

ARTIST TRADING CARDS

Artist Trading Cards (ATC) are small works of art created on a standard card size (the same as baseball cards), signed by the artist, and traded and collected. Some are one-of-a-kind works of art or a series—the only limit is the size! Create your own special set of artist trading cards to exchange with family members or mail to friends!

Age/Grade  All

Materials

• Cardstock or thin cardboard for backing
• Paper
• Glue
• Various art materials
• Pen

Activity Ideas

Did You Know? By creating and trading ATCs you are taking part in a 22 year old “collaborative cultural performance” as the creator of the project, M. Vänçi Stirnemann intended. Stirnemann was an artist in Switzerland who started ATCs in 1997.

Swap! Organize an ATC swap with friends or family members online or through mail. Traditionally, ATCs were meant to be traded in person, but many people organize virtual and mail swaps today!

Themes: Try choosing a theme for your cards or series of cards to get started. There is no limit to what your cards can express!

Resources

• Jerry’s has a supply of Artist Trading Card materials!
• Learn more about ATC and the materials available to create high quality cards with almost any medium from Strathmore Artist.

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Artmaking Directions

1. Measure 2 ½ by 3 ½ inch rectangles onto cardboard and paper.

2. Cut out multiple rectangles for backing and for your art.

3. Draw, collage, and paint to create miniature works of art on each card.

4. Glue your artwork onto your cardboard backing.

5. Cut a sheet of paper to glue to the back.

6. You may need to trim the edges of your card.

7. Sign, title, and date your work on the back of the card.

8. Exchange your cards with family members or send them in the mail to trade.

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