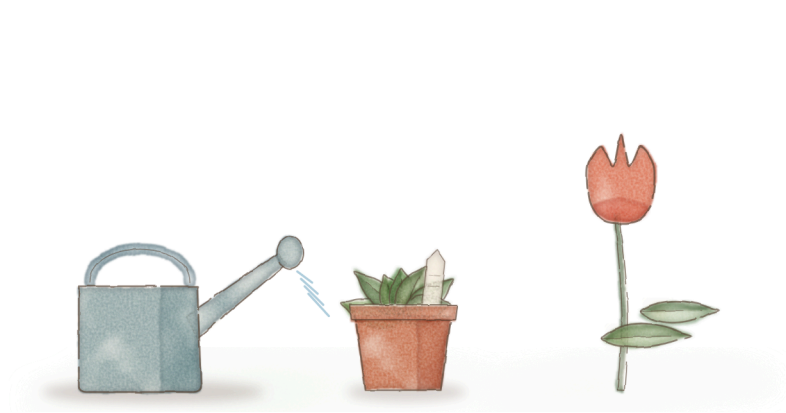
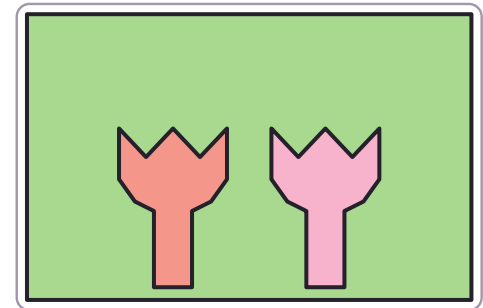


# Scissor-to-Craft

## Pop-Up Garden Card Engineering

A folded garden card, then cards that pop up when they open: two slits and a pushed-in tab make a step, and a flower glued on the step stands up. Four cards, from one fold to a two-step garden.



Folded Garden Card, finished (drawing)

### THE LEVELS IN THIS PACK (OUT OF FIVE)

**S0**

Get ready

**S1**

Snip

**S2**

Cut straight

**S3**

Turn and curve

**S4**

Build

### IN THIS FREE CRAFT

- A fold warm-up
- A garden card at true size
- Two tulips to cut and glue
- Score-and-fold how-to
- Easier and harder ways
- 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, crayons, and a ruler and an empty pen for scoring (grown-up).

A folded garden card: the grown-up scores the fold, the child folds it and cuts two tulips round their gentle curves, then glues them on the front. The first step toward pop-up cards.

## 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

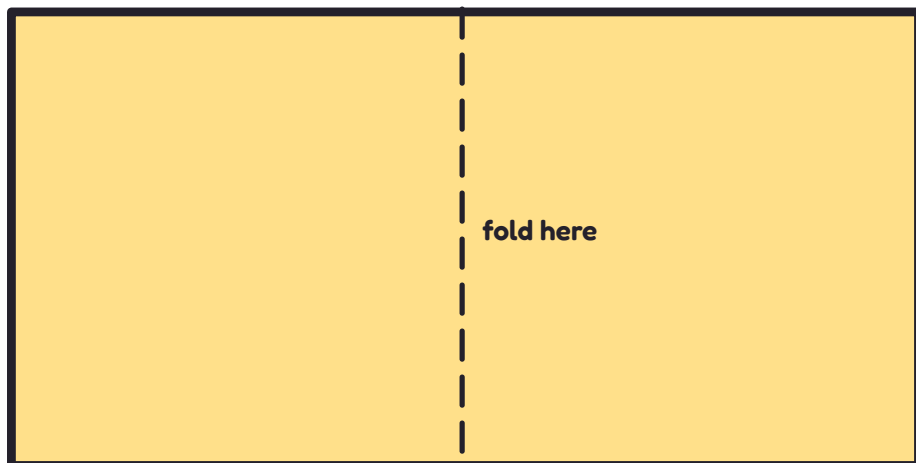
- Thumb in the top loop, pointing up ("thumbs up"). Fingers in the bottom loop.
- The helper hand holds the paper near the edge, thumb on top, fingers below and away from the blades.
- Use left-handed scissors: the blades are reversed so the child can see the line.

