

Snowflake Cards



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Materials (for one card)

- *Kaleidoscope Collections* Kaleidoscope Kreator™ 3
- *Kaleidoscope Collections* Snowflakes Template Mini-Pack
- PC with inkjet printer
- Digital photo
- 4" x 6" glossy inkjet photo paper
- 8½" x 5½" cardstock (for card base)
- 3¼" x 3¼" square of contrasting cardstock
- Straight edge trimmer
- Bone folder and straight edge or scoring tool
- Permanent adhesive
- Dimensional adhesive
- Rubber stamp with holiday greeting
- Ink pad
- Embossing powder (optional)
- Heat gun (optional)



On the Computer

1. **Choose a photo based on the colors, not the subject.** In Kaleidoscope Kreator, open the digital photo with **File>Open Image**.
2. **Select a Snowflake template shape.** Click on the **Select Kaleidoscope Shape** button in the **Toolbar** (the button that looks like a pie wedge) to bring up the template shape selector. Click on the checkbox next to “Snowflakes” under the Template Pack heading in the left column. (**Figure 1**) Then double-click on any Snowflake shape to select.
3. **Create a kaleidoscope design.** Move, rotate and/or resize the photo in the workspace and watch the **Kaleidoscope Preview** in the upper right corner of the screen. (**Figure 2**) Every time you move the photo in the workspace, the Preview will update with the current design based on the position of the photo in the template. Click on the **Kaleidoscope Preview** if you want to see a full-screen preview of the kaleidoscope.
4. **Design the background that will appear around and behind the snowflake shape.** There are two steps to designing the background — choosing a color and choosing a texture:

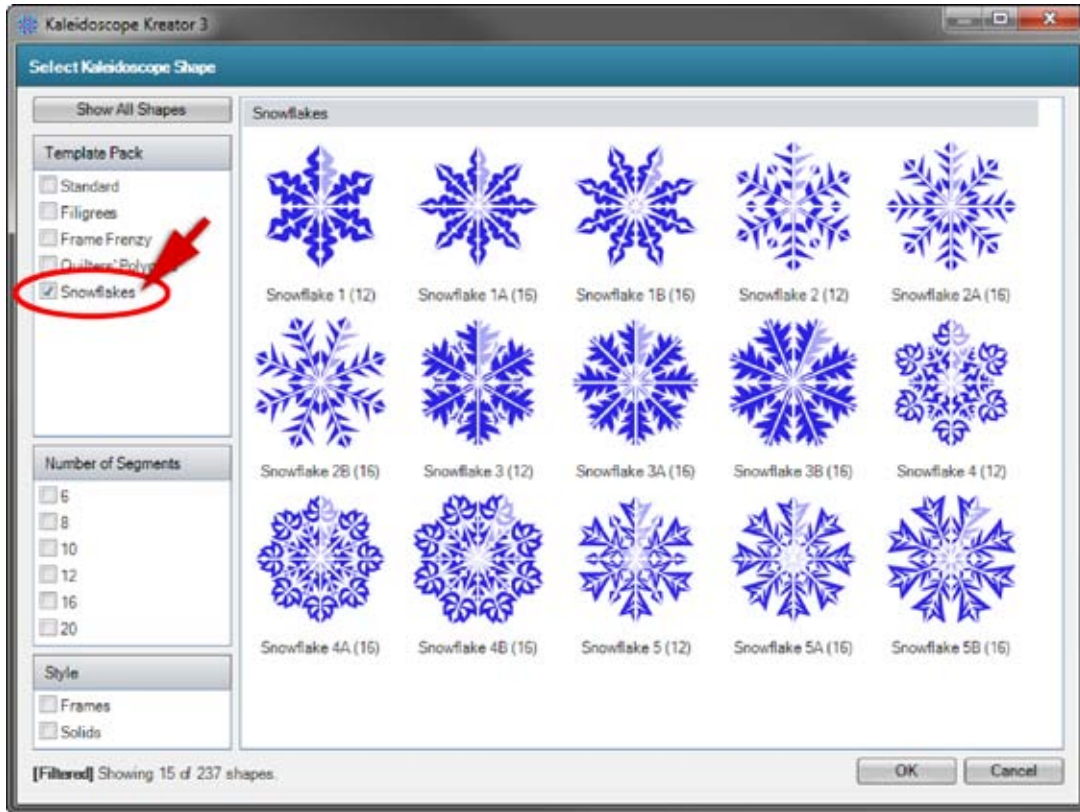


Figure 1.

