Materials needed to create your slides

We love creating easy to use and practical resources for everyone . <u>This is whats</u> <u>needed to create your slides - only 3 things</u>

-A4 size thick cardstock

<u>-scissors</u>

your own real specimens you have collected OR use our specimen images we have added

<u>4 different material ideas for the slide windows you can use:</u>

We have included 4 DIFFERENT things you can use as the see-through windows for your slides , 2 of them are things you most likely have at home already , so just use whichever one you choose.-pick your preferred one , they all look great,we have rated our favs to use.

1- laminate pouchs (you can find these at most foodlands,post office,home depots , ect)

2- clear plastic binder sleeve (you can find these at most foodlands,post office,home depots , ect)

COLLECTABLE PROTECTIVE CARD SLEEVES (LITTLE POUCHES FOR POKEMONS CARDS,COLLECTABLE CARDS TO PROTECT YOUR VALUABLE CARDS,TRAVEL ECT.

3- collectable protective card soft sleeves 3x4inch - I had this laying around at home for my sons pokemon cards (we found ours at our toy shop next to the pokemon card section) - roughly \$5 aud for pack of 100 - these are our second best recommended-easy to use

 4- toploader collectable protective card sleeves 3x4in (these are a thicker plastic and are my favourite, as they are more "glassy for the window" also we had these laying around for my sons pokemon cards- we also brought these from the toy shop next to the pokemon cards.









Directions for diy specimen slides

- print on any THICK CARDSTOCK for best results -A4 SIZE (the thicker the better)

2 cut around each slide with a pair of scissors , also cut out the white window square in the middle of your slide





3- use your preferred method of the 4 examples we have showed you for the slide window,

for methods 1 and 2 (laminate pouches or binder sleeve)- simply put your slide over and cut window to size(to fit in the square you cut out) NOTE: its best to cut these at the bottom where it joins ,so its easy to keep together as it remains folded





for methods 3 and 4 - the 3x4 inch card holders are the perfect fit for each slide (no need to cut to size)

4-Add your specimens inside the plastic windows you have created either add REAL SPECIMENS your child has collected (leaves,dried flowers,insect wings,moss,ect OR cut out our specimen images and add them as "fake" specimens TIP : double print the ones you would likt to use and glue them together so you can see the image on both sides of the specimen slide

5- use glue and glue your plastic window in place on your slide WITH your specimen already inside, then glue the other slide on top of it (standard glue stick should work but we RECOMMEND craft glue tape as its so easy to use, and not messy



Optional

once your slide is made, you can label your specimen using washi tape, paint tape etc for a extra effect

glue into place







