

Christmas Tree Pop-Up Card Instructions



What you will need

- 1 sheet green construction paper cut to 7-by-7.5 inches
- 1 sheet red construction paper cut to 7-by-10 inches
- 1 sheet white construction paper cut to 6.5-by-9.5 inches
- 1 small piece each of brown and yellow or gold construction paper (scraps are perfect)
- Scissors
- Craft knife and cutting mat (useful, but not mandatory)
- Ruler
- Glue stick

Adult supervision required

Step 1: Form the tree

1. Fold green construction paper accordion-style, along the 7.5-inch side, approximately 16 times.
2. Cut into five strips measuring 2.5 inches, 2 inches, 1.5 inches, 1 inch, and .5 inch.

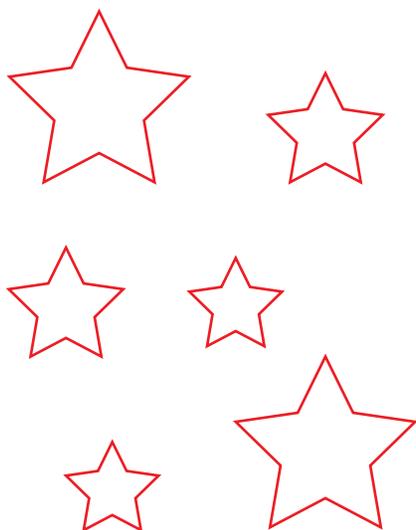


Step 2: Form the card

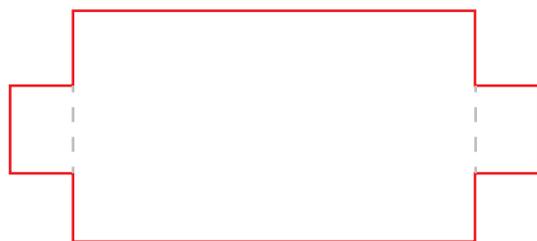
Fold both the red and white cut pages in half widthwise. Match the creases of the two pages, centering the white paper inside the red paper, and glue together.

— Cut Line
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Stars



Tree Trunk



Step 3: Cut out decorations

1. Cut out star and tree trunk shapes above.
2. Place star template over yellow or gold construction paper and cut out.
3. Place tree trunk template over brown construction paper and cut out. Fold tabs along dotted lines.



Step 4: Assembly

1. Starting with the widest accordion strip of green paper, apply glue to the outermost fold on each end of the strip.
2. From the center crease of the card, measure 2.5 inches upward from the bottom and affix one glued end of the folded paper to the card, perpendicular to the crease. Aim to place it around 2 inches from the outer edge of the card. (The closer the glued ends are to the crease, the more full the tree will be.)
3. Securely holding the end you just affixed to the card, gently bend the other end of the strip toward the opposite side of the card and affix the other glued end of the strip to that side of the card, perpendicular to the crease. Aim to place it at an equal distance from the edge as the first side.
4. Repeat steps 1 to 3 above for the remaining accordion strips, stacking each strip above the first glued strip in descending order of size.
5. Using the trunk shape cut from brown construction paper, gently roll the trunk to create a half-circle shape. Fold the outer tabs inward, apply glue to the outward-facing side of each tab, and affix the trunk over the crease, underneath the widest green accordion strip.
6. Position and glue one star over the top of the tree and get creative with the rest of the stars!