PAPER ✂ PAUL

WWW.PAPERPAUL.COM

Hot air balloon pop-up card

In this tutorial, you will learn how to make a pop-up card of a hot air balloon. It's not hard but you need to know the right steps to make this. That's why this template comes with a tutorial video, available on my PaperPaul YouTube channel. Happy crafting!
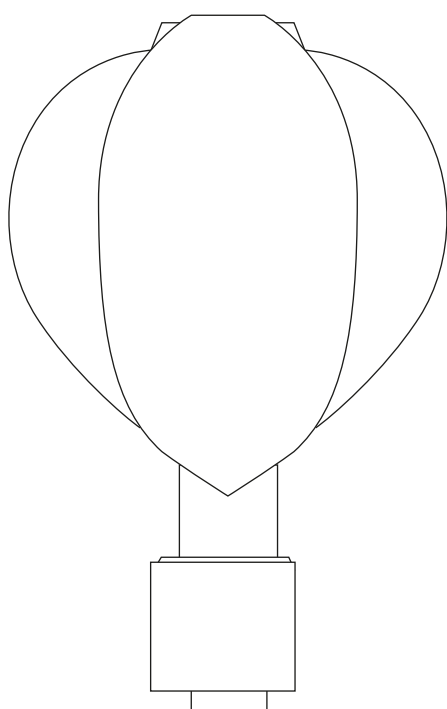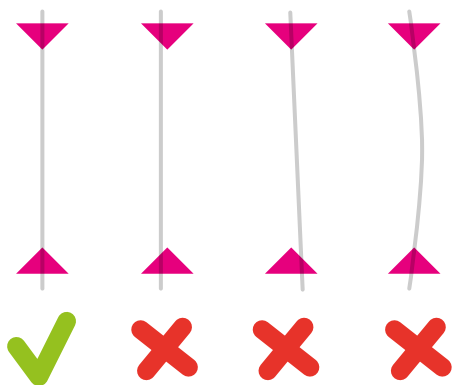
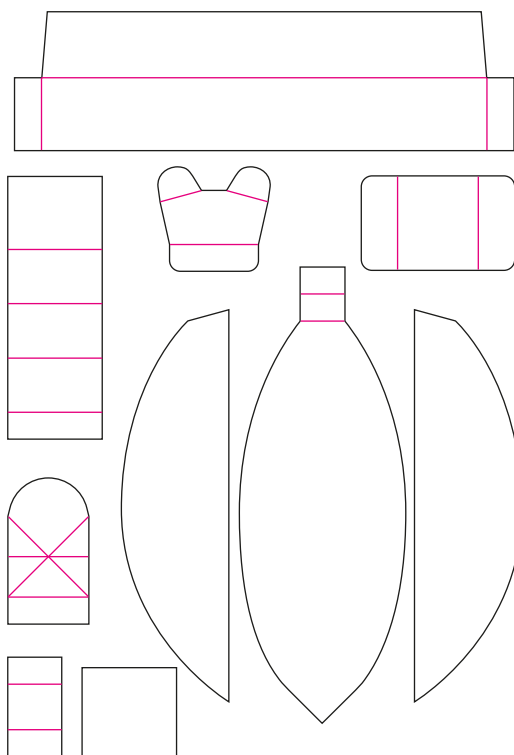## Difficulty ⭐⭐⭐☆☆

Connect to the backside

X Glue point

Work precise!

✔ ✖ ✖ ✖

Scoring guide

Use the scoring guide below to mark and make sure you've scored all lines.
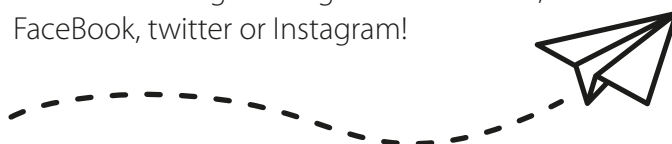
▶ - - - - Score between the pink arrows - - - - ◀

Don't forget to score the center fold of the base page!

Share the result!

