Norton Simon Museum

Family Art Project: Pop-Up Summer

Stroll through a garden or swim in a splash of color, looking at Monet's *The Artist's Garden at Vétheuil* and Altoon's *Ocean Park Series #8*. Gather ideas for an ideal summer day and create a pop-up card to celebrate the season.
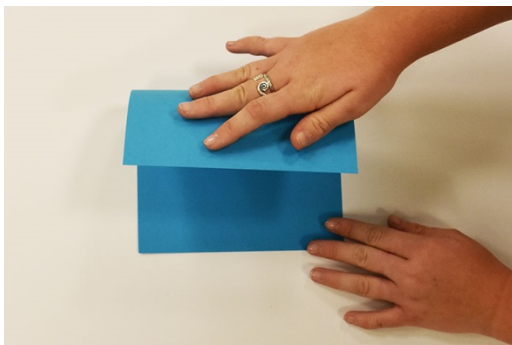

L-R: Claude Monet (French, 1840–1926) , *The Artist's Garden at Vétheuil*, 1881, oil on canvas, The Norton Simon Foundation
John Altoon (American, 1925-1969), Ocean Park Series #8, 1962, oil on canvas, Norton Simon Museum, Anonymous Gift
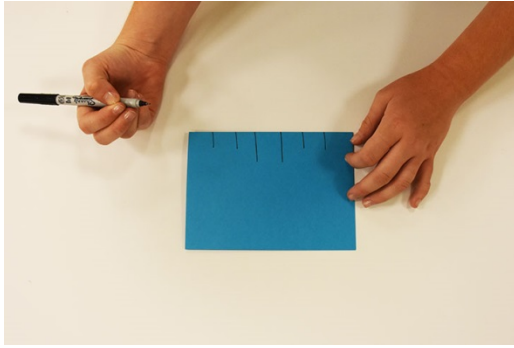
Materials:

- Cardstock paper (approx. 8 x 11 inches)
- Collage paper
- Tissue paper
- Scissors
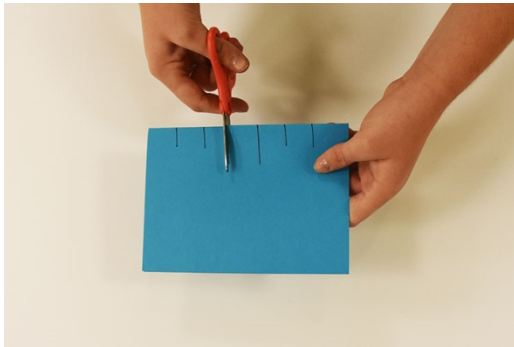- Glue
- Pencil or marker

Steps:

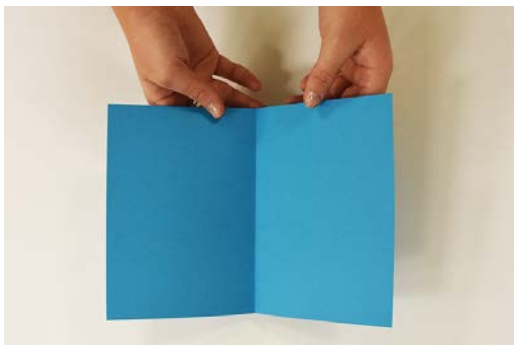To create a card, fold a sheet of cardstock in half, so that the shorter sides of the paper touch.

Using a pencil or marker, draw six lines about an inch apart from the center fold. Each line should be about an inch long.
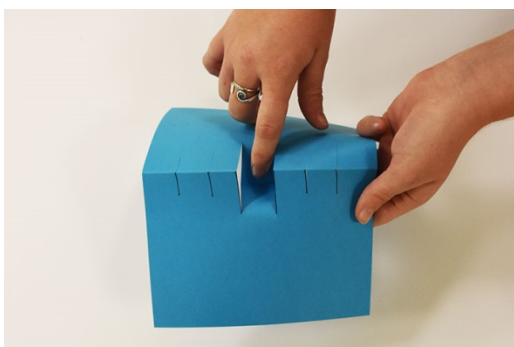
Add about a half an inch to the middle two lines (the third and fourth lines you drew) so that they are slightly longer than the others.
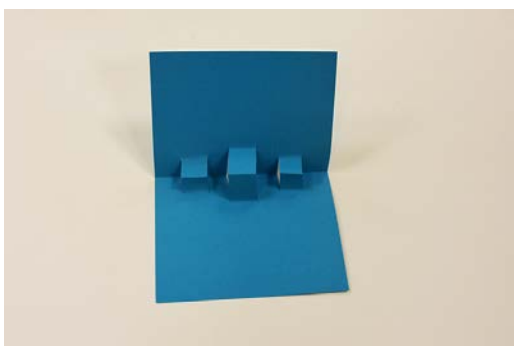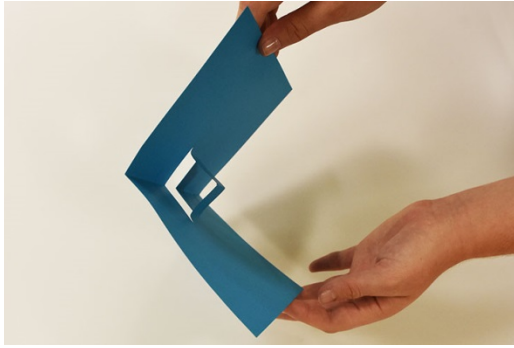

Carefully cut along each line with your scissors.

Open your card as if you were reading a book and turn it over.

Place your finger in the middle of the middle two lines and push the fold into the center so that the fold pops out in the opposite direction.

Then, push out the space between the fifth and sixth cuts so that there are three pop-up tabs.
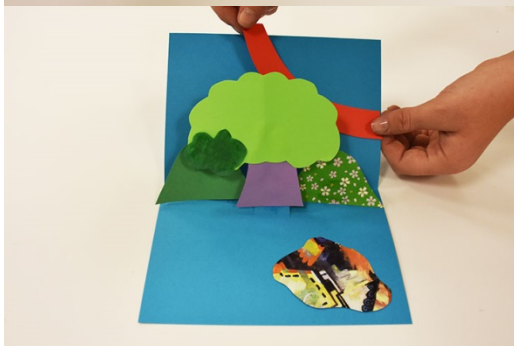
Hold the card like a book again and gently fold the two sides of your card together to reinforce the pop-up tabs.

Carefully cut out any shapes you want to add to your card.

Glue the shapes to the lower half of each pop-up tab inside of the card to create a pop-up scene, and continue to decorate the rest of the card.

Gazing at your new pop-up card, transport yourself to the dreamy summer scene that you created!