Pop-up cards

A

Slits

B

Push through slits

C

D

E

To my best friend

HAPPY

Birthday
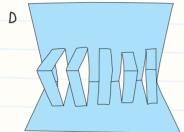
Aim of activity

Get your creative heads on and make your own 3D card to 'pop' a smile on another Brownie's face.

What you'll get out of it

- Experiment how to turn something that's 2D into 3D.
- Design and create a card for someone else.
- Practise a paper craft skill.

What you'll need

- A4 coloured card, 3 sheets per person
- Scissors
- Pencils
- Glue sticks
- Coloured pens and pencils
- Example greeting cards (optional)

Note to leader

This activity works best if you make an example before the girls start.

WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

Girlguiding

Discover the difference between 2D and 3D. 2D stands for two dimensional and is a flat item. 3D stands for three dimensional and adds depth to an item. For example, a square is 2D, whereas a cube is 3D. Have a go at creating your own 3D card.

What to do

1 Get into Sixes and chat about cards you've received. How did getting the card make you feel?

2 As a Six, you're going to make pop-up cards. Choose a type of card or use your own ideas:
A. Get well
B. Brownie moving on to Guides
C. Birthday
D. Leaving

3 Chat about your card type as a Six. Think of a message to go inside your cards. Once you've decided, write the message out so everyone can see it.

4 Look at the message and pick the word you think is the most important. (You don't all have to choose the same word.) For example, for 'Get well soon', you might choose 'well' or 'soon'. How many letters does your word have? Times this by two and keep this number in your head.

5 Each take a sheet of card and fold it in half to make a greeting card shape. Now, remember your number from before and cut this number of slits into the folded edge of your card at equal spaces, like in picture A. Your cuts should go about halfway across the card.

6 Open your card and push every other strip through to the inside, starting with the first strip – look at picture B. You should have one strip for each letter of your chosen word.

7 Fold your card shut, carefully creasing the strips inside. This will make everything stand up like in pictures C and D.

8 Get a new sheet of card and draw out the letters from your chosen word separately, then cut them out. Stick each letter on to your pop-up strips.

9 Open your card up and write the rest of your message around your pop-up word.

10 Take another sheet of card and stick it to the back of your card to cover the gaps. Now you can decorate the front of your card too!

Top tip

It's difficult to fit a word longer than six letters on the card.

Take it further

Try making your slits different lengths so some bits pop up more than others. Think about using your new skills to create more unique cards for your family and friends.

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