

Tips for making your own deck of Alpha Playing Cards



Two ways to make your own deck of Alpha Playing Cards using the downloadable graphics provided from the Alpha Word Game System wiki. You may do it either way or come up with your own creative way...the main thing is to have fun making the cards and then playing the games with the cards when you are done. Enjoy.

Using a regular sheet of printer paper:

You will need a color printer, a pair of scissors and some clear plastic card sleeves (found at most collectable card stores or board game stores). Two standard deck of cards may also be required (they can be used).

Step 1) Start by printing out 9 copies of the backs of the Alpha Playing Cards with the thin yellow cut-lines on them (the first page of the downloaded PDF file). Then print out the fronts of the Alpha Playing Card (which should be 9 pages). You should have 18 pages when done.

Step2) Using a pair of scissors cut out the card backs (9 per sheet) by cutting along the yellow cut lines. Then place the cards backs one at a time into the card sleeves until you have 74 cards (there should be 7 card backs left over).

Step 3) Using a pair of scissors cut out the card faces (9 per sheet) by cutting along the red cut-lines. Then place the 74 card faces inside the card sleeves with the card backs. You now have a complete deck of Alpha Playing Cards.

If you find the cards are too easy to see through or the cards don't feel thick enough even in the card sleeves, you can place a real playing card in between the card face and card back. Two used sets of a standard deck of playing cards will usually do the trick.

Using heavy card stock:

You will need a color printer, a pair of scissors and 9 sheets of heavy card stock. Note: some printers cannot handle heavy card stock. Some clear plastic card sleeves (found at most collectable card stores or board game stores) may also be required.

Step 1) Start by printing out 9 copies of the backs of the Alpha Playing Cards without the thin yellow cut-lines on them (the second page of the downloaded PDF file).

Step 2) Reload the 9 pages back into your printer (this will take a little thought so it comes out right) and print out the fronts on the other side of the card stock.

Step 3) Using a pair of scissors cut out the cards by cutting along the red cut-lines on the side with the card faces. You now have a complete deck of Alpha Playing Cards.

Step 4) Optional Step...if you like the corners to be rounded you can usually find a punch at most craft stores that does this.

If you find the cards don't feel thick enough you can place them into clear card sleeves.