You can credit me but that's up to you! If you share the result, I would love to see what you've made. Don't forget to tag me on Youtube, FaceBook, twitter or Instagram!
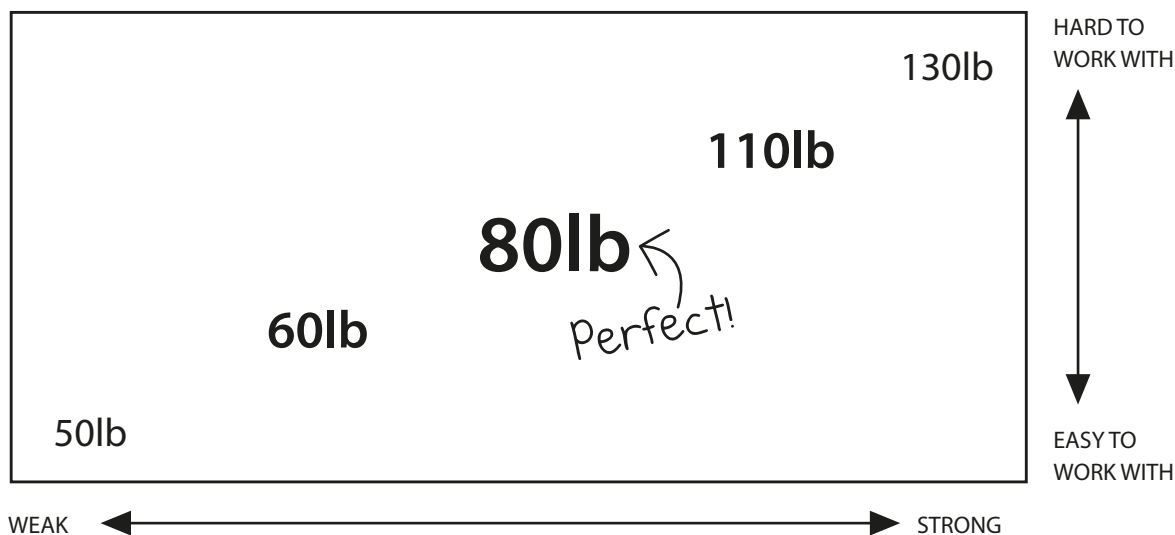
PAPER ✂ PAUL
WWW.PAPERPAUL.COM

What type of paper works the best for this project?

For this pop-up card, I recommend using 80lb (216 gms) cardstock. It's strong enough for the pop-up mechanism but also easy to cut and fold. It's no problem when you can't find paper with this exact weight, instead, try to find something close to it.

130lb

110lb

80lb ← Perfect!

60lb

50lb

HARD TO WORK WITH

EASY TO WORK WITH

WEAK ⟷ STRONG

Cardstock - gsm Equivalents

Base Weight	Grammage
50lb	135gsm
60lb	163gsm
65lb	176gsm
80lb	216gsm
90lb	243gsm
100lb	271gsm
110lb	298gsm
130lb	352gsm
160lb	433gsm

TIPS & TRICKS

Keep your paper in a dry and clean place. Paper can't handle moisture and reacts differently if you work with it when it's damp. Also, keep your colored paper out of sunlight to prevent it from bleaching on the sides.

When you cut out the pieces, be very careful to not dent, bend or damage the paper. It's important for a pop-up to work correctly. Especially the curved parts.

Adding an extra (double) layer to the cover of a pop-up helps to make it stronger, protects it, and also makes the pop-up work better. You can also use a diffrent color paper for the outside of the cover.

Fun fact

The word "paper" comes from the Egyptian word "papyrus". This was the first material used to make paper. It was made from the pith of the Papyrus plant and used to write on.

PAPER ✂ PAUL

WWW.PAPERPAUL.COM

What tools and materials do you need for this project?

Using the right tools and materials can make a huge difference for the end result. Don't be afraid to experiment. Try to find out, and choose what works best for you. Below is a list of recommended tools and materials needed for this tutorial.

Materials
• 4/5 sheets of +/- 80lb cardstock
• Glue or double-sided tape
• Self healing cutting mat (optional)

Tools
• A printer
• Scissors or a knife
• Ruler
• Paperclip or empty pen

Printer set-up

It's important to print all pages at 100% scale. Some printers automatically scale down the page so it fits inside the printable area. When you print the template PDF file, check and make sure that the option for scaling is turned off! For the best result, choose the highest print quality available.

Using colored paper

You can use the printed template to "double cut" the shapes out of colored paper. This way you prevent visible glue and cutting marks on your work. Make sure to mark the positions of the glue tabs very precisely!

Glue or tape?

Both will work for this project. I like to work with double-sided tape because it's fast and clean. When you work with glue, make sure to take the time it needs for the glue to dry. This is important because pop-ups need to be strong!

Scissors or a knife?

Both will work for this project. If you decide to use a knife, make sure to start your project with a new sharp blade. But also, be careful!

TIPS & TRICKS

Always keep an eye on your knife. You do not want to grab into a pile of paper with a knife hidden under it. When you're not using your knife, place back the protecting cap or slide in the blade when you're using a snap-off blade.

