

Pivot Pop-Up Card

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Welcome to this step-by-step tutorial for creating a beautiful Pivot Pop-Up Card. This unique design unfolds into multiple interactive panels, reveals hidden messages, and provides plenty of space for your favorite photos. An elegant and versatile project that's perfect for birthdays, celebrations, or simply brightening someone's day.



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Materials & Basic Cuts

Before you begin, prepare your workspace with your paper trimmer, a ruler, a folding tool, and double-sided tape. The entire project is made using Thick Basic White Cardstock. Here are the three essential pieces to cut.

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Card Base A & B — The main structure

Cut **2 sheets measuring 5 1/2" × 11"**. On each one, make a fold at 5 1/2" (in the center). Then cut a **2 3/8"** frame in the top and bottom corners, leaving a **3/8" edge**: cut from 3/8" to 2 3/4" on each side. Remove the small square created this way.

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Card base B — interactive Panel Section

On the second sheet, the inner cuts are **not cut but folded**. Mark your folds at 2 3/4" and fold back the 3/4" strips and the last 2 3/4" sections. Tip: score the folds line first, then make the cuts for a clean, precise result.

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Center Pivot Piece

Cut a piece measuring **5 1/2" × 5 7/8"**. Make a fold at 5 1/2". This piece will be inserted between the other two to create the pivoting effect.



Tip: stick a strip of double-sided tape on your ruler to make your centimeter marks easier to see while cutting.

Assembly of the Pivoting Mechanism

This is the heart of the project! The assembly needs to be done carefully so the mechanism works perfectly. Take your time and check each step.

Step 1 — Attach the tab

Apply double-sided tape to Sheet C (5 1/2" × 5 7/8") and insert it inside Sheet B (the one with the folds). Align it carefully. If the dimensions are correct, the piece will fit **perfectly without forcing**.

Step 2 — Assemble the two sides

Apply adhesive to the outer panels of Sheet B, then glue Sheet A on top (the one with the cut-out frames). Make sure all your folds are well creased as you go so the card opens and closes easily.

Step 3 — Check the mechanism

Open the card slowly. You should see several interactive pop-up sections with the pivoting system on each side. The card should open flat and reveal a beautiful 3D structure.

Expected result

When the card is closed, it measures **5 1/2" × 5 1/2"** (standard size). When opened, it reveals a large central space with pivoting sides. The design naturally creates spaces for photos throughout the card.



✓ If the dimensions were followed correctly, no adjustments are needed!

Decoration & Customization

Once the structure is assembled, it's time for creativity! Decorative paper dresses up each pivoting face and transforms this technical base into a truly spectacular card.

Designer Paper Panel

Cut strips measuring **5 3/8" × 2 1/2"** from your favorite designer paper. You'll need 4 strips to cover all the pivoting faces. Leave a small gap (about **1/4"**) around each panel so the mechanism moves freely. so the mechanism stays smooth. Glue each strip onto the visible parts of the card.

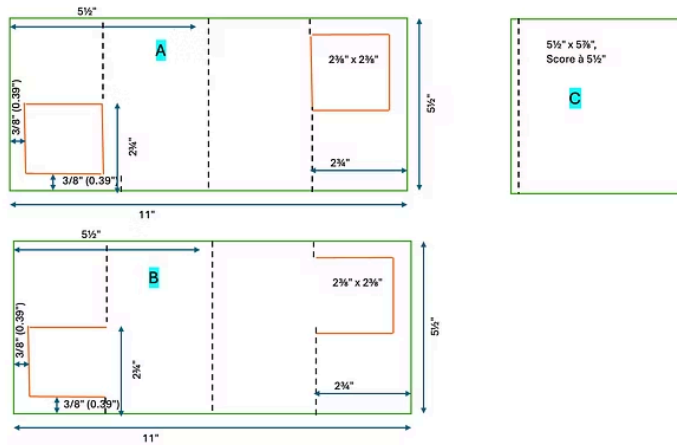
Stamped Messages

Use your favorite stamps to add personalized messages. Sandra recommends the **Expression Formidable** set (product of the month). A few ideas: *Happy Birthday, Hug, The world is yours.* Cut small pieces of white paper measuring **2 1/8" × 2 1/8"** to stamp your messages on, then glue them inside.

Photos & Finishing Touches

The card can hold **Standard 4" x 6" photos** on the front face, and several smaller ones inside. For a **feminine** version: add flowers or foliage. For a **masculine** version: add gear die cuts. Also prepare an interior paper piece measuring **4 3/4" × 2 3/8"** for messages.

Cutting Plan



✨ Tips

- Always score the folds **before** cutting for a clean result
- Keep Piece C at exactly 5 7/8". A larger piece may prevent the mechanism from moving smoothly. for Sheet C to avoid jamming
- Use design paper with **continuous patterns** for a beautiful finish
- Add a white backing behind the design paper to make the colors stand out