

DINNER JACKET TEMPLATE

Take some plain black card (not glossy). *(If you want the striped suit card you will need to order this from Cranberry Cards).* Cut x 2 the template below. The dotted line represents the position of the "score line" to make the lapel. Score with back of knife or similar (not a craft knife as will cut too much) and then gently fold back and then use roller or bone folder to get a good crease. If you wish you can fix the lapels back with a little piece of sticky tape but if the fold is good it should be OK.

For a formal evening jacket card or coloured suit card with "white shirt":

Take a 7 x 4½ or 7x5 white card. Fold out and measure the halfway point at the top / front of the card - see diagram below. Take a craft knife and make a cut down the front of the card for about half an inch. Take ruler and score as shown on the diagram - carefully fold back to make the shirt collar. Refold the card. Put DST (double sided tape) down both sides of the front of the card. *[** at this point if you want to put on an ordinary tie do this now as it is difficult to place once the jacket fronts are on].* Carefully place the first jacket front onto the card and then the other jacket front. They will overlap. Secure the overlap with a small piece of DST. Trim either card or jacket fronts if necessary.

Taking an imaginary line from the bottom of the collar-cut put three pencil dots for the position of the shirt buttons. Put a small dot of glue on each pencil dot and add a black or silver sequin to each dot. Put a dot of glue in the middle of the overlap and add a small black button. Make a small bow of red or silver ribbon (1/4" wide) and glue to the spot marked X on the drawing below. *I have tried making proper bow ties - they are fiddly and don't always look so effective as the small bows- if you have time you could try sewing some bow ties but using glue makes them very stiff.* Add a white insert to your card taking the insert as near as possible to the edges of the inside of the card. Add a red rose to the lapel. There is enough room also to add a peel off greeting or name (e.g. DAD) to the front of the jacket. (If you want to emboss something do this before you start putting the card together).

SUGGESTED VARIATIONS

Firstly look at the site for the DJ competition on the forum - loads of good ideas there especially fun ones !

I have made snazzy suit cards from using black card for the shirt, white card for the jacket fronts, adding a gold fabric rose on the lapel, and a ****proper tie** made from gold hologram card. (if you are not able to draw a proper tie to make a template let me know privately). Also used dark green card with cream shirt, brown card with cream shirt, silver jacket fronts on white shirt, black fronts on red shirt etc. Bow ties can be made with tartan ribbon - looks good with green jacket fronts. Ordinary ties can also be made from patterned fabric scrap placed on sticky back card and cut out. **HAVE FUN !!!**

