

# Artist Trading Cards (ATCs)

3.5 in.

The ONLY rule for  
Artist Trading  
Cards  
is that they  
MUST be  
2.5 in X 3.5 in.

Sign and date the back.  
You can also include a  
title if you have one  
for your art.

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## The History of Artist Trading Cards

Artist Trading Cards are individual art miniatures which are traded hand to hand. A Swiss artist by the name of Vänçi Stirnemann may have started the ATC movement when he created 1200 ATCs for an art exhibit in 1996. He inspired other artists to make their own art on trading card-sized paper and they all got together and traded their artwork, which is how ATCs got started.

Need to make ATCs? Make your own blank cards by using paperboard boxes (cereal, tissue, other boxes), cardboard, old greeting cards, manila folders (used ones work too!), cardstock, posterboard, heavy scrapbook paper. Cover up anything you don't like with paint, paper or just collage over it.

## IDEAS FOR ATCS

- ★ Drawings  
your favorite things to draw
- ★ Paintings  
watercolor, acrylic, any kind of paint
- ★ designs  
look around for inspiration
- ★ Circles  
make a design out of circles
- ★ Lines  
draw lines and add color
- ★ Collage  
magazine pictures and words
- ★ Monogram Letters  
draw a letter and decorate it

## MORE IDEAS!

### Mix different mediums

for example, paint, then add marker or pen/pencil, or cut pictures and words from magazines then add marker

### Use art supplies you have at home

This could even be stickers, stamps, crayons, colored pencils - whatever you already have

### Work on multiple cards at one time

might as well work on 2 or 3 cards at the same time

### Make them with friends

It's fun to make art in a group and get inspired by others