

# V-Fold Pop-Up Card Template

## *Create Amazing Valley-Fold Pop-Up Cards*

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### Materials Needed

- Cardstock or heavy paper (8.5" x 11")
  - Scissors or craft knife
  - Ruler
  - Pencil
  - Glue stick
  - Colored pencils or markers
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### Step-by-Step Instructions

#### **Step 1: Create the Base Card**

Fold an 8.5" x 11" piece of cardstock in half to make a 5.5" x 8.5" card.

#### **Step 2: Mark the Center Fold**

Draw a light pencil line along the center fold inside the card (perpendicular to the fold).

#### **Step 3: Design Your Pop-Up Element**

On a separate piece of paper, draw your design (house, tree, character). Keep it simple and symmetrical for best results.

#### **Step 4: Create the V-Fold Mechanism**

Cut two parallel slits about 4-5 inches long in the center fold, spaced about 1 inch apart.

#### **Step 5: Form the Valley**

Push the cut section forward to create a "step" that pops out when the card opens.

#### **Step 6: Attach Your Design**

Glue your design element to the front face of the popped-out step.

#### **Step 7: Test and Adjust**

Open and close the card to ensure smooth operation.

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### **Pro Tips**

- **Cards can be covered at the back with a sleeve** to prevent gaps and seal the mechanisms
  - **Use scrap paper** to make extra support joints if needed
  - **Ensure design elements are not bigger than the card** when closed
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### **Creative Ideas**

- **Nature scenes:** Trees, mountains, flowers
  - **Buildings:** Houses, castles, skyscrapers
  - **Characters:** Animals, people, cartoon figures
  - **Geometric shapes:** Stars, hearts, abstract designs
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### **Success Checklist**

- ☐ Base card folds smoothly
  - ☐ Pop-up element stands upright when open
  - ☐ Card closes completely flat
  - ☐ Design is securely attached
  - ☐ Mechanism operates smoothly
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*Happy crafting! Remember to take your time and enjoy the creative process.*