A self healing cutting mat can be very useful for paper craft projects. It protects your desk but it also keeps your knife sharp for a longer time. Self healing cutting mats are not expensive and available in most crafting stores.

Keep your scissors clean!

Scoring lines for folds

There are many tools that you can use for scoring folding lines. Any blunt object like a paperclip, empty pen, or the back of a dining knife should work.
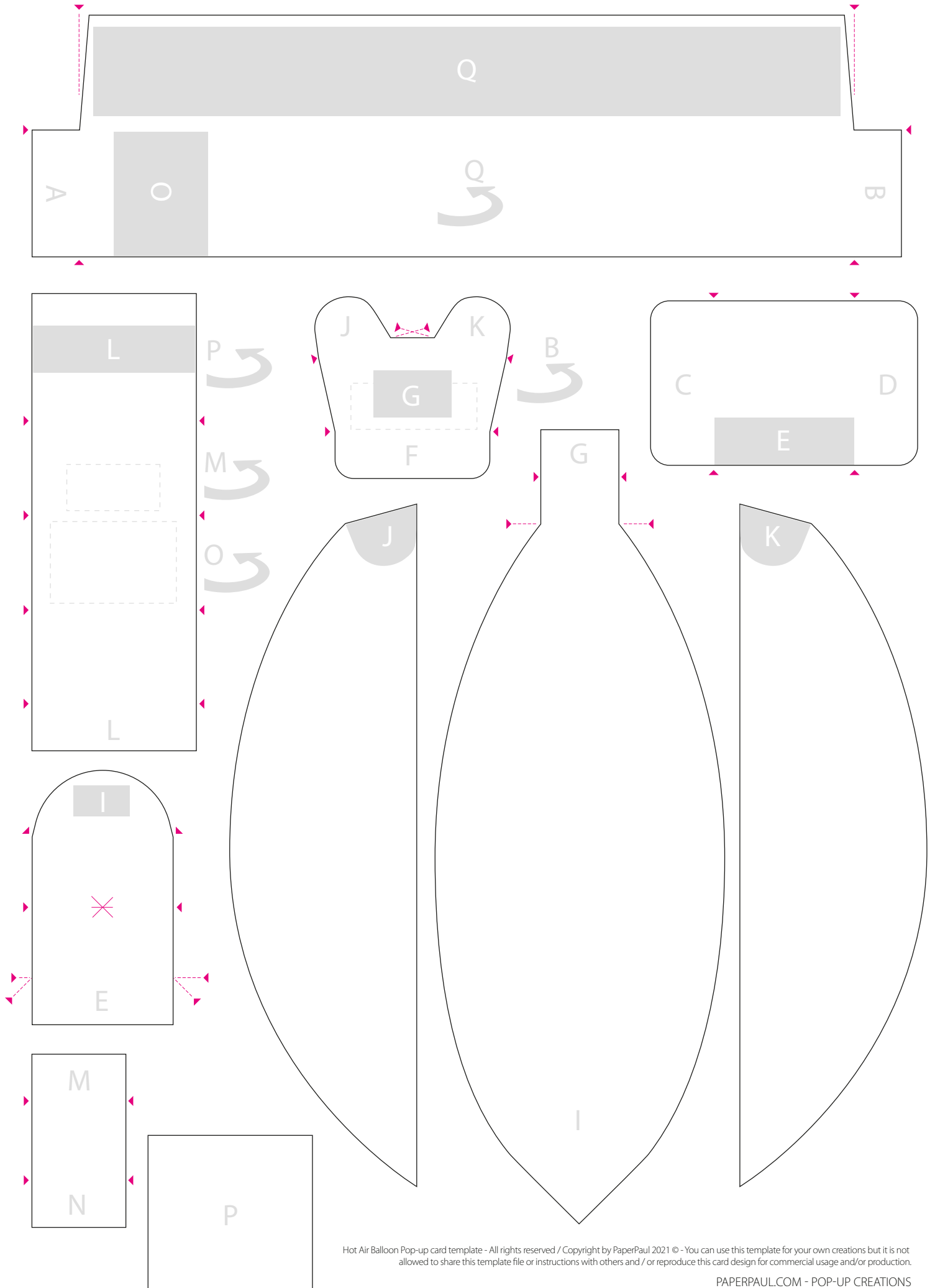
F

C   D

A

N

Q

Q

A

O

B

L

P

M

O

L

J

K

G

F

B

C

D

E

G

J

I

K

I

E

M

N

P

PAPER ✂ PAUL

WWW.PAPERPAUL.COM