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Halloween Pop-Up Card – Tutorial #16

Pop-Up Mechanism Explained

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Print these instructions and follow along with my video:

<https://youtu.be/zz6DJ2LFXx8>

Materials Required :

- Scissors
- Text-weight colored papers - choose colors that suit your theme
- Cardstock - for cover, pop-up base and object
- Temporary tape - to test pop-up
- Glue - for attaching object and pop-up base to card base (glue stick and liquid)
- Ruler
- Embossing stylus - not necessary but helpful
- Embellishments - optional
- Foam tape
- Sayings of your choice that match your theme

Instructions:

1. Determine Your Pop-Up Object

- Choose the object that will pop up.
- The size of the object determines whether your card will be landscape or portrait.
- Measure the object to decide what size pop-up template you need.
- Your pop-up mechanism must be large enough to support the object without bending or showing.
- Cut the template from scrap cardstock. Keep for future pop-up cards.



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2. Prepare the Inside Pop-Up Base

- Cut the inside pop-up base $\frac{1}{4}$ inch smaller in height and width than the card front.
- Score the inside panel and fold it in half.
- On the back of this panel, place your pop-up template so it sits centered on the fold line.
- Trace the two side lines and the top line of the template.
- Cut the two side lines, stopping at the top line.
- Using a ruler and an embossing stylus, score across the top of each cut to help the paper bend cleanly.
- Turn the piece so you're looking at the inside and gently pull the pop-up forward.
- The pop-up should bend at the top and bottom scores, with the center fold coming outward.
- Close the card to fully engage the pop-up.

3. Test the Pop-Up With Your Object

- Prepare your pop-up object (coloring, stamping, layering, etc.).
- Use temporary double-sided tape to attach the object to the pop-up face.
- Open and close the card to ensure:
 - ◇ the object moves freely
 - ◇ nothing sticks
 - ◇ nothing extends past the pop-up base
 - ◇ If adjustments are needed, this is the time to make them.



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4. Prepare the Card Front

- Decorate the front of the card to match your theme.
- Do all stamping now, before attaching the pop-up base.
- If a mistake happens, it's easier to redo the front or inside pop-up base rather than the entire assembled card.

5. Attach the Pop-Up Base to the Card Base

- Apply glue only to the areas that attach to the card base.
- Do NOT put glue on or near the pop-up mechanism.
- Center the pop-up base inside the card and press firmly.
- Open and close the card to ensure the mechanism still works smoothly.

6. Final Assembly

- Once the base is secure, attach your pop-up object permanently to the face of the pop-up.
- Open and close the card again to confirm everything moves correctly.