### PRINT CHECK

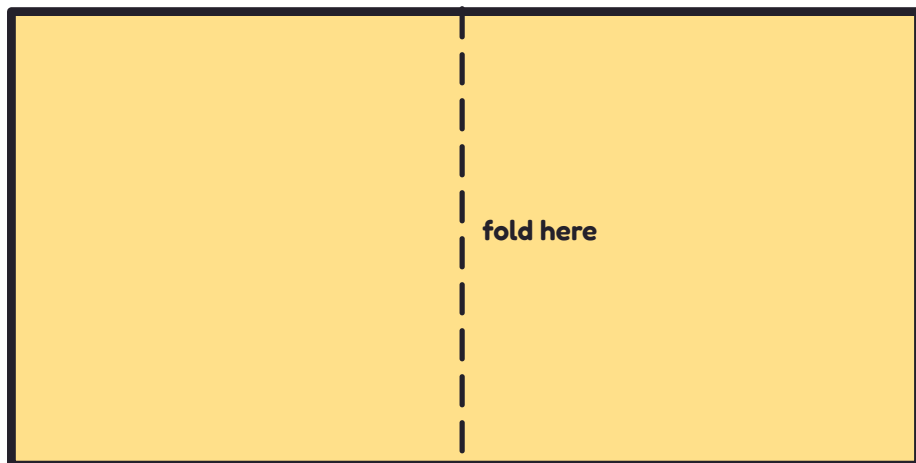
Print at 100% ("Actual size"). The pieces are drawn at real size, so they match the glue base only at 100%.

## Warm-up: Fold on the dashes

For Folded Garden Card. Cut out the card, then fold it on the dashed line and crease it with your thumb.



Again!



### 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: Folded Garden Card

— cut on the line



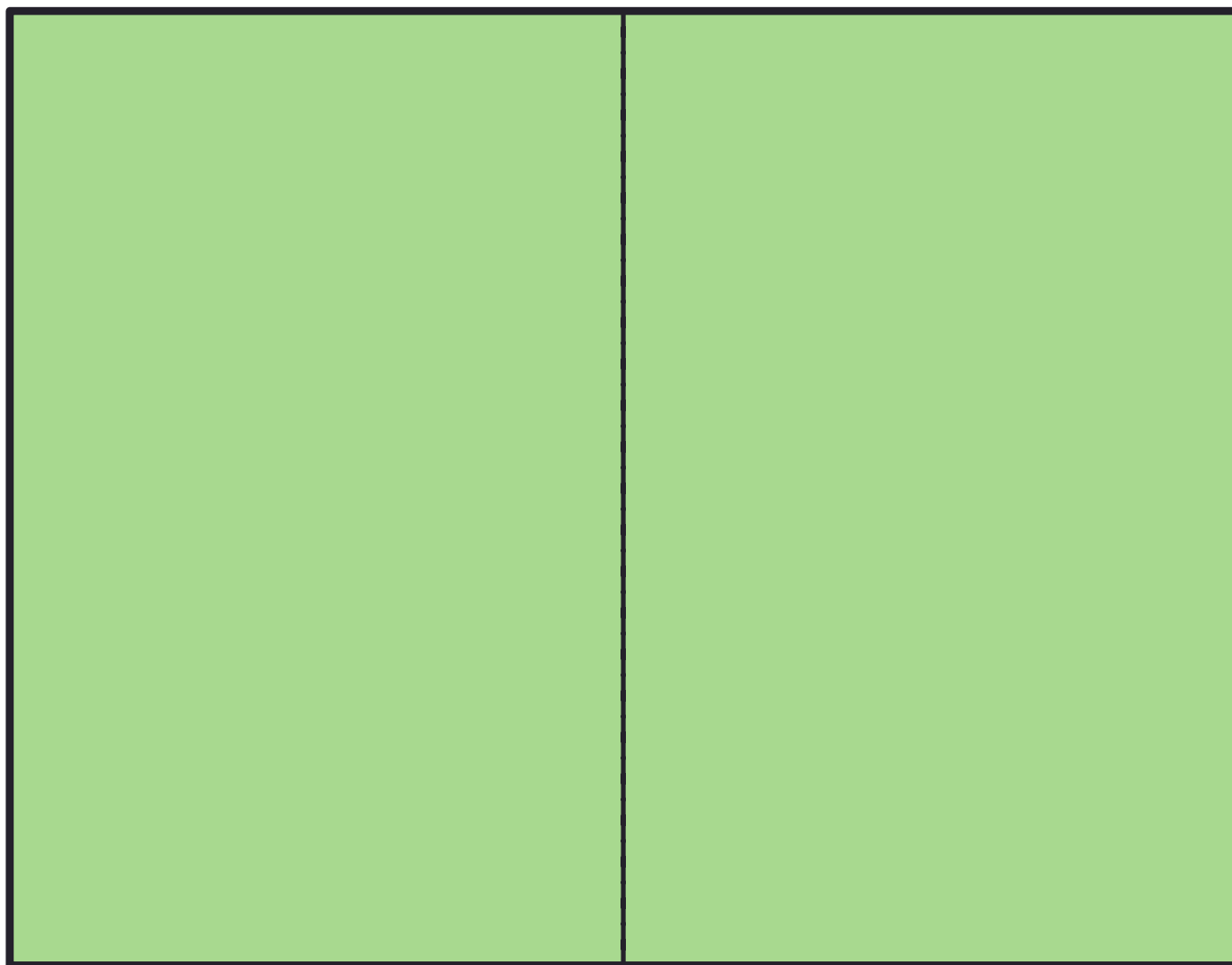
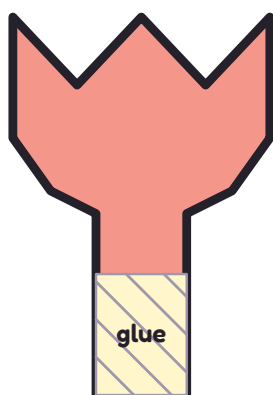
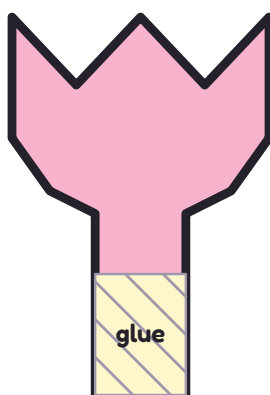
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— fold



