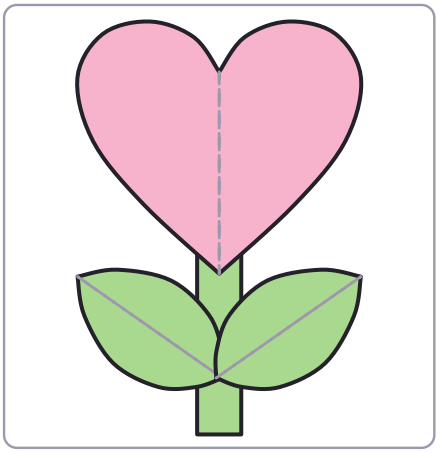
FREE SAMPLE CRAFT · LEVEL S3

Scissor-to-Craft

Fold-and-Cut Butterfly Workshop

Cut half a shape on a folded card and open it into a whole one. A heart flower, a first butterfly, a layered butterfly and a swallowtail: every wing matches because the fold makes both.



Heart Flower, finished (drawing)

THE LEVELS IN THIS PACK (OUT OF FIVE)

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Get ready	Snip	Cut straight	Turn and curve	Build

IN THIS FREE CRAFT

- A fold-then-cut warm-up
- Heart and leaf fold cards
- A glue base and a finished drawing
- Easier and harder ways
- Safety and grip notes
- A low-ink cut sheet

Digital download · Print at 100% on US Letter · Always with a grown-up and child-safe scissors · Practice and play, not a therapy program

Before you begin

About 20 minutes. You need child-safe scissors, a glue stick and crayons.

Fold a card in half, cut along half a heart, and open it: a whole heart, the same on both sides. The fold makes the two halves match. The child cuts the card out first (straight lines), folds it with the printed side out, then cuts the curve through both layers.

SAFETY FIRST

- A grown-up stays with the child for every cutting activity.
- Use child-safe scissors with rounded tips that fit the child's hand, and left-handed scissors for a left-handed child.
- Cut sitting at a table. Walk with scissors closed, holding the blades.
- Glue sticks only. Keep small paper scraps away from children who still put things in their mouths.

GRIP AND HELPER HAND

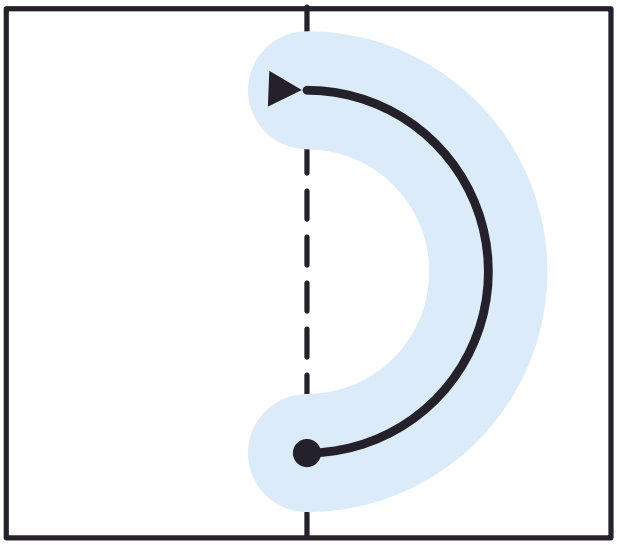
- Thumb in the top loop, pointing up ("thumbs up"). Fingers in the bottom loop.
- The helper hand holds the paper near the edge, thumb on top, fingers below and away from the blades.
- Use left-handed scissors: the blades are reversed so the child can see the line.

