

Craft

Design your own city hall

Design blueprints for your own civic center and city hall! Architect Harold L. Williams's design of Compton City Hall and Civic Center symbolized his desire to give back to the Black community in Compton. What do you desire to give back to your community? Think about the type of services your neighborhood needs.

After designing your own blueprint, now it's time to put your plans into action! Create a 3D paper model of your civic center and city hall and add designs with markers, pens, and crayons.

SUPPLIES

- 2 pieces of construction paper
- transparent tape or glue stick
- scissors
- markers, pens, and crayons

1. Take a piece of construction paper and fold it in half. Crease the edges after folding.

2. Keep your paper folded, and with a pair of scissors, cut two vertical slits (about 2 1/2 inches) on the creased side of the paper, leaving about 3 inches in between.

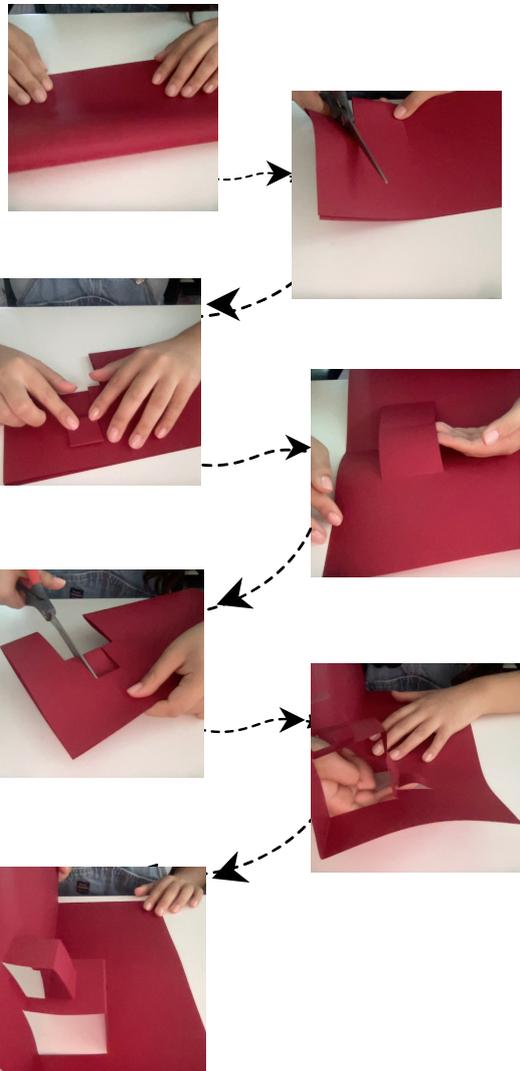
3. Fold the cut flap upwards, towards the length, to create a crease.

4. Unfold the sheet and push the folded building (flap) up to create another crease. Keep the folded flap inside.

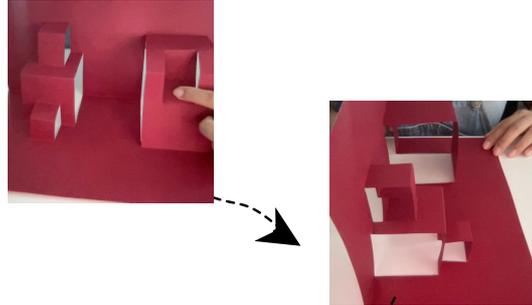
5. With the folded flat now inside, we're going to create a smaller building within the one we have. Cut two parallel slits (about 1 inch long).

6. Once 2 slits are cut, a small flare should be created. Like step 3, fold the flare so that a crease forms.

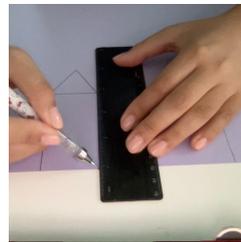
7. After folding the smaller flares, unfold the base page and push both buildings forward so that there are two 3D pop-up buildings. One small building sitting on top is pushed out, and the other at the bottom is pushed out.



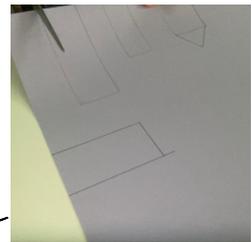
8. Repeat steps 2-7 on the other half of the paper. Make this building a bit taller than the first building that you made.



9. Now that we have our layers, we're going to double-stick our buildings.



10. Cut building fronts using the second piece of construction paper. Create as many as you would like!



11. Use transparent tape to stick your buildings on the pop-outs.



12. Decorate with markers, pens, or crayons to complete your design.



13. Double stick your buildings back onto the construction paper to finish the project!

