

# Pop Up Postcards

3D Postcard Workshop with Alice Mahoney

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This workshop is for 7 – 13 Year olds

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## 3D POSTCARD WORKSHOP

Receiving an uplifting message in a card or letter can make such a difference to someone's day. Creating a fun image can be a very direct and immediate way of doing this. In this workshop we will be exploring pop-up techniques to add an extra little bit of surprise or interactivity to your images.

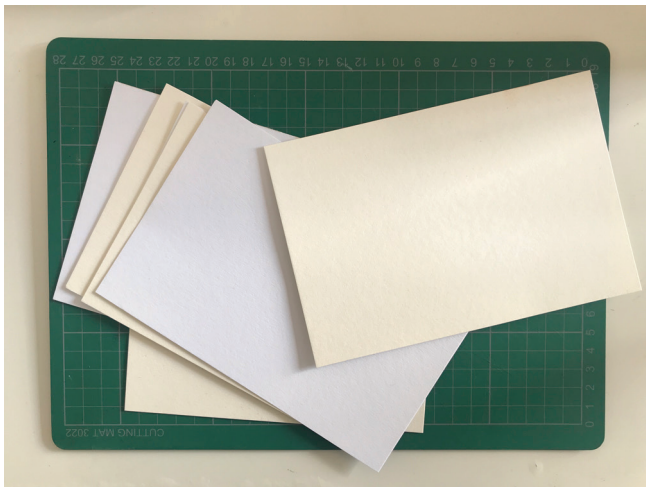
This workshop is inspired by our Newlyn exhibition [Extraordinary Postcards](#) which consists entirely of work sent in by the public. People of all ages, children and adults, have contributed to this exhibition – painting, drawing or using collage on plain A5 postcards. Some of these postcards are no longer flat pieces of paper, but have been altered to be three-dimensional. This is where our workshop starts.



You can use the following materials:

- A5 plain card
- paints or inks and brushes
- coloured paper
- scissors or craft knife and cutting knife
- glue

If you do not have access to art materials at home be inventive and find things around the house that may work in replacement to the items listed above



## Task / Activity 1

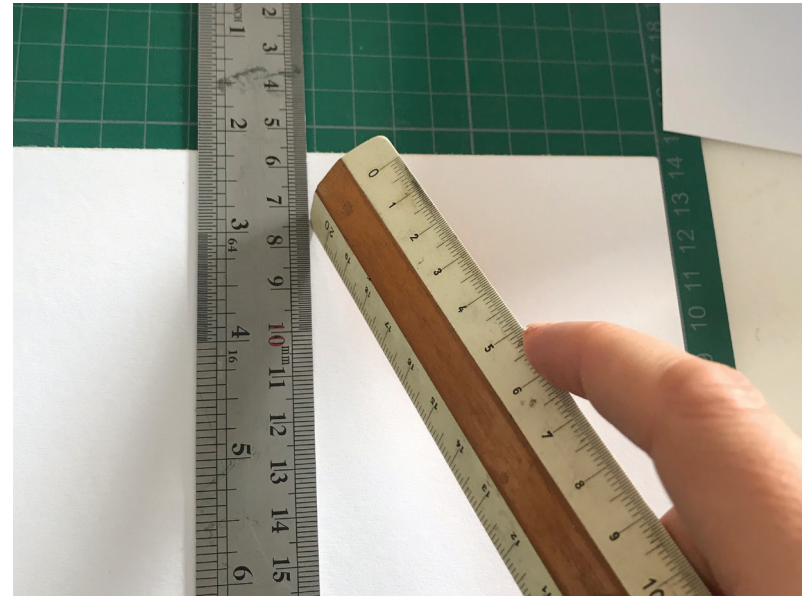
To start with we will fold our cards. See the images below for ways we can score the card to get a nice clean, straight line.

Picking from the examples on the following pages, copy some of these to make pop-up cards and adapt if you want to make it more challenging.

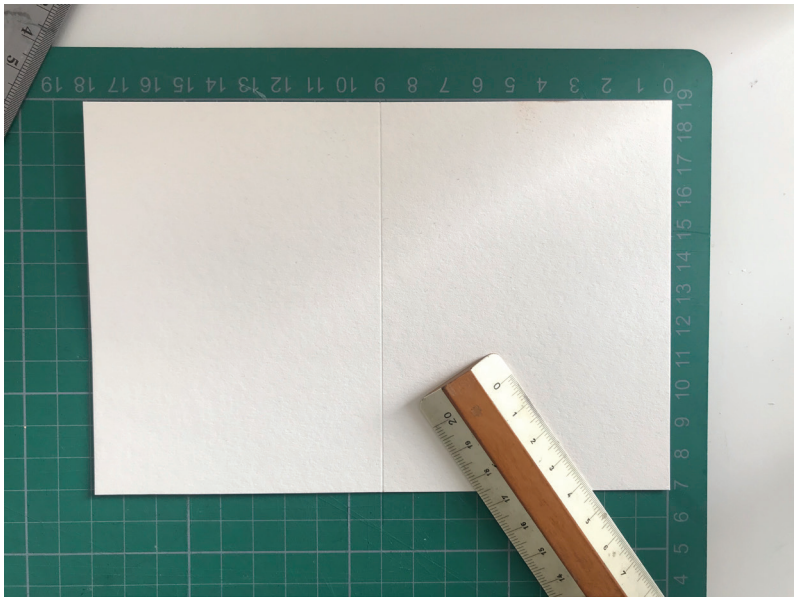
45 min exercise



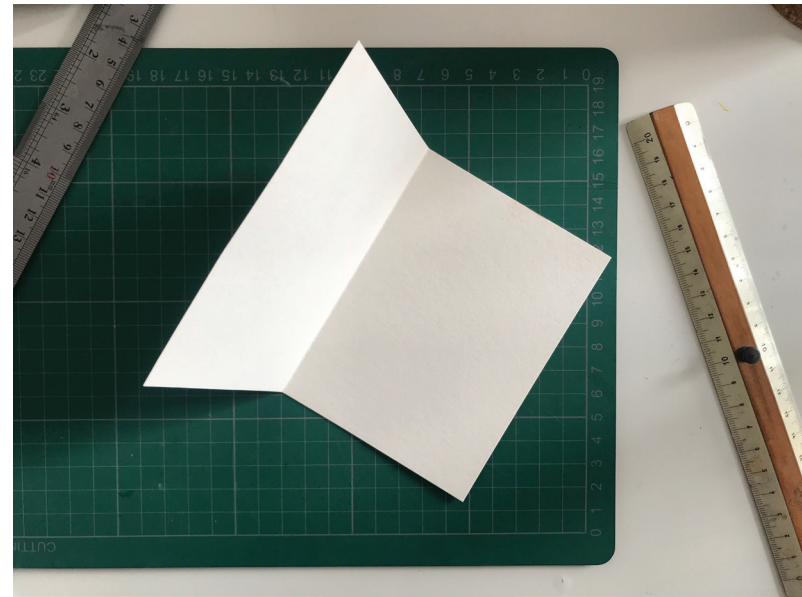
1. Find the centre of the card



2. Score the centre with a ruler

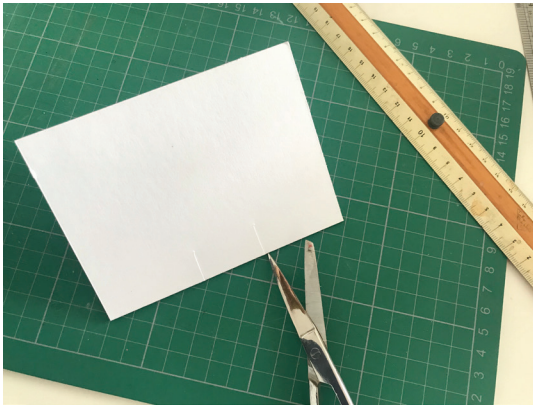


3. You should now have a score!

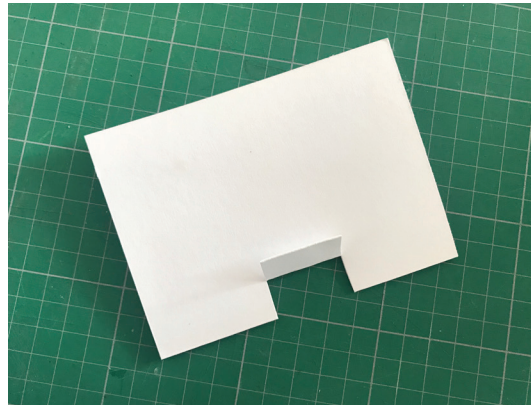


4. You can now easily fold your card!

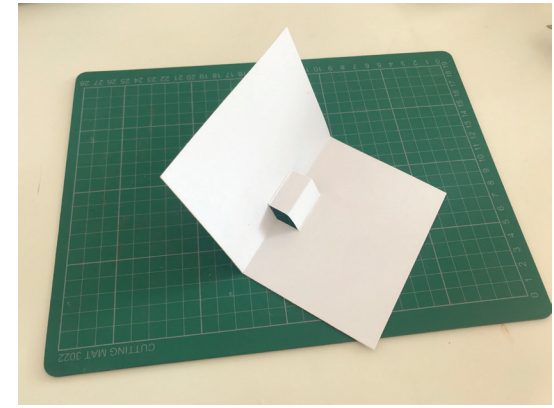
## 3D card idea 1:



1. With scissors cut two small slits



2. Now fold this middle section up



3. Now open your card and fold in the middle section



4. You can now cut out a drawing or image and stick this to your middle section

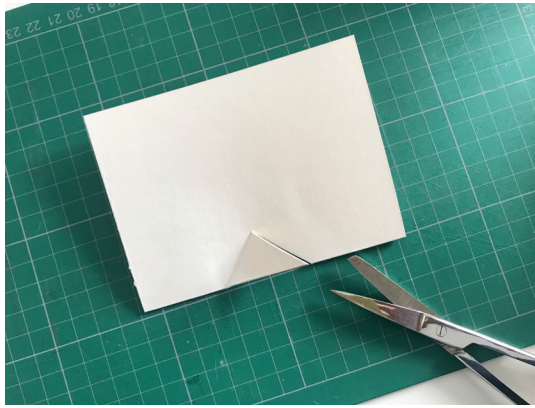


5. You have now made your 3D card!

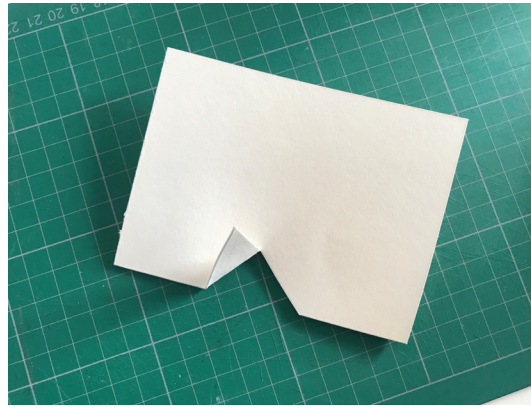


6. And it can look something like this

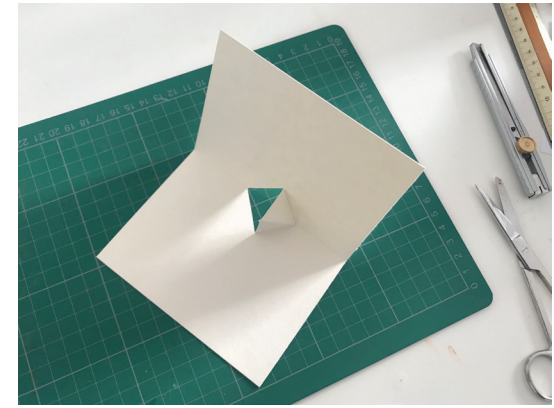
## 3D card idea 2:



1. With scissors make one small cut at an angle



2. Now fold this middle section up



3. Now open your card and fold in the middle section



4. You can now cut out a drawing or image and stick this to your middle section



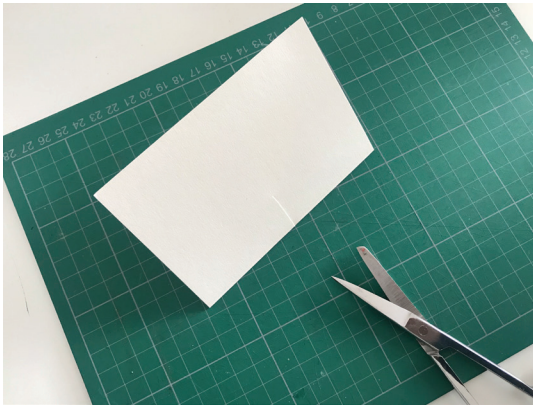
5. Cut through your image to make the mouth and you have now made your 3D card!



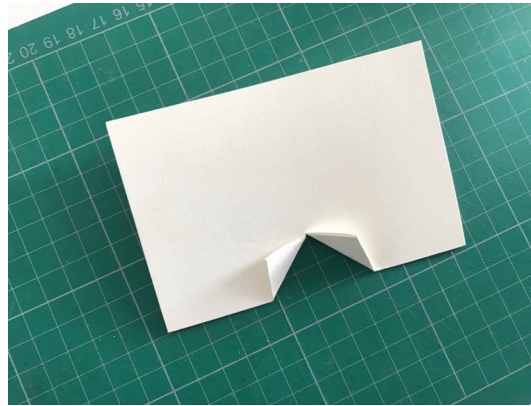
6. And it can look something like this. You can open and close the card to make it look like it is moving!



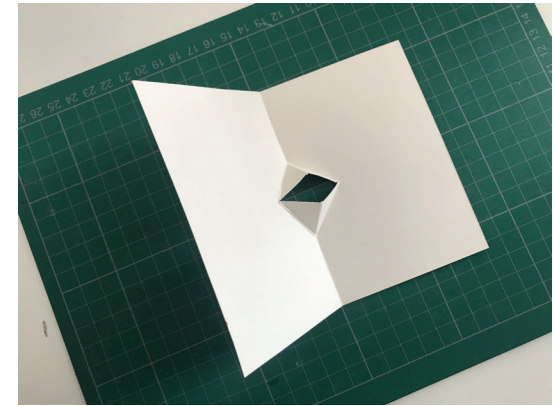
### 3D card idea 3:



1. With scissors make one small cut in the middle



2. Now fold this middle sections



3. Now open your card and fold in the middle section



4. You can now cut out a drawing or image and stick this to your middle section



5. Cut through your image to make the mouth and you have now made your 3D card!

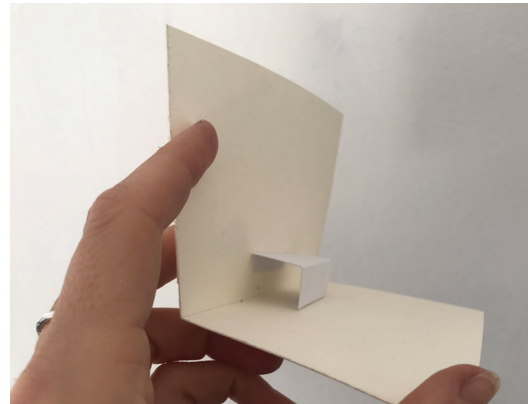


6. And it can look something like this. You can open and close the card to make it look like it is moving!

## 3D card idea 4:



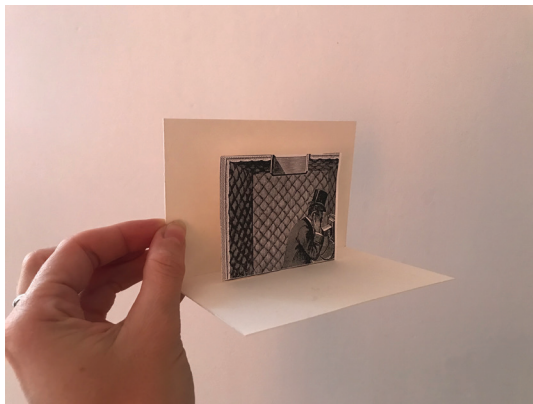
1. With scissors cut a small piece of card



2. Fold the small piece of card in the middle and fold the two outer edges to glue in your card

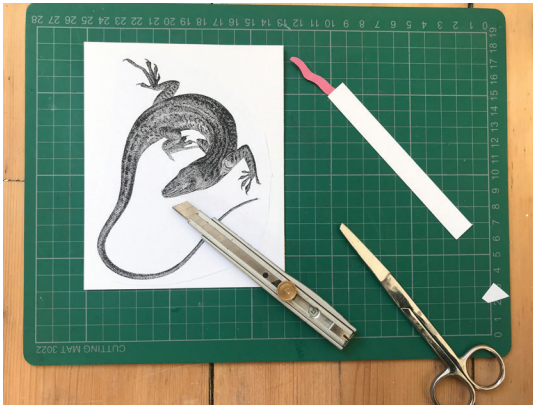


3. You can now glue a drawing or image onto this middle section



4. And it can look something like this! You can also stick many more items into your card to create multiple layers

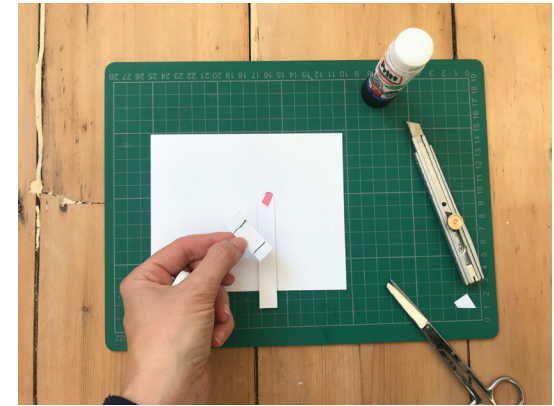
## 3D card idea 5:



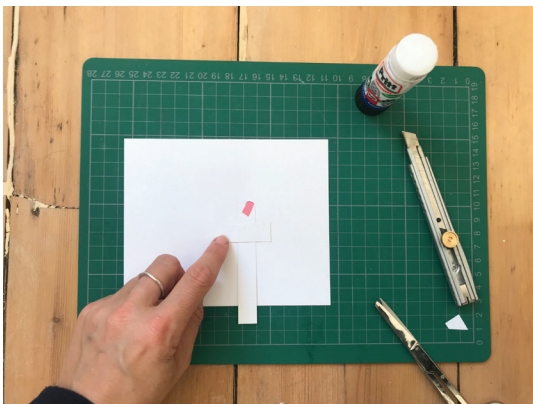
1. First create an image on a card. Then cut a strip of card and draw or add an image of something onto this that you would like to animate



2. Now cut a slit into your large image where you would like the animation to happen and insert your strip of card



3. Turn your card over and glue a small strip over your long card strip - to keep it in place. Make sure to not get any glue onto the long strip!



4.



5. Cut through your image to make the mouth and you have now made your 3D card!



6. And it can look something like this. You can pull the strip of card to make it look like it is moving!

## Task / Activity 2

Thinking about some of the examples above and the techniques used, decide on a subject for your pop-up card and make a sketch of what you would like to make. You can use one or more of the techniques. You can start out with a simple design and make a second, more complex card if you wish.

Themes could be anything you like, but here are some suggestions:

Weather

Nature

Animals

Food

Portraits

Architecture

Vehicles

Halloween

Now experiment with some plain white paper, folding and cutting until you get the desired effect. Remember that this may take some trial and error to get it looking right and working the way you would like, so take your time and experiment!

Now make your finished pop-up card using your chosen materials.

45 min exercise

You can keep your finished pop-up cards or post them to a friend or relative you might want to cheer up.