PRINT CHECK

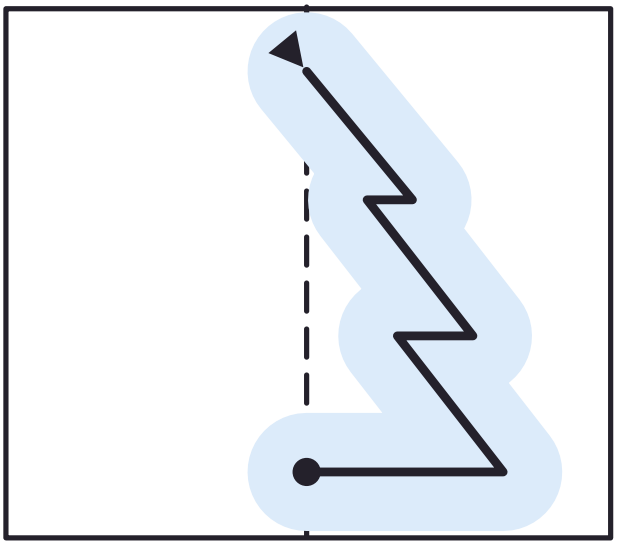
Print at 100% ("Actual size"). The pieces are drawn at real size, so they match the glue base only at 100%.

Warm-up: Fold, then cut

For Heart Flower. Cut out each card. Fold it on the dashes, printed side out, hold the fold and cut along the track through both layers. Open it: a whole shape.



half a circle



half a tree

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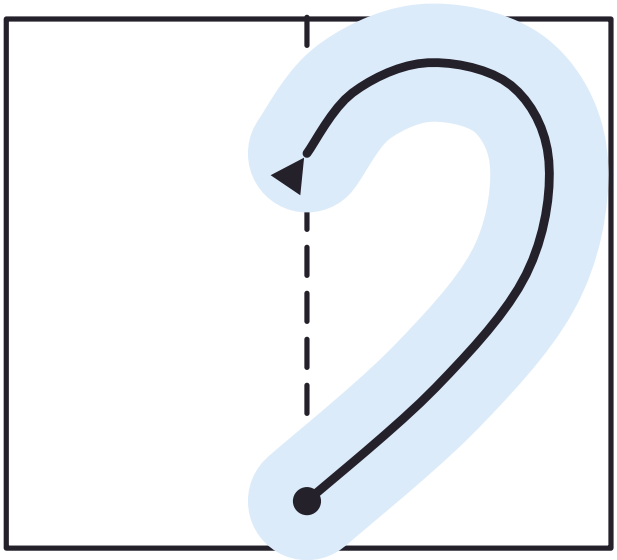
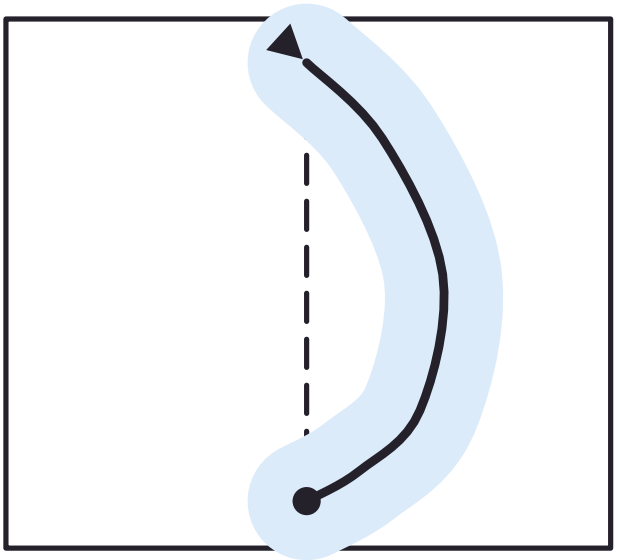


half a heart



half a leaf

GROWN-UP: WATCH FOR

- Thumb on top ("thumbs up"), scissors pointing away.
- The helper hand holds the paper, fingers away from the blades, and turns it at corners.
- Left-handed? Use left-handed scissors. Any direction that keeps the line in view is fine.

