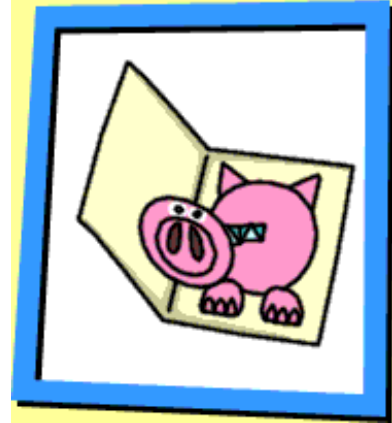# Pop-Up Pig

Create this novelty card to surprise your friends. The pig's stand-up snout will make them smile and brighten up their day!

Equipment

1. A piece of card about 15cm x 30cm in size.

2. A piece of thin card.

3. A sheet of white paper.

4. A small sponge (you can buy a small bathroom sponge and then keep it especially for all your design projects!)

5. Some thick pink paint. Acrylic paint is best, if you can get it.

6. A black felt-tip pen and a pencil.

7. A pair of scissors.

8. Some paper glue.

Safety Stuff

Making cards can be fun, and there's quite a few different kinds of card to make here. But please check with an adult before you begin, as you might need their help. Working with items such as scissors can be dangerous, so be very careful and make sure you never leave them open or lying around where smaller children can reach them.

Before starting to make your card, cover the work surface you are going to use with some newspaper or an old cloth and make sure that you're wearing an apron or some old clothes.
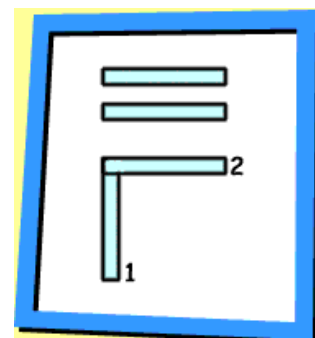
Gather together all the items you'll need before you begin. Most of the things you'll need can be found simply by hunting around the house, but remember to check with an adult before you take anything! And don't forget to tidy up afterwards!

Steps

Step One

First make the spring that will make the pig's snout stand out when the card is opened.

Cut two strips from the piece of paper - each strip should be 1.5cm x 15cm.

Put a small bit of glue at one end of the first strip and place the second strip at right angles on top of the glue, as you can see here.
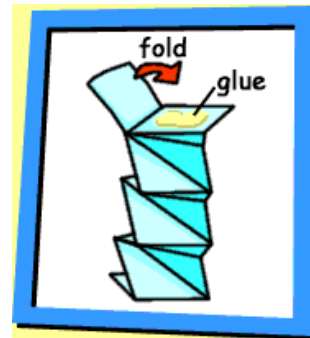
Step Two

Fold the first strip up over the second strip.

Keep folding the strips over each other in this way until you get to the end of the paper. You may have folded paper like this before to make a small spring.

When you get to the end, dab some glue under the top piece of paper and press it down so the spring can't come undone.
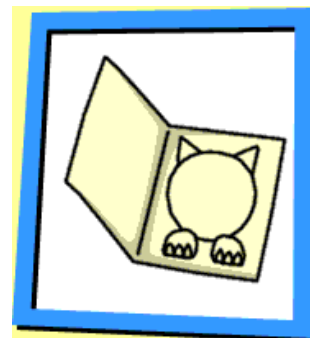
You have made the spring for the pig's snout.

Step Three

Fold the larger piece of card in half so it will stand up in a card shape.

Open the card out again and use a pencil to draw a large circle on the right-hand side. This is the body for our pig.

Then add two triangular shapes at the top of the circle to form ears.
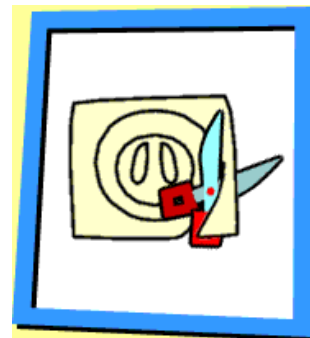
Now draw a pair of feet.

Step Four

When you're happy with the outline of your pig, go over the pencil lines with a black felt-tip pen.

At this stage you could add a background to your picture as well. For example, is the pig in its sty, or is it standing in a field? Or does your pig look better without a background?

Now glue one end of the paper spring you have already made in the centre of the circle.
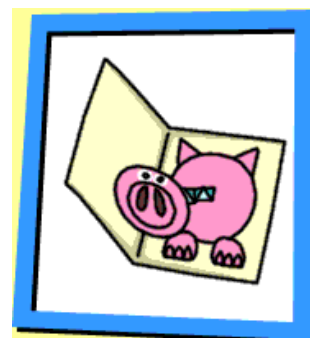
Step Five

Make a snout for your pig by drawing a circle on the second piece of card. Make sure that your circle is slightly bigger than the size of the spring. Now draw another circle inside the first one, and then add some nostrils.

Cut around the line just outside the larger circle. Then glue the snout onto the top of the spring.

Finally, draw some eyes just above the pig's snout.

Step Six

Make your pig stand out a bit more by adding some paint.

Dip a sponge into some thick pink paint and dab it over the body and snout of the pig. This will give it a more textured and mottled look.

You can then write a message on your card and give it to a friend.

When they open it up the snout will stand out and they will have their very own pop-up pig!

Step Seven - Ideas

Can you think of other ways you could include a pop-up like this on a greeting card? How about making a frog with a stand-out head, a boxer with a springing glove, or a bobbing birthday cake? You can probably think of lots more ideas.

You could make the paper spring in the same way as for the pig, and just change the design on the card. Or you could design a completely new kind of 'spring', using a piece of sponge, for example.