Make a pop-up card

Show someone they're special by making them a stand-out card.

On 15 June it's Father's Day and on 18 June it's Thank a Teacher Day, and a card is a lovely way to thank someone for all they do for you. Find out how to craft a pop-up card to give your father, carer, teacher or to someone for their birthday.

The idea is to make a card that looks brilliant and is personal. There are two ways to do it. The first is a single pop-up fold. The second has three sections but you could do two or four. You can add cut-out letters to your pop-up. Keep it simple with "Dad", "Thank you" or "Happy Birthday", or add pictures of their favourite things – or both. Decorate it with colourful pens and outline shapes and letters in a thick black pen to help them stand out.

What you need
- A4 card
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Felt pens, highlighters, crayons
- Glue

ROYAL FATHER
In Thailand, Father's Day is celebrated on the former King Bhumibol's birthday – he's seen as the father of the nation.

TOP TIP
To stick a letter or picture on your pop-up strip, fold it so it creases like the folds on the card. Check that your card opens and closes.
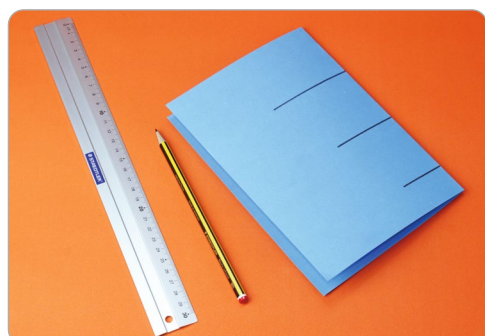
1 Fold the A4 card in half. Draw 2 lines, 8cm long and 5cm apart, out from the folded edge.
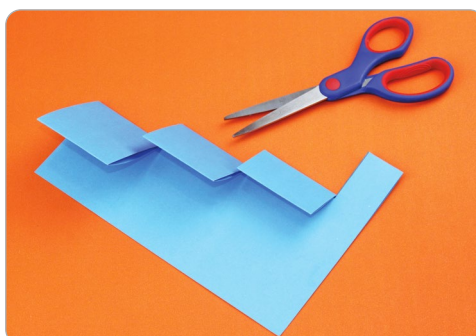
2 Cut along the lines, fold the middle section over and press to crease, then fold back again.

3 Open the card and bend the strip so it pops up. Decorate and glue on your cut-out letters.

1 Fold the A4 card. Draw 3 lines, 8cm, 6cm and 4cm long and 6cm apart, from the fold edge.

2 Cut along the 3 lines and fold each section over. Press to make a crease, then fold back.

3 Open the card and bend the 3 folded sections out from the middle. Glue on your cut-outs.

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