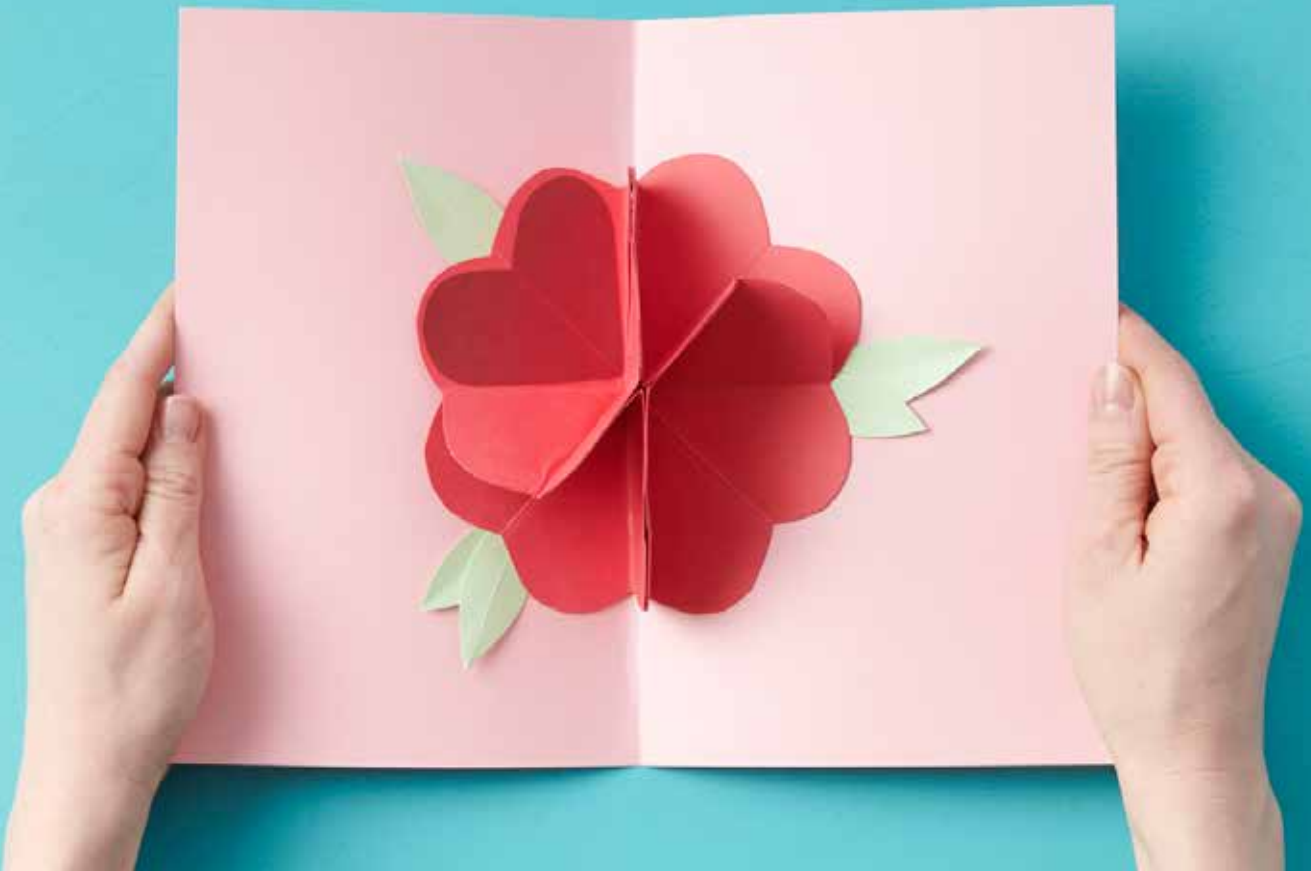


Blooming Flower Pop-Up Card



Supplies

Scissors

2 sheets red paper 8.5 by 11 inches

Circular item roughly

1.5 inches in diameter (for tracing—the bottom of a small hot-sauce bottle works well)

1 half-sheet paper in contrasting color (we used a deeper red), 4.25 by 5.5 inches (optional)

Pencil

Glue stick

1 piece card stock, 8.5 by 11 inches

1 piece green paper (scraps are fine)

Adult supervision required

Instructions

1. Use scissors to cut both sheets of red paper in half widthwise.
2. Fold one half-sheet of red paper in half widthwise. Fold in half again widthwise. You will have a 4.25-by-2.75-inch rectangle.
3. Identify the center point of the folded rectangle, where all four creases intersect. Position that corner to be at the bottom right. Then grab the lower left corner and fold it up toward the right-side crease, folding upward on a diagonal.
4. Trace a half-circle on the top of the triangle, creating an ice-cream-cone shape. Cut around the half-circle.
5. Repeat steps 2, 3 and 4 with the remaining three half-sheets of red paper, using the ice-cream-cone shape from step 4 as a template for the others.
6. Optional step, to create a heart inlay in a contrasting color: Repeat steps 2, 3 and 4 with the half-sheet of colored paper. Open up the ice-cream-cone shape and cut to form four separate hearts. Trim the edges of each so the inlay hearts are slightly smaller than the original hearts. Set aside.
7. On one red piece of paper, cut out one “petal” along the fold lines. Apply glue to the petal left of the cutout, and affix the petal to the right of the cutout on top of the adhesive. This will form a flower with three heart “walls.”
8. Repeat step 7 on the remaining three pieces of red paper, making four flowers.
9. Apply glue to the back side of two flowers’ heart walls to join them together. Repeat with the other two flowers. Each pair of flowers will now have one long shared wall.
10. Glue the long flat walls of the flower pairs together, making a three-dimensional flower form with a flat bottom.
11. Fold the card stock in half widthwise.
12. Fold the flower in half along its collapsible lines. Glue each outer flat side to the card stock one side at a time, centering it in the crease. Leave a few places around the edges unglued for tucking in “leaves” in the next step.
13. Cut out 5 to 7 free-form leaf shapes of varying sizes from the green paper. Cluster leaves together at the unglued spots around the flower edges. Glue leaves in place.
14. Optional step, for the contrasting hearts: Glue the four hearts created in step 6 onto the base of the flower. (In our flower, we used only one contrasting heart.)