Cut it out: Heart Flower

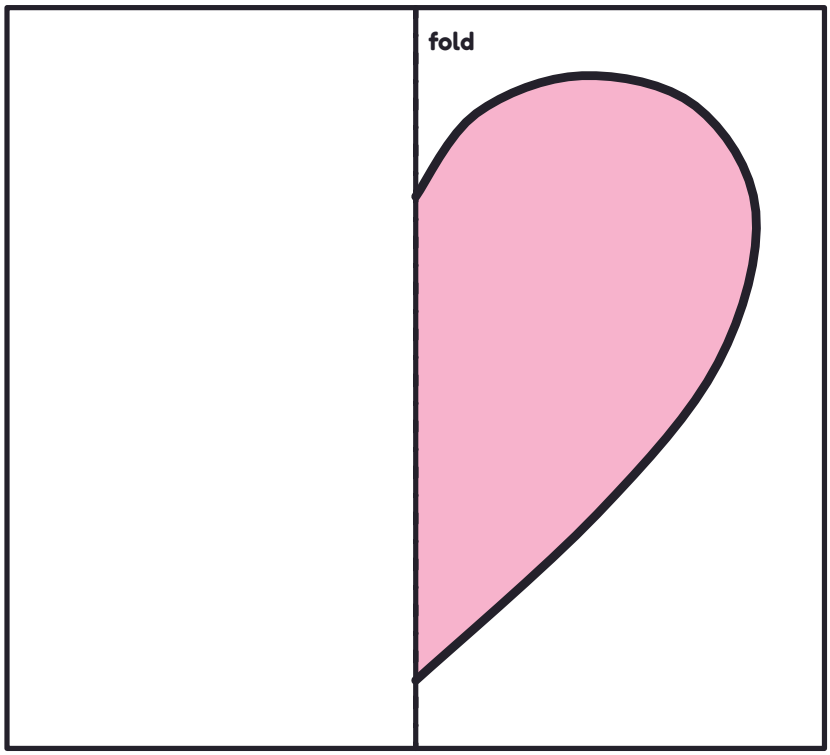
cut on the line

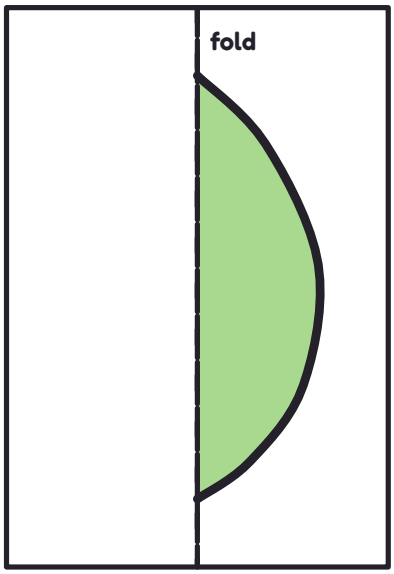
snip, stop at the bar

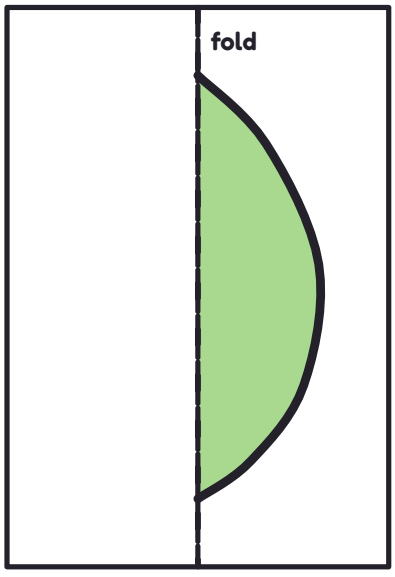
fold

glue

grown-up cuts



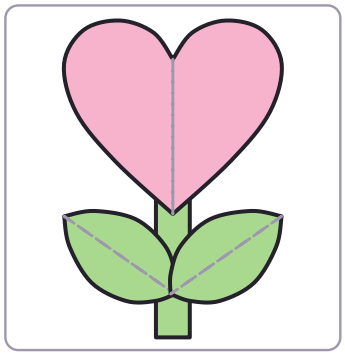




Make it: Heart Flower

1. Cut out the heart card and the two leaf cards on their outside lines.
2. Fold each card on the dashed line, printed side out, and crease it.
3. Hold the fold and cut along the curve through both layers. Open it.
4. Cut out the stem. Glue the stem, then the leaves, then the heart on top.

