I. Instructions

Apart from this pop-up cards ebook, please have the following materials prepared beforehand to proceed the handcrafting:

- ♦ Card paper (A4 or Letter-size, weighted around 160 200 grams)
- Plain paper (A4 or Letter-size for printing out pattern sheets)
- \diamond A printer

Please also be recommended to use the hand tools below:

- ♦ a very sharp knife (Xacto knife)
- \diamond a steel ruler
- \diamond a cutting mat (preferably with grid-lines)
- \diamond a pair of tweezers
- \diamond glue, tapes or double sided tapes

Legends

Note that there are 6 types of lines printed on the "Pattern Sheet" distinguishable of their respective functions:

Black cut-line	
Mountain fold-line	
Valley fold-line	
Main fold-line	
Green cut-line(borderline)	
Cut-line/Main fold-line	

Step 1. Prepare the "Pattern Sheet"

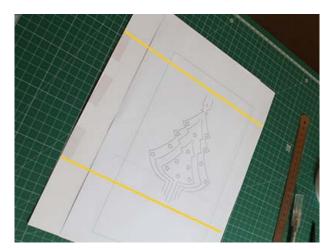
♦ Select a card pattern and print it on a piece of plain paper as the "Pattern Sheet".

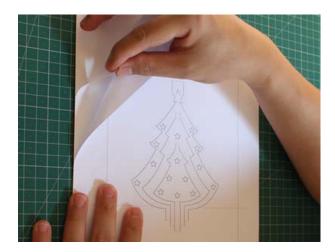
Tips: (i) If you are new to this, please choose a simple pattern to start with first;

Step 2. Attach the "Pattern Sheet" to the card paper

♦ Place the "Pattern Sheet" on the card paper;

♦ Use tapes or double sided tapes to fix the "Pattern Sheet". Note that the tape should be applied to the area outside the green cut-line which delineates the "borderline".





Step 3. Handle the black cut-lines

 \diamond First, handle the cutouts;

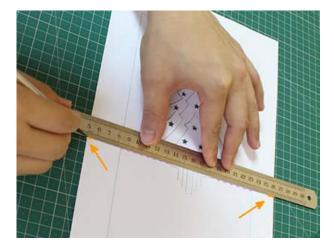


 \diamond Then cut all other **black cut-lines** along.

- Tips: (ii) Always use a new sharp blade;
 - (iii) Carefully and slowly follow the cut-lines to perform the cutting;
 - (iv) In some cases, several cuts are required for a curved line.

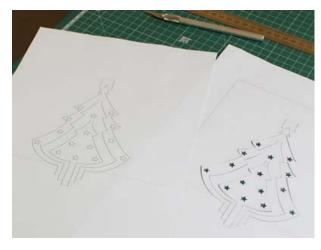
Step 4. Positioning and marking the main fold-lines

- \diamond Align the main fold-lines with a steel ruler;
- \Rightarrow Cut a depth of 1mm 2mm from both of the paper edges by the steel ruler in alignment with the main fold-lines as illustrated in the picture below.



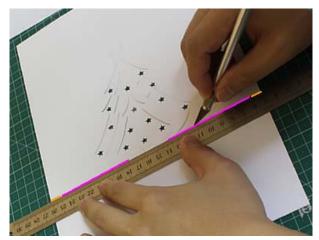
Step 5. Prepare the "Valley Flow-lines Pattern Sheet"

Print the corresponding "Valley Flow-lines Pattern Sheet" on a piece of plain paper.

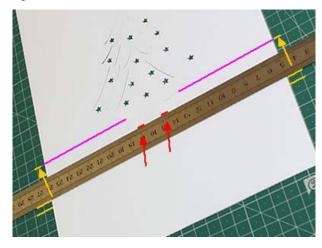


Step 6. Handle the valley fold-lines

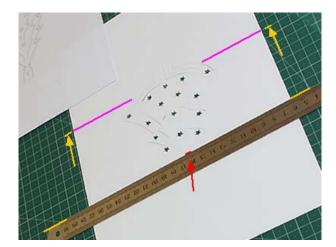
- ♦ By tracing the cutting track you have already created, and comparing it with the "Valley Flow-lines Pattern Sheet" printed in Step 5, you should be able to identify the position of the main fold-lines and those of the valley flow-lines on the back of the card paper;
- Remember that all valley fold-line cuts must be applied on the back of the card paper;
- Along the markings created in Step 4, half-cut the main fold-lines on the back of the card paper;



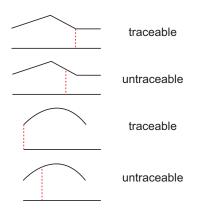
- ♦ If the cutting mat offers a grid, align the **main fold-lines** with a grid-line;
- Half-cut all other valley flow-lines in such a way that they all are parallel to the main fold-lines / grid-line.



