

# Hot Air Balloon Pop-Up Card



## Supplies

1 index card 4 by 6 inches

Scissors

2 sheets pink paper, 8.5 by 11 inches

Pencil

2 sheets red paper, 8.5 by 11 inches

Glue stick

1 piece blue card stock, 8.5 by 11 inches

Ruler

White paint pen

2 sheets white paper, 8.5 by 11 inches

Colorful twine, roughly 10 inches

Glue

*Adult supervision required*

## Instructions

### Make the “Balloon”

1. Create a half-heart template: Fold the index card in half widthwise. Use scissors to cut a half-heart shape. (When unfolded, it should become a full heart.)
2. Fold both sheets of pink paper in half lengthwise. Align the folded edge of the half-heart template to the fold of the paper and use the pencil to trace the half-heart shape along the fold; repeat farther down the fold. Repeat with the second sheet of pink paper. Cut out heart shapes, for a total of four pink hearts.
3. Repeat the above steps with the red paper. (You will need only three red hearts, though.) Reserve the scraps.
3. Make the balloon: Use a glue stick to adhere the outer half of one pink heart to the outer half of one red heart. Repeat, alternating pink and red, until all seven hearts are used. The result should look like an accordion pop-up book with one flat side (do not glue the last red half-heart to the first pink half-heart).



### Make the Card

1. Fold the blue card stock in half widthwise to form the card base.
2. With the card stock folded, measure 2 inches from the bottom of the card; use a pencil to lightly mark. Measure 1 inch above that point and lightly mark. Starting from the folded edge, cut a 1-inch-deep horizontal slit from each of those points. This will form the “basket” of the hot air balloon.
3. Open up the card and crease the basket fold in the direction opposite the card crease to bring the basket forward.
4. Glue the heart balloon to the card, 1 inch above the basket.
5. Use a paint pen to draw a border around the basket and add details to the basket. Draw “ropes” to attach the basket to the balloon.
6. Cut out 25 to 30 hearts of varying sizes from the white paper. The largest hearts should be no larger than 2 inches.
7. Use the glue stick to create “clouds” made up of white hearts, overlapping the hearts to create irregular cloud shapes. (Each of our clouds uses 6 to 10 hearts.) Glue each cloud to the card.
8. Feed one end of the twine through the basket and use glue (not a glue stick) to affix to the back of the card. Use a tiny amount of glue to affix the twine inside the card in a decorative line.
9. Cut out triangles from the pink and red paper scraps, using one triangle for each character of your message. Glue triangles to the card, aligning each to the top of the twine to create bunting. Write a message on the triangles.

