

The Code of Cards

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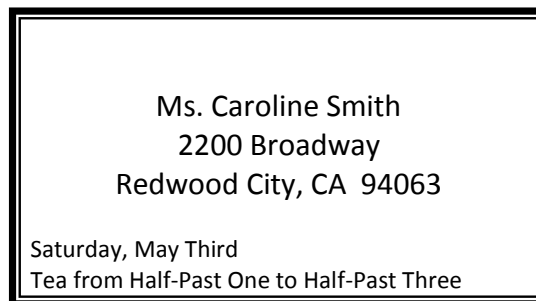
Calling cards could give more information than the name and address printed on them. They were a way of maintaining and making new social ties.

Supplies:

- White Cardstock (if you don't have white cardstock, an index card or thin piece of cardboard, for example the inside of a cereal box, will do)
- Pen/pencil
- Scissors
- Decorative supplies—color pencils, stamps, gel pens

Directions:

1. Cut out a rectangle 2.5 inches high x 3 inches wide
2. Make at least two calling cards. On each card include your name and address.
3. Decorate your cards with stamps and colored pencils.



The Code:

1. Fold on the upper right corner means the person came to the house.
2. Fold on the upper left corner means congratulations.
3. Fold on the lower right corner means goodbye.
4. Fold on the lower left corner means sympathy.
5. Fold one the entire left side means the person is visiting everyone in the family



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