

ATCs - Artist Trading Cards



The Event Where Everyone Is A Star!

Have you been hearing, "Do you have a trade?" So what are we trading? ATCs - which is the acronym for Artist Trading Card. So now you are asking, "What exactly is an Artist Trading Card?"

An ATC is work of art in miniature. You're probably familiar with baseball cards or other sports cards. ATCs are similar to baseball cards but they are your own personal creation about yourself. They're the latest craze and now they are everywhere and expressing every imaginable theme. ATC swaps are happening all over the world. Nothing is too outlandish for an ATC.

So, how do you make them? They must measure 2½" x 3½" and your creation should include your name and any other information you would like to share. Your name can be the title of your card.

For the face of your card, pretty much anything goes. The theme of an ATC can be simple, silly, or serious. Any type of media can be used to create an ATC. They can be decorated with stamps, ink, fabric, stickers, die cuts, paint, paper, photos, and embellishments – almost anything you can think of that will fit on the card. Even llama wool! Just let your creativity and your imagination lead the way.



At this year's Youth Jamboree, we will have 2011 All American Youth Jamboree ATCs for you to add your personal creations to. A sample of the back of the Youth Jamboree ATC is displayed above. The face of the card will be plain and that's where you'll create your own personal ATC to trade with others attending this year's Youth Jamboree. We'll have markers, paints, and embellishments for you to use. However, if you'd like to plan ahead and have a design all ready or create something at home to paste on your ATCs, that would work too. Use one design for all your ATCs and be sure to include your name. You could even incorporate a small photo of yourself. See how many cards you can trade and collect from friends, old and new, at this year's Youth Jamboree.

To keep them safe, you could even bring along a 3-ring binder with plastic sleeves or collector card sleeves to put your collection in for display. So, think it over and get some designs in mind that you can use for your 2011 ATC!