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ahoy there! pop-up pirate card



you'll need

Glue stick

2 pieces of lined notebook or filler paper (trimmed to 9 x 6 1/4")

Card stock (trimmed to 9 x 6 1/4")

Ruler

Bone folder

Scissors

Two 1 1/2 x 9" strips of blue text-weight paper

Ahoy There templates

Two 8 1/2 x 11" sheets of tracing paper

Pencil, 2B or softer

Ballpoint pen

Brown card stock or construction paper (trimmed to 9 x 6 1/4")

Black pen

Two 4 x 4" scraps of red text-weight paper

Shiver me timbers! This card hails a pirate's hearty *ahoy!* to a friend, captain, or best mate. With its pop-up frigate and jolly sailin' birdies, it's sure to evince a mirthful demeanor from the scurvy lad or merry lass who receives it. Avast, me mateys, and anchors away!

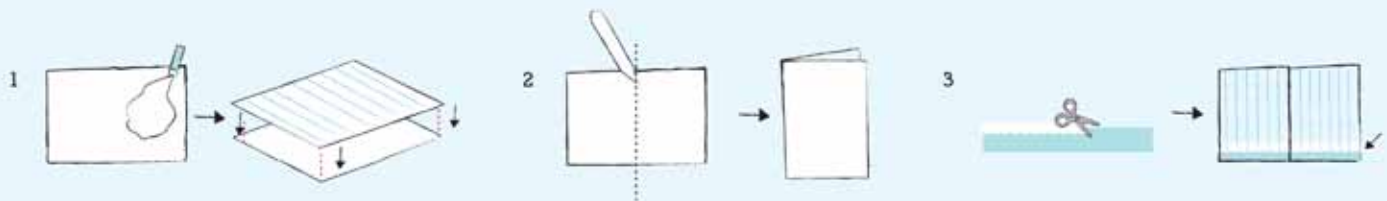
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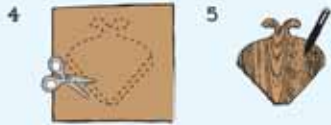
1 Line the card stock.

Using your glue stick, apply glue to the wrong side of your first sheet of lined notebook paper. Center your card stock on the lined paper, and smooth to adhere. Repeat with your second sheet of lined paper and the other side of your card stock (Figure 1). With a ruler and bone folder, score and fold the card in half, parallel to the short side of your card (Figure 2).

2 Make the waves.

Cut wave shapes into a long side of one of the blue paper strips, either cutting freehand (Figure 3) or using the template provided. If you'll be using the template, trace and transfer the wave to your blue paper (see Trace and Transfer, page 138), and then trim it with scissors. Apply glue to the wrong side of the wave and adhere it to the front of your card, aligning the sides and bottom (Figure 3). Repeat with the second blue paper strip, pasting it to the back side of your card. Let it dry.





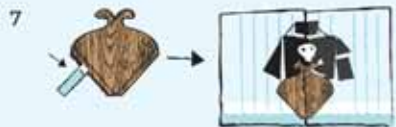
3 Make the boat.

Trace and transfer the Boat template to your brown card stock (Figure 4). Cut out the boat, using a pair of scissors. With your black pen, draw a wood-grain effect all over the front of the boat. Draw an almond-shaped or circular center forming the knot, then draw contour lines $\frac{1}{4}$ " along the sides of the knot, echoing its shape and tapering to straight lines at either end; repeat the contour lines to form a striped wood grain pattern, adding additional knots as desired (Figure 5). Fold the boat in half, and then fold along the lines to create flaps, being sure both flaps fold away from you.



4 Draw a pirate sail.

Trace and transfer the Sail template (a pirate sail is also known as a Jolly Roger) to the upper half of your card. Color it in using a black pen (Figure 6).



5 Paste the boat in place.

With the boat facing right side up, apply glue to its flaps. Fold back and paste these flaps in place (just below the sail), pressing down on them to adhere (Figure 7).

6 Add a couple of pirate-y birds.

Trace and transfer the Bird template to your red paper, twice. Cut out two bird shapes (Figure 8). Apply glue to the wrong side of each bird and paste them in place on the card. Using a black pen, add features such as an eye patch and a pirate's hat (Figure 9).

7 Add your greeting.

Fold your card, and write a pirate-y greeting on the front, such as *Ahoy there!*



variations:

Avast, me hearties! Pirate lore and lingo are a fun starting point for a whole host of occasions. You may even consider giving this card to a friend on International Talk Like a Pirate Day (September 19)!

Best mate. Add the greeting *You're my best mate!* to let someone know you appreciate their friendship. Consider adding a cheery *Aarr!* or *Aye, me hearty!* to the back of the card.

Pirate party. Use this card as an invitation to a pirate-themed party, or make it for the host if you are invited to one.

Anchors away! Give a merry send-off to a friend or colleague who is embarking on a new adventure. *Smooth sailin' an' fair winds t'ye!*

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See page 33 for Kate Sutton's complete bio.