glue

== grown-up cuts



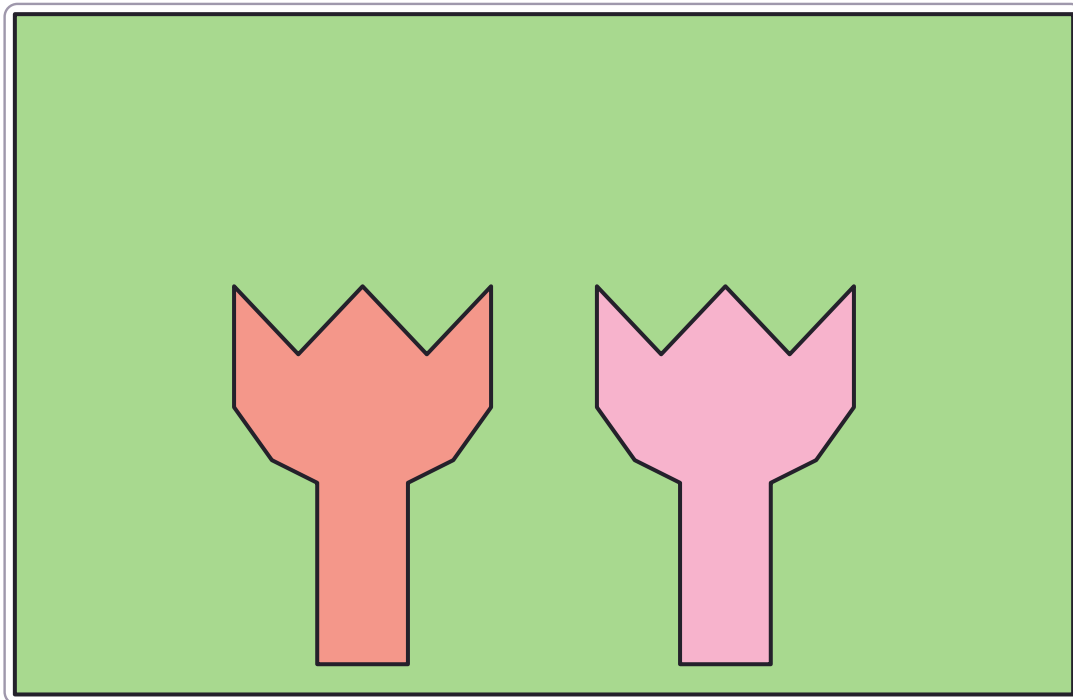
## Make it: Folded Garden Card

- 1 Cut out the card along its straight sides.
- 2 Fold it on the scored line: corners together, then press the fold flat.
- 3 Cut out the two tulips: slow down round the cups.
- 4 Glue the tulips on the front of the card and write a message inside.

### GROWN-UP DOES

Score the fold: lay a ruler on the dashed line and press along it with an empty pen. Then the card folds crisply.

FINISHED (DRAWING, 100% OF REAL SIZE)



### EASIER

The grown-up cuts round the tulip cups; the child cuts the straight stems and the card.

### HARDER

Cut a third tulip from scrap paper and glue it between the two.

### GROWN-UP CHECK

Does the child line up the corners before pressing the fold?

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