

TOOLS & MATERIALS

SCALPEL KNIFE

Also known by the brand name Xacto knife, this tool cannot be replaced by scissors. Use sharp blades.

CUTTING BOARD

A self-healing cutting board from any art supply store is very useful, but a sheet of cardboard can work in a pinch. Flip it around and replace it often so your blade does not get caught in any ruts.

SCORING TOOL

Art stores sell scoring tools made of bone, but stylus pens, like those used for DS game systems, will also crush paper without cutting it.

RULER

Use a ruler to draw the scoring lines.

GLUE

White glue is the strongest but you need to use it very sparingly. Rubber cement is an acceptable alternative which is easier to use.

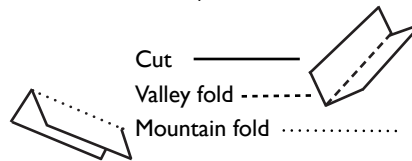
HEAVY PAPER

Do not use plastic coated photo paper because it is difficult to fold and impossible to glue.

General Instructions

For printed color pop-up cards

Each card comes with a small copy of the template image with cut and fold marks drawn over it. Solid lines indicate cuts, dashes are for valley folds and dotted lines



show mountain folds.

Step 1:

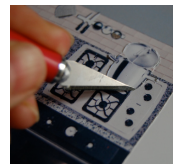
Print

Print on good quality heavy stock, but do not use plastic coated photo paper. It is best not to scale the images, but if you choose to do so, make sure you scale the main pop-up card and its support or backing card identically. Use the same type of paper for both main card and backing.

Step 2:

Cut

Following the solid lines on your guide, cut along the picture with your scalpel knife.



Step 3:

Score

Use a ruler and your scoring tool to draw straight lines wherever you see either the dashed or dotted lines on the guide. Press down firmly enough to crush the paper but be careful to avoid piercing it. Work on a surface which is absolutely smooth but has a little give, such as a magazine. The cutting board will be too bumpy.

Step 4:

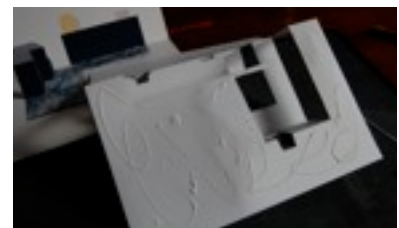
Fold

Generally the easiest way to fold these pop-ups is to start work with the image facing you, to slip your fingers behind the elements which will pop up, and gently nudge them forward as you push the sides down. Once all the scored lines have been half folded in this manner, you can slowly push the card all the way shut and press down on all the creases. The folded card should be flat and smooth.

Step 5:

Glue

After you have cut and folded both the main pop-up and its support you need to glue them together. Apply a very small amount of glue to one



This is slightly too much glue

of the back sides of your folded pop-up. Be careful to avoid getting any glue on the shapes which pop up. Position your card precisely so that the middle crease lines up exactly against the middle crease of your backing, then press it down flat. Do not be concerned if the paper edges do not line up 100% -- they can be trimmed. The card must line up to the central crease. Flip the card over and apply glue to the second half of your pop-up. Glue it by pressing the card shut.