

Make a Mother's Day Pop-Up Heart Card

Give your mom a joyful surprise by making her a handmade card. When she opens it, she'll be surprised by the pop-up heart!

What You Need:

- Pink and red construction paper
- Liquid glue or glue stick
- Scissors
- Markers

What You Do:

1. Have your child cut two long vertical strips (about 1 inch wide each): one down the 11-inch side of an 8 ½ x 11 piece of red construction paper, and one down the length of pink construction paper. Help your child line the two strips up at an "L" angle. Cover the end of the red strip with the 1-inch end of the pink strip. your child can glue the pink end on top of the red where they overlap.
2. Have your child hold the "L"-shaped papers so the pink strip forms the bottom of the "L" and the red one is vertical. Have him fold the pink strip behind the red one. Now the shape looks like a backwards L (the pink strip stretching horizontally left).
3. Have him fold the red strip down behind the pink one. Then fold the pink strip to the right behind the corner square. Then fold the red strip upwards behind the corner square. He'll continue folding this way until there's nothing left to fold; he now has an "accordion."
4. Have your child glue the bottom (last) fold to the inside of a pink or red construction paper card. Have him cut out a red heart shape and write "To Mom" or "I love mom" on the heart. He'll glue the heart on the top fold. He may want to write more to mom in the card (why he loves her, favorite things about her) and on front of the card.
5. When the front of the card is closed, the heart and folded "spring" is pushed down. Open the card and the heart "pops up." Surprise! And Happy Mother's Day!

