

Box Pop-Up Card

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Here's what you need to make your own "Box" pop-up card!

- Paper (8.5 x 11 inch copier or construction paper)
- Tape
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- General art supplies for decorating & writing messages



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Make the strip

- Cut a strip of paper about three inches long and one inch wide.
- Fold it into four sections.
- *TIP: Boxes can be wide or narrow, depending on your design. If a box is very thin, it's easy to hide it behind a figure.*



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Turn the strip into a box

Cut off half of each end section.



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Attach the box

- Fold the strip into a little box.
- Smear glue onto each of the ends, on the outer side.



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Attach the box (continued)

- Glue the box near the center of the card.
- Close the card to make sure the box lies perfectly flat when the card is closed.
- *TIP: To make a more elaborate design, use two or more pop-up boxes. If you make strips different lengths, your characters can pop up in different places, like near the front and near the back of the card.*



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Attach a figure to the box

Make a figure and attach it to one of the open faces of the box.



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Decorate and add a greeting

Draw scenery for your figure.



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Did you know?

Paper bends along **lines of weakness**. A crease is a line of weakness. Paper typically bends where there's a fold. Pop-up cards take advantage of this feature by using creases to make the paper bend or move in predictable ways when you move the pop-up.



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Try this next!

- **Turn the box into a character.**
- **Change the proportions.** By changing proportions of the sections, make the box into a bed, refrigerator, stove, swimming pool, or car.
- **Supersize!** Make a BIG pop-up from cardboard taken from a box.



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