

Pop Up Flower Card Tutorial 2 by SuzieQ Kuttables

This tutorial is using my design A Loving Mother Card

This card finishes out at 5 x 5 inches

I suggest using cardstock for the base for stability and light weight paper such as typing paper for the flowers and stamens so they have a fluid motion when opened up. I printed the leaves and front panels with photo paper to give it a great look.





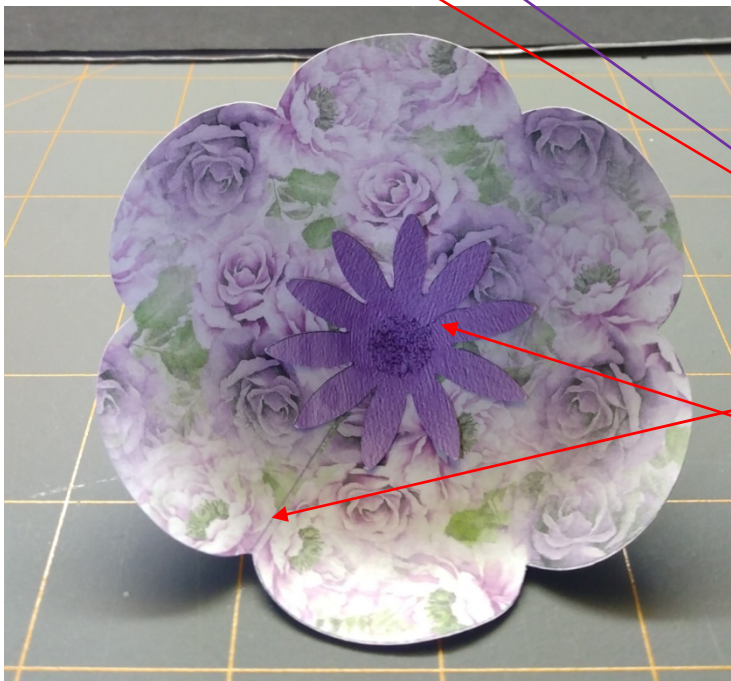