FINISHED (DRAWING)



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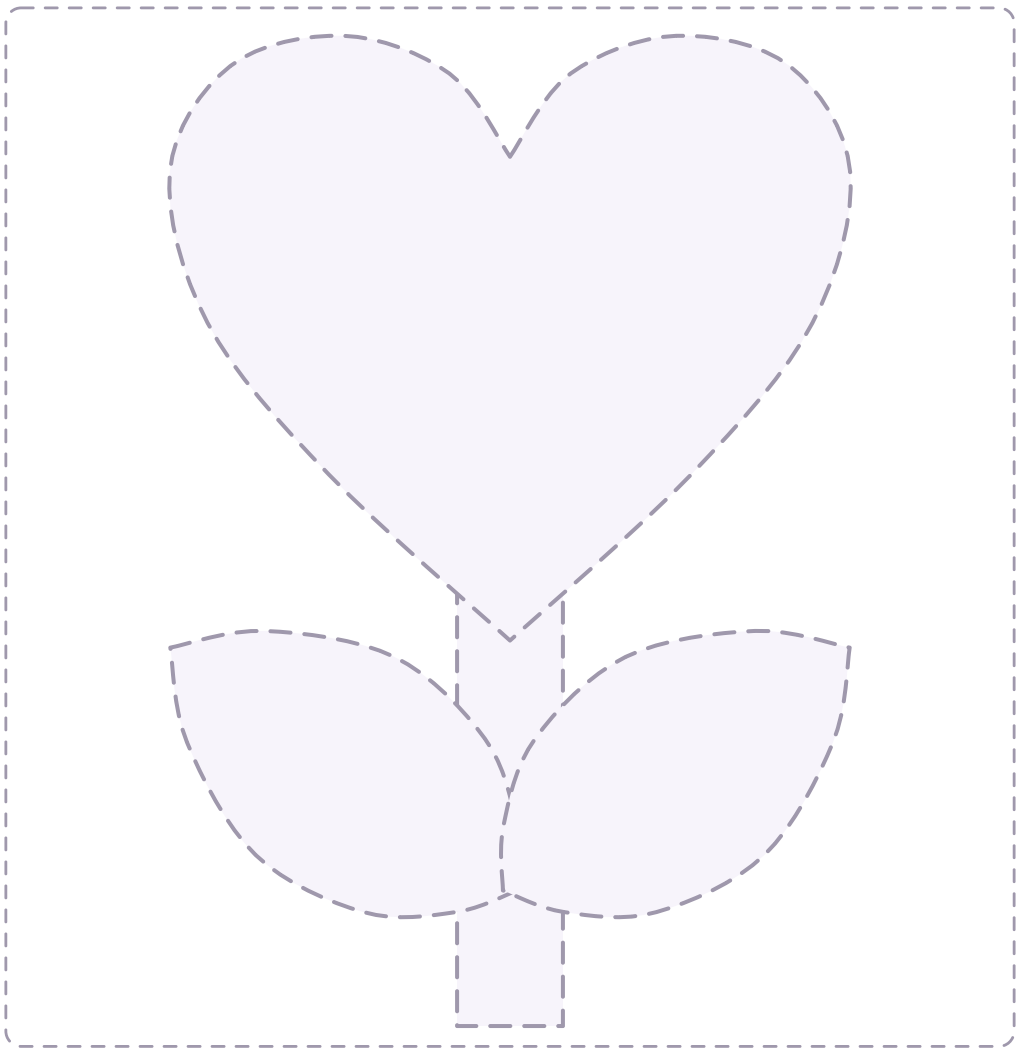


EASIER
The grown-up folds and holds the card; the child cuts the curve.

HARDER
Fold a scrap of paper and draw your own half heart against the fold, then cut it.

