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Pop-Up Paper Delights

Discover the magic of the folded paper hinge to create fun pop-up wonders, adding real 3D depth to your art, drawings, photographs, poetry, collage, and more. We'll build a range of amazing structures, from clever cards just in time for Valentine's Day, to a multi-layered, accordion-fold diorama within its own hard book cover. All skill levels welcome.

Materials:

Notebook for taking notes

1 pack card stock in multiple colors (I like Astrobrights available at Staples, Target, etc)

1 ruler (I prefer metal or metal-edged)

1 cutting mat, at least 9" x 11"

White glue (like Elmer's)

Glue stick

Scissors

Scotch tape

Bookbinder's bone folder, or you can use scissor handle or a clean spoon

X-acto knife with 5-10 blades

Sharpened pencil and eraser

Drawing media: Pens, etc. (I like Pilot Precise V5 or V7 at Staples)

Paint brushes, a few in various sizes

Cup of water for painting

Color media: markers, watercolor, ink, paints, etc.

Book board or two back covers off old notebooks (NOT corrugated cardboard)

Collage material: imagery, photos, papers, etc. that can be cut up

Inspiration material: sketches, imagery, text, poetry, quotes, photos, etc.

OPTIONAL Sealant (if you have some): shellac, water-based polyurethane, acrylic medium, etc.

Start thinking about your diorama*, a layered picture, a scene in 3-4 layers from front to back.

Layer 1. Frame or framing objects

Layer 2. Main characters or foreground objects

Layer 3. Setting or background objects

Layer 4. Backdrop or sky

Example ----- >

"Many Moons" by Jen Swearington, 2019

Layer 1. orange trees on foreground

Layer 2. girl on tree branches

Layer 3. moon and white hills

Layer 4. background sky

* You don't have to have anything prepared ahead of time. I just recommend starting to think about arranging some of your favorite images together in layers, thinking about what could go in front, middle, and back.

