

Special Event Photo Place Cards

Personalize your special event with place cards that serve as both conversation starters and party favors.

What you'll need

- Polymer clay, in gray or color of your choice
- Photos of the guests of honor at various times in their lives
- Heavy-weight decorative papers
- Rubber cement, or spray adhesive
- Blunt table knife

Optional: silver and gold metallic powders; 1" fleur-de-lis rubber stamp; pink and olive green polymer clay, small leaf and flower cutters (sold with polymer clay), 2mm opalescent seed beads, and craft glue with applicator tip; silver craft wire, wire cutters, needle nose pliers; tiny artificial flowers with adhesive foam backs



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What to do

- 1 For each base, roll gray polymer clay into round balls the size of a large walnut. Flatten the bottom as a base. Slice the base 3/4 of the way through the middle, on a slight slant.
- 2 To embellish the photo base, try one or all of the following techniques:
 - Mix a small amount of gold and silver metallic powder together and apply with your fingertips over the base.
 - Press a rubber stamp into the clay.
 - Make clay flowers: Roll out pink and green clay to about 1/16" thickness, and cut out flowers and leaves with cutters. Press leaves onto base, and impress each leaf with a vein, using a sharp pencil point or toothpick. Press flowers on top, depressing the center with a dull pencil to shape the flower.
 - Cut silver craft wire into pieces 1" to 1 3/4" long. Make curlicues at one end with a needle nose pliers. Push the other end into the base.
- 3 Place card holders on a cookie tray in a pre-heated 300° oven. Cook for 6 minutes, then turn off the oven, but keep the door closed until the oven has cooled. Glue beads into the flower shapes, or adhere miniature, artificial flowers if you prefer.

What to do (cont.)

- 4 For the place cards, scan pictures. Unify them by printing them all 4"x 6", and selecting the sepia option at the photo kiosk. Glue each photo onto a 4 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangle of heavy-stock, colored paper. Prepare the other side of the card as follows: On the computer, type up names of guests, appropriate table numbers, and perhaps a caption for the photo. Print out and glue to the card.

Fun photos of the guests of honor make great conversation starters at every table!