- Tips: (v) A slightly sharp blade is preferred;
 - (vi) Some valley fold-lines can only be cut accurately by rotating the paper by 180°.

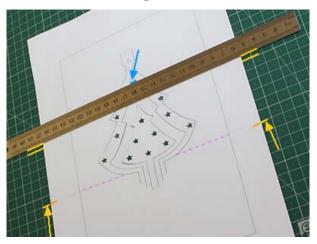


Tip: (vii) In case some **valley fold-lines** that cannot be identified precisely by tracing the cutting track, please apply the method of handling the **main fold-lines.**



Step7. Handle the mountain fold-lines

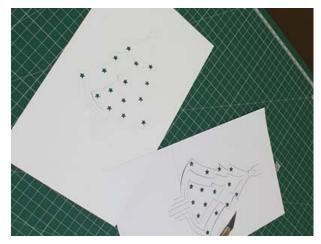
- ♦ If grid-lines are available on the cutting mat, align the main fold-lines with a grid-line;
- Remember that all mountain fold-line cuts must be applied on the front side of the "Pattern Sheet";
- ♦ Half-cut all the mountain flow-lines parallel to the main fold-lines/ grid-line.



Tip: (viii) A slightly sharp blade is preferred.

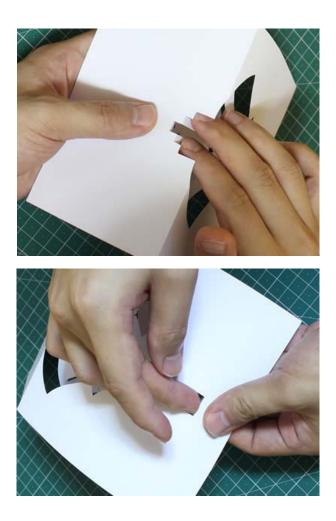
Step 8. Cut the green cut-line ("borderline")

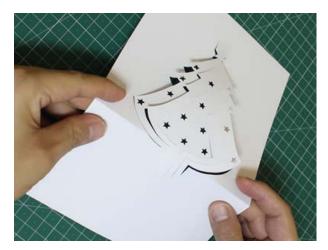
♦ Cut along the **green cut-line** or cut according to your preferred size.



Step 9. Fold the card model

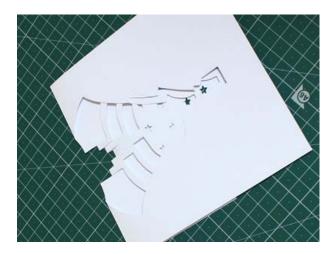
- ♦ Before starting to fold, make sure that all cuts are well finished and all fold-lines are ready;
- As a preliminary step, try to slightly fold the left(top)-most valley fold-line(s), the right(bottom)-most valley fold-line(s) and the main fold-lines;



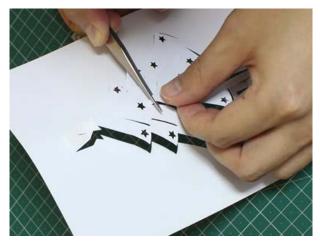


Patiently and gradually fold all other fold-lines in their respective directions until the card model comes into shape.

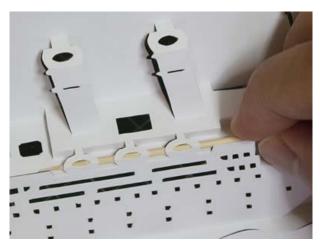




Tip: (ix) Use a pair of tweezers to help folding.

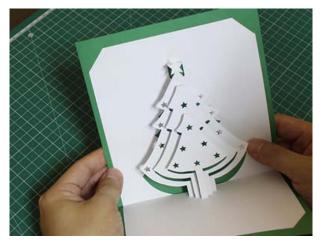


Tip: (x) When two adjacent flow-lines are very close to each other, use a tiny rod to help stabilize the folding direction as shown in the picture below.



Tip: (xi) For some difficult card models, it is necessary to spend one hour or more to fold them in right form.

Step 10. Add a piece of "Color Base Paper"



This is to hold firm the card model and also to add contrast to make the artwork more dimensionally appealing.

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