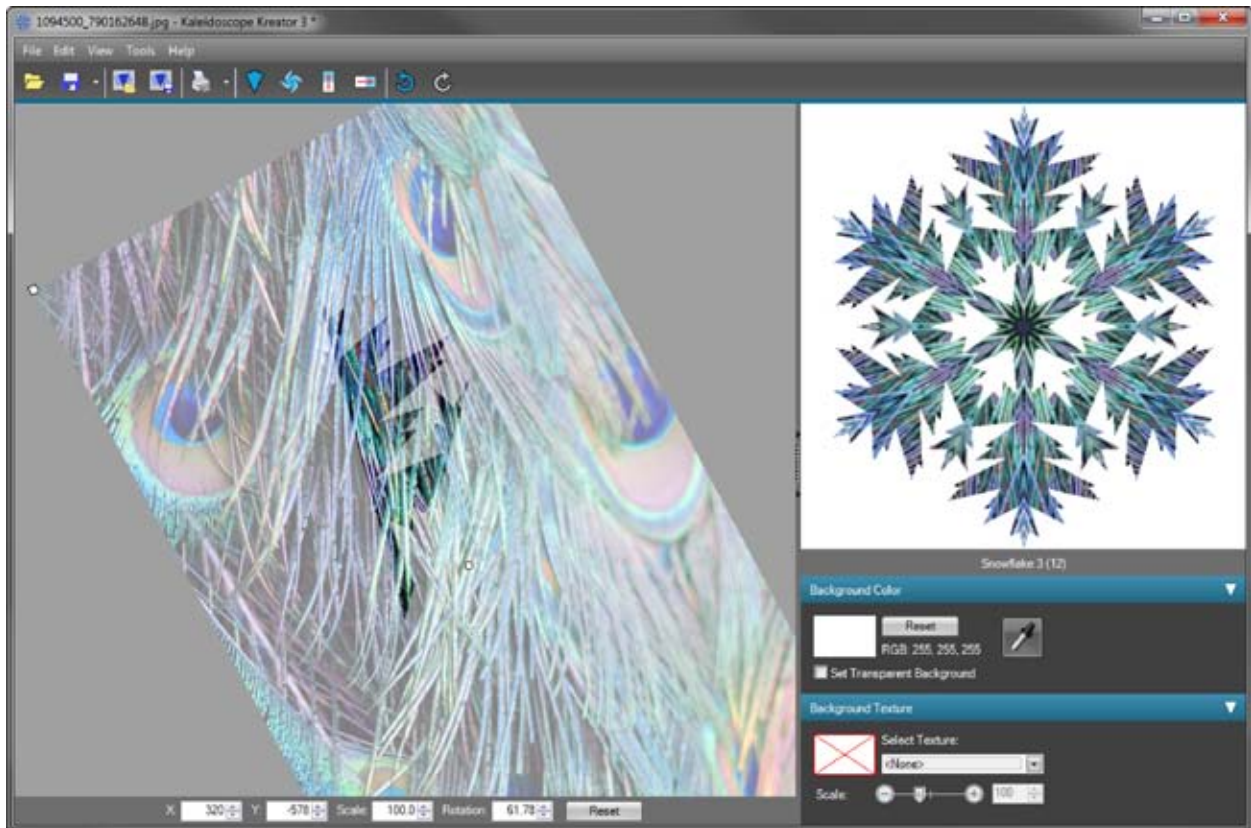


Figure 2.

- a. To select a background color, click on the eyedropper button in the Background Color palette. Next, click on the photo in the workspace on a color that you think will complement the kaleidoscope design. The background color will change as soon as you click on the photo. (**Figure 3**) If you don't like the color, simply click on the eyedropper again and then on the photo. Repeat until you are happy with the color.