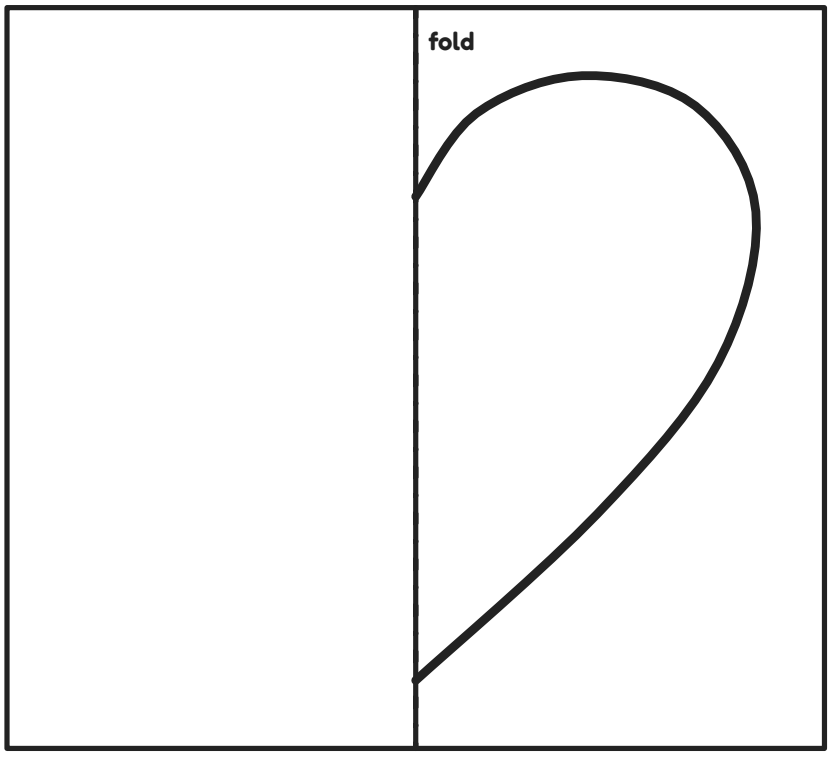
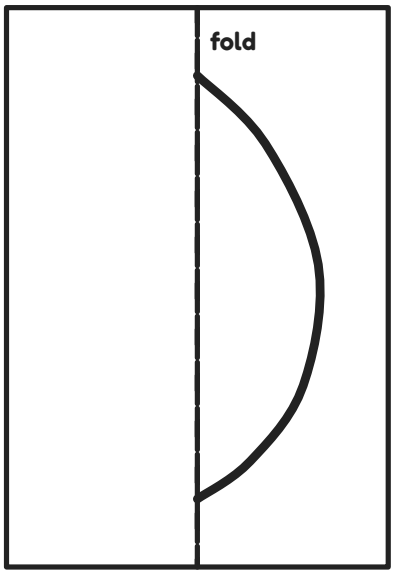
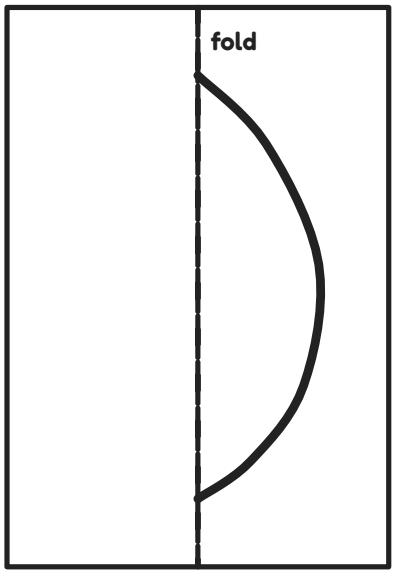
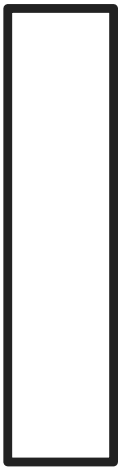
GROWN-UP CHECK
Does the child start the cut at the fold and keep both layers together to the end?

Cut it out: Heart Flower

cut on the line

snip, stop at the bar

fold

glue

grown-up cuts