

Weather Playing Cards

Learn to create your very own playing cards! These cards can be used as matching card or remove one of each matching card and use them as flashcards.

What You Will Need:

1. 2 Sheets of 12 by 12 white cardstock paper.
**Please note that the video shows making the cards with one sheet of paper. The second sheet is to challenge yourself to make a second set of cards to go with your first set.
2. Your choice of markers, crayons, pencils, or pens. Feel free to get creative and use more than of these art supplies when decorating the playing cards.
3. Scissors (Use adult assistance and supervision)

What to do:

Find an area with a good amount of space to set up supplies and work

1. Take one of your 12 by 12 white sheets and fold it horizontally.
2. ****Adult Required Use Caution**** Cut along the folded line. This step should leave you with two rectangle sheets.
3. Fold each rectangular sheet into thirds.
4. ****Adult Required Use Caution**** Cut along the folded lines for each rectangle sheet. This should leave you with 6 rectangular pieces.
5. Split the six card pieces into piles of two. You will be drawing one card design for each pile of two.
6. Take a moment to choose which weather scenes you want to draw on your cards. In the instructional video I use the following:
 - Sunny
 - Partly Cloudy
 - Thunderstorm

Feel free to use these, try the ones listed below, or come up with your own!

- Cloudy
 - Windy
 - Tornado
 - Rain
 - Snow
 - Fog
 - Rainbow
7. Choose one pile for your set of cards and use the top of the card to write the name of your weather scene.
 8. Use the bottom of your playing card to write a few facts about your weather scene.
 9. Use the middle of your card as drawing space.

10. Repeat your title, facts, and drawing on the second card. This should leave you with two cards that look just alike.
11. Write on the back of each card "Weather Matching Game"
12. Using your markers, crayons, pencil, and/or pen, color and decorate your playing cards you chose.
13. Repeat steps 7-13 on your second and third card pile.
14. Use the second 12 by 12 card stock paper sheet and repeat the process from step 1 to create more cards if you like!

How to Set up your Weather Matching Card Game

1. Place all the finished card into one pile. Be sure that the back of your card, "Weather Matching Game", is facing up.
2. Shuffle the cards.
3. Place your cards in two rows on a flat surface, like a table. There should be the same number of cards on top and bottom row with the "Weather Matching Game" side still facing up.
4. Flip one card over to where the weather scene is facing up.
5. Flip a second card over the same way as Step 4.
6. If there is a match, flip another card over.
7. If there is not a match, flip the first and second card back over to where "Weather Matching Game" side is back on top.
8. Repeat steps 4-7 until there are no mo matches left to make!