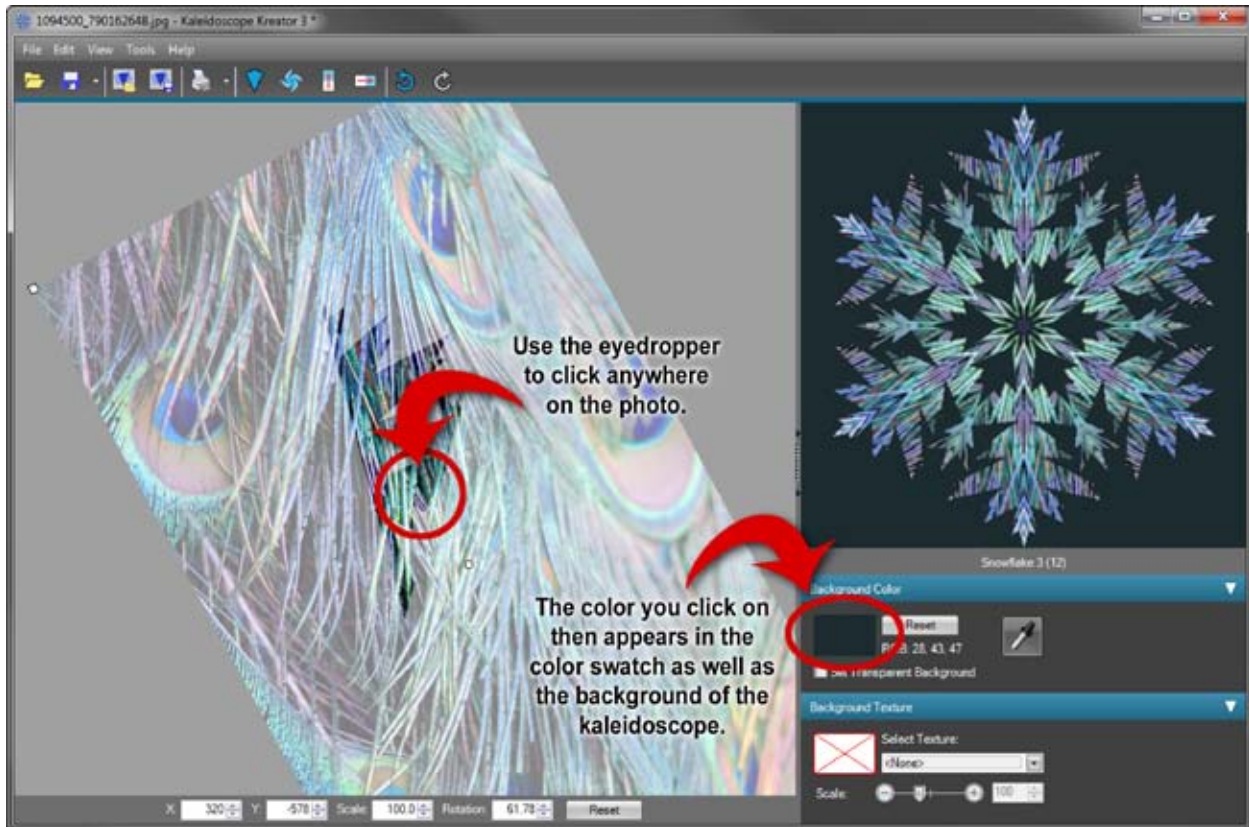


Figure 3.

- b. To choose a texture, click on the Select Texture pull-down menu in the Background Texture palette. This will display a list of pre-defined textures. Choose a texture that won't compete with the kaleidoscope design. The Marble texture was used for this particular project. (**Figure 4**) You can adjust the scale of the texture with the Scale slider, if desired.

Tip: After adding the texture, the background color you chose may appear muted. If so, you can adjust the background color by clicking on the color swatch in the Background Color palette. This will bring up the Select Color dialog box. To increase the intensity of the color, you will want to increase the saturation. **Figure 5** shows that the color that was initially chosen for the background has a Saturation=218. The highest saturation value is 255. (Remember, you can always undo any change you don't like with the Undo button in the Toolbar.)

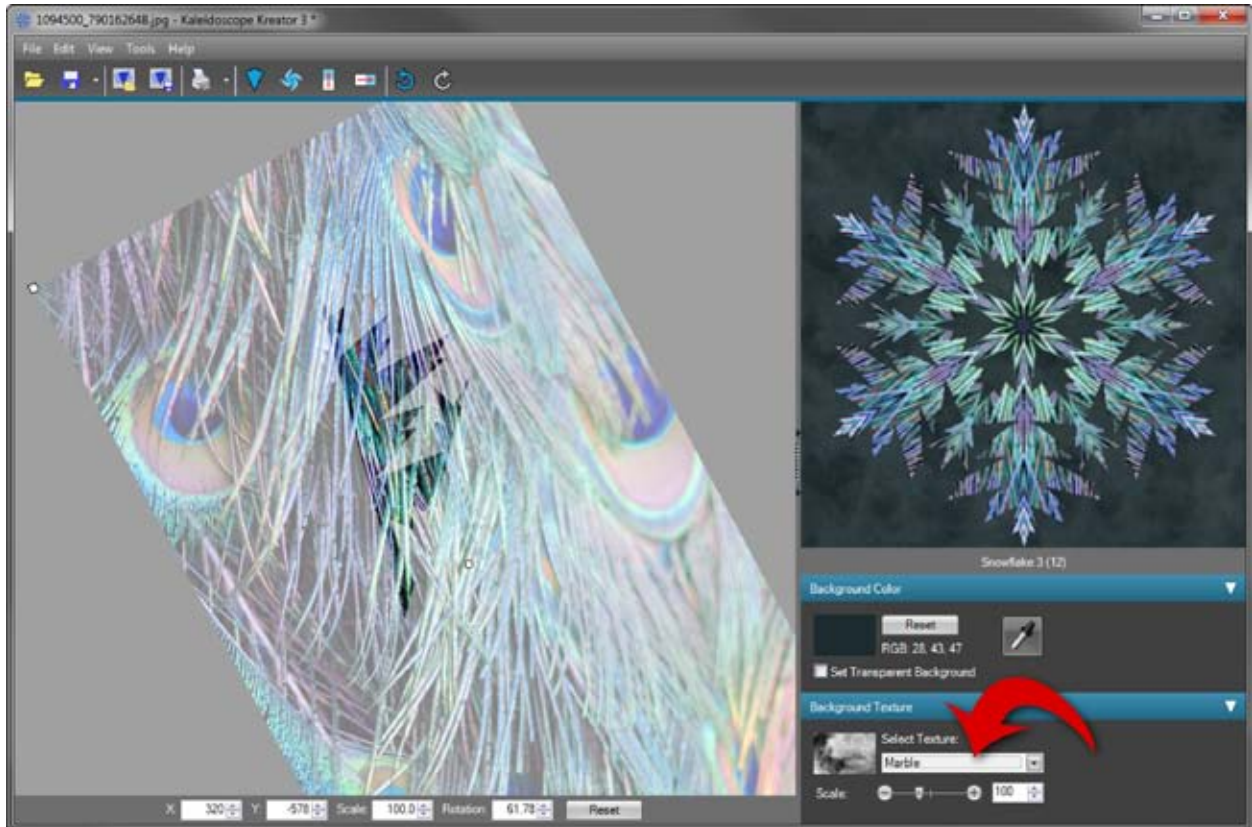


Figure 4.

5. *Save your kaleidoscope design.* Use **File>Save Workspace** to save your kaleidoscope design as a workspace file on your hard drive. A workspace file has a **.kk3** extension and stores everything about your kaleidoscope design so that you can open it again later in Kaleidoscope Kreator. Save the workspace file using a name and location that will make it easy to find later.

(Optional) Use

File>Save Kaleidoscope to save the kaleidoscope design as a JPEG file as well, using the same base name as the workspace file. Having a corresponding JPEG file for each workspace allows you to quickly see the design in the thumbnail view of Windows Explorer, and makes it easier to manage your saved workspaces. Since this doesn't need to be a high-resolution image, a size of 400 or 600 pixels is sufficient.

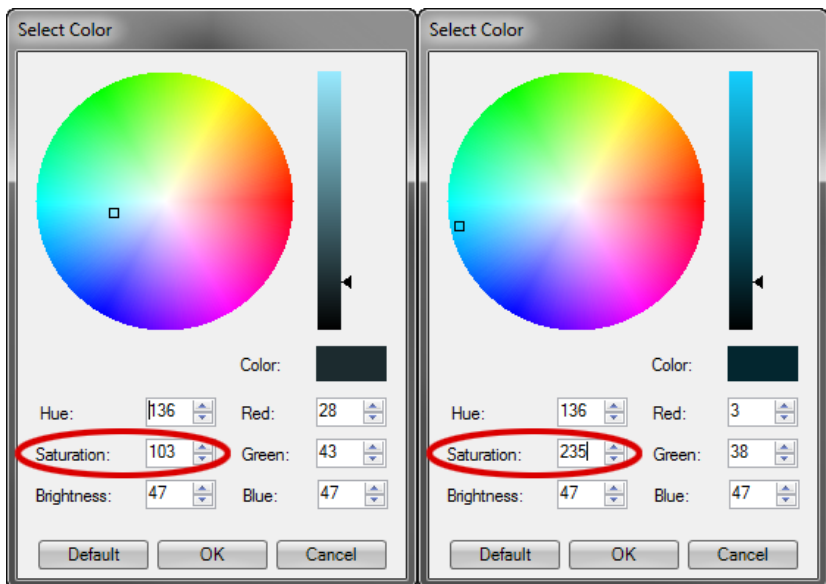


Figure 5.

6. *Print the kaleidoscope onto photo paper.* This is accomplished through the Print Kaleidoscope function. Click on the **Print Kaleidoscope** button in the **Toolbar** to bring up the Print Kaleidoscope window.
- Make sure **Maintain Proportions** at the top left is checked, then enter *3 inches* for the **Width**. (The **Height** will automatically update.)
 - Uncheck **Print Margins** and **Show Cutlines**.
 - Check **Center Kaleidoscope on Page**.
 - Choose your printer in the **Printer Settings** section in the upper right of the window and set the paper size to *4 x 6 in.* (**Figure 6**)
 - Click the **Properties** button to set the printer properties for glossy photo paper. Then click **OK**.
 - Click the **Print** button at the bottom right of the window to start printing.

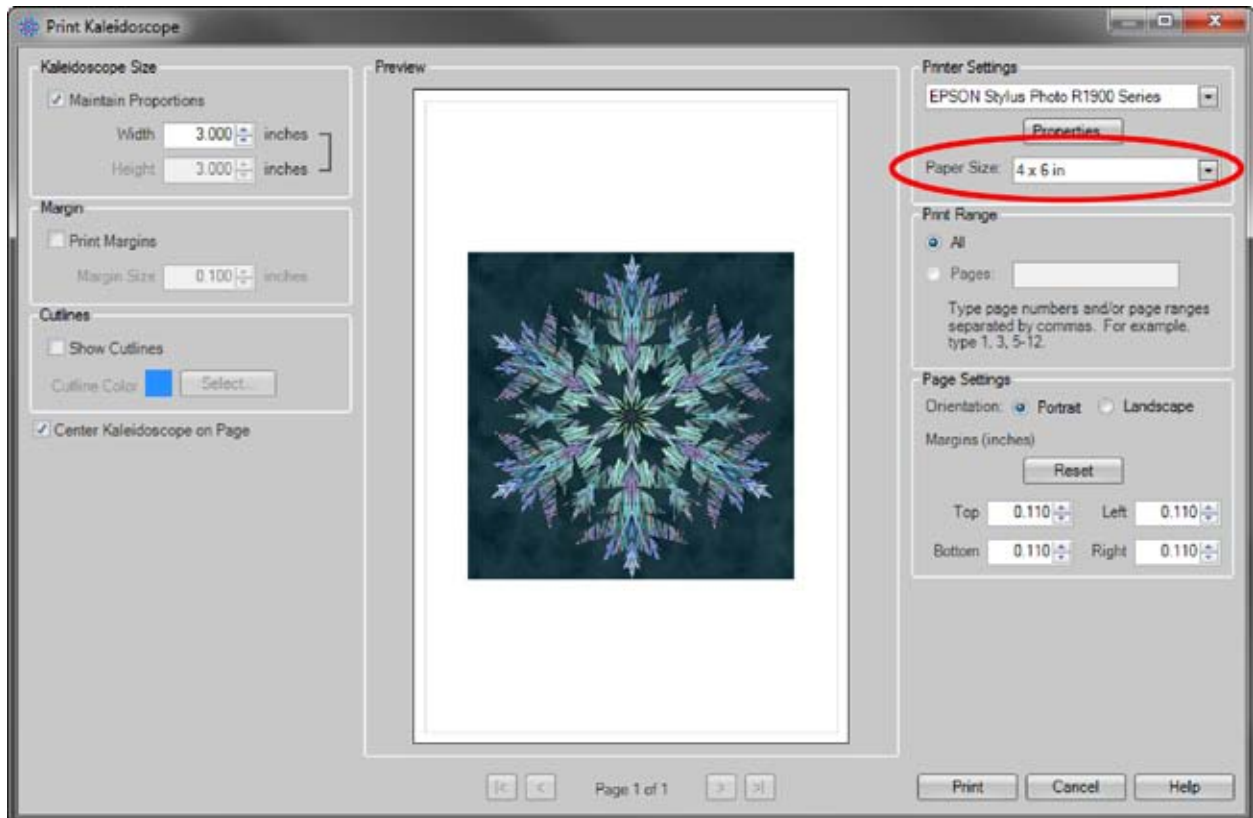


Figure 6.

Assembly

1. **Cut out the kaleidoscope.** Using a straight edge paper trimmer, trim away all of the white photo paper around the kaleidoscope.
2. **Adhere kaleidoscope to mat.** Using permanent adhesive, adhere the kaleidoscope to the 3¼" x 3¼" piece of cardstock.
3. **Score card base.** Score the 8½" x 5½" piece of cardstock at 4¼" (so that it will fold into a 4¼" x 5½" card).
4. **Stamp greeting on front of card.** Position the kaleidoscope on the card as shown in **Figure 7**, but don't adhere yet. (This is just for placement of the stamp.) Stamp the saying in the remaining area below the kaleidoscope. *Optional:* Apply and heat the embossing powder.
5. **Adhere kaleidoscope to card.** Using the dimensional adhesive, adhere the kaleidoscope to the front of the card.

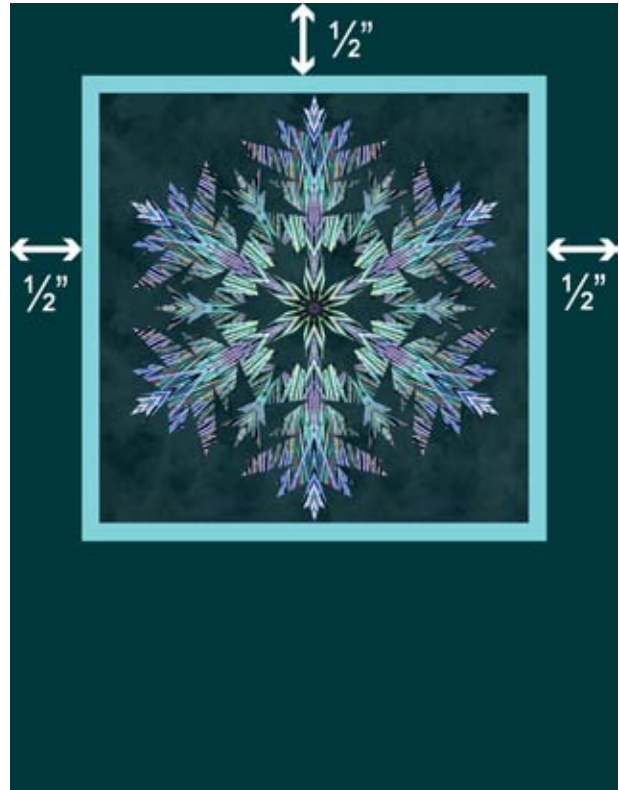


Figure 7.