

How to Make a Pop-up

This is an excerpt from the book [How to Make Pop-ups](#), written by Joan Irvine and illustrated by Barbara Reid. Follow the instructions and drawings below to make a talking mouth pop-up card.

1 Take two pieces of paper, each 21.5 cm x 28 cm (8.5 in. x 11 in.). Fold each paper in half. Put one aside.



2 On the other, put a dot in approximately the centre of the folded edge.



3 Draw a 5 cm (2 in.) line from the dot towards the outer edge.



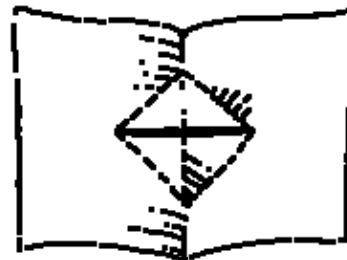
4 Starting at the folded edge, cut on the line.



5 Fold back the flaps to form two triangles.



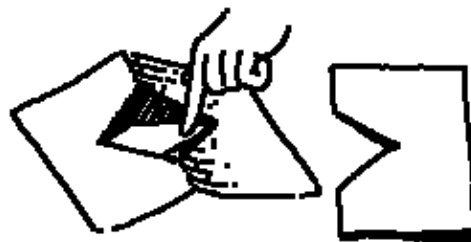
6 Open the flaps again. Open the whole page.



7 Now comes the tricky part! Hold your paper, so that it looks like a tent. Put your finger on the top triangle and push down. Pinch the two folded edges of the top triangle, so that the triangle is pushed through to the other side of the paper.



8 Put your finger on the bottom triangle and do the same thing. The top and bottom triangles will now be pushed out to form a mouth inside the card. When you open and close your card, the mouth will look like it is talking. When your card is closed it will look like this:



9 Draw a monster, a person or an animal around your mouth.



10 Glue the inside and outside cards together. **Do not apply glue in the area of the pop-up mouth.** You now have a cover for your card.

