



## Make a Pop-up Valentine Card!

Supplies:

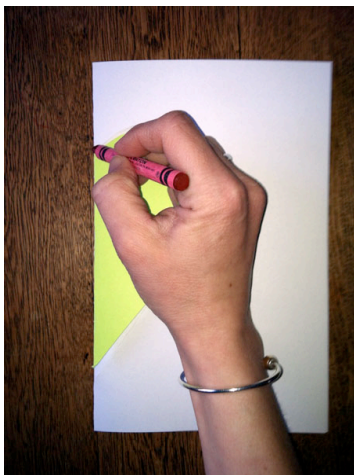
- two sheets of same-size construction paper or cardstock
- extra piece of paper to make a heart template
- scissors
- glue stick
- stickers, doilies, markers, etc. for decorating

1. Take two sheets of construction paper or cardstock and place one on top of the other. Fold them in half the short way, like a greeting card.

2. Take off the outer sheet and set it aside.

3. Fold the extra piece of paper in half and cut out a heart that is about half the height of your card. This will serve as your template.

4. Leaving the template folded in half, place the folded side of the template even with the folded side of the inner piece of paper. Trace around the heart.



5. Remove template. Carefully cut around the top side of the heart. STOP cutting when you get to the straight, bottom part of the heart. Rather than cutting, fold that part toward the bottom of the card.



6. Undo the fold you just made and open the inner sheet as if opening the card. Push the heart outward, into the middle of the card. You will be folding two of the creases *against the grain*. Close card and crease folds of heart into place.

7. Put glue on the back side of the inner sheet, being careful not to get glue on the heart or it will not pop up. Line up the inner and outer sheets and glue them together.



7. You are ready to decorate!



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