

Paper and Envelope Information for Photo Cards

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The most important consideration is that you need a **little bit heavier weight paper** (say 80#--may be called cover or cardstock) so that when you put a photo on it, it will be able to "stand up"!

Best place for paper is Paper Zone when you can buy single sheets of paper in white or various colors. You can also find some heavier weight paper and envelopes at Michael's, Joann's, and also check Staples, Office Max and Office Depot.

Nekoosa Linen 80# cover 8 1/2 x 11 - linen means it is not a smooth finish, but has little lines on it that have a bit of texture. The Nekoosa Linen is a brand, and then it comes in white and ivory. It is **\$.39 for a single sheet, or by the ream of 250 sheets for \$30.**

The "cover" description means it is a heavier weight paper, as compared to "text" weight as used in a copy machine. "Cover" weight is sometimes called "cardstock". Envelopes come in packages of 50.

You can then cut the 8 1/2 x 11 sheet to make the size card you want. **If you are using the corner punch** I shared with you, then you cut the paper to be 1/4 inch larger than your photo on all sides:

Size of Photo	Cut Paper	Envelope Size	
4x6 using corner punch	6½ x 9 one card per sheet	A-7 envelope, or "Lee" (5.25" x 7.25") is a little bit larger than the card, but A-6 is TOO tight! ("A" envelopes have a square flap; "Baronial" have a pointed flap)	You can buy single sheets of various colors of heavier weight paper at Paper Zone
4x6 glue onto card	6¼ x 8½ (tiny border)	A-6 envelope, or "6-bar" (4.75" x 6.5")	
5x7 using corner punch	7 ½ x 11 one card per sheet	A-9 envelope (5.75" x 8.75") - again, it is larger than the card, but is the best fit you can get	This combination is almost the maximum weight for one stamp, so careful if you put any "letter" inside!
4x8 glue on paper	8 x 8 or 8 x 8½ (tiny border)	#10 envelope (4-1/8" x 9-1/2") - this is a regular business size envelope; they also come in colors	You can buy #10 envelopes in colors
Wallet size 3x4 – no corner punch; put a frame around photo; glue onto card	8½ x 5 ½ two cards per sheet	A-2 envelope, or "5 1/2 bar" (4-3/8" x 5-3/4")	This 3x4 print size (called wallet size) is available at Bartells Kiosk, or Rite Aid online or kiosk

The corner punch I showed you is available at JoAnn's, and there is a JoAnn's at Crossroads, Lynnwood, etc. It sells for about \$10, but you OFTEN find it on sale in the store or online. There are a few different designs, but careful as there are other similar looking "corner punches" that do NOT punch a hole for photos.