

POP UP CHRISTMAS TREE

Materials List: 8.5 x 11 Green Cardstock, 7.5 x 11 Red Cardstock, Green computer paper, Yellow computer paper, Markers/Crayons, Scissors, Glue, Ruler, Sequins /pompoms (optional but could be cute for decorating)

Step 1. Fold your green and red cardstock paper in half hamburger style.

Step 2. Glue your smaller red cardstock inside of your larger green cardstock. Your card should be green on the outside and red on the inside. At this stage feel free to write your holiday greeting on the outside of your card.

Step 3. Then take your green computer paper and fold it in half, hotdog style. Open your paper up and fold each half of your paper again, TWO more times. Once you open your paper up, you should have EIGHT folds.

Step 4. Now we will be folding your entire paper AGAIN. This time you will fold in between your previous folds, and you will be folding accordion style. This means each time you make a new fold you will turn your paper over, back and forth, over and over. When you get to the end of your paper, you should have a long strip about ½ inch wide. (NOTE: as you fold keep your paper as straight and even as possible. This could be tricky, just take your time, you got this!)

Step 5. Keep your paper folded! Next, we will be cutting our strip into SIX to SEVEN pieces. Each piece will be cut about ¼ inch shorter than the last. Use your ruler to measure. Start by cutting a 2-inch strip, then about ¼ less than that, and so on until you have cut your entire strip. It's okay if you don't have exactly six or seven strips.

Step 6. Now open your card and gather your strips. From smallest to biggest, glue ONE side of your cut strip to the right side of your card. Your strip should be horizontal and glued along the center of your card. (TIP: Don't glue your strips too far apart from each other, only about ¼ to ½ inch.)

Step 7. Next, glue the other end of your strips. You will have to put glue on all your strips at the same time, while holding them down. This could be tricky! But once you have all your glue and strips in place, quickly close your card. Press down and hold for a minute to make sure your glue is secured.

Step 8. Gently, open your card and see your tree pop up!

Step 9. Lastly, use your yellow paper to draw and cut out a star to place on top of your tree. Decorate the rest of your card if you would like. You can add more stars or even put presents under your tree.

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