

# Mother's Day

On May 9 it's Mother's Day. That's a good time to spend time with your mother and telling her how much you love her.

But can you imagine why Mother's Day has been called to life more than 100 years ago?

Let's take a little time travel to the USA.

In 1870 there were several women in America who wanted a Mother's Day. They not only wanted women and mothers to be valued for all the work they did all the time. Most of all it was supposed to be a peace day. A day for women from all over the world to come together and thinking about a more peaceful, open community of all the people together.

Mother's Day was only made an official holiday in the USA about 40 years later though, thanks to the daughter of one of the women who came up with the original idea for Mother's Day. Both mother and daughter were called Anna Jarvis, since when the mother died in 1905 well aged, her daughter tried pushing her idea for Mother's Day and had success!

Since 1914 Mother's Day is an official holiday in the USA. By now it's celebrated in over 70 countries all over the world in well different ways, the main idea however stays the same: reminding ourselves of how important mothers are and taking time to show them that. I think we should not forget, that the original idea of the mothers was to speak up for a more peaceful world. That's still an important task today.







## Greetings in an envelope

Would you like to please your mother today?

We have an idea for a gift here, that you can create without needing too much material. It's not about spending much money on a gift. A few nice words and thoughtfulness make happy too. That's why we want to make a self-made envelope together that you can fill with little notes to your mother. You can write, for example, what you like about your mother, how you want to spend time with her, how she can get you laughing or also some shared experiences that you can think of.

If writing is still hard for you, you can draw something nice, too.

And if you want your present to be a very special surprise, put it in the letterbox very early in the morning of Mother's Day. Your mother will certainly be very surprised when she opens that letter!

#### You will need:



- Coloured DIN A4 paper
- little paper notes
- a post card
- glue stick
- scissors
- coloured pencils

### Tiny tip:

You don't necessarily need to take a new piece of paper for your envelope. You can also wonderfully use a cut-out page from a magazine or an old calendars page with a nice picture on it.



#### INSTRUCTION

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First fold the page diagonally.

Cut the superfluous paper so that you end up with a square.



Now we start folding. To do that place the post card on the paper so that there are triangles of paper to be seen to either side. Towards the top, the postcard is placed directly on the rim. Below there is more space.



Now fold the bottom piece up to cover the postcard.



Next the two side follow.



Now you fold the top piece down. Take the postcard out of the paper, you don't need it any more.

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Fold back in the sides ad cover them in glue to stick on them the bottom piece. You can now slip your written or drawn notes in.

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Finally, close the envelope and throw it into the letterbox. That's your Mother Day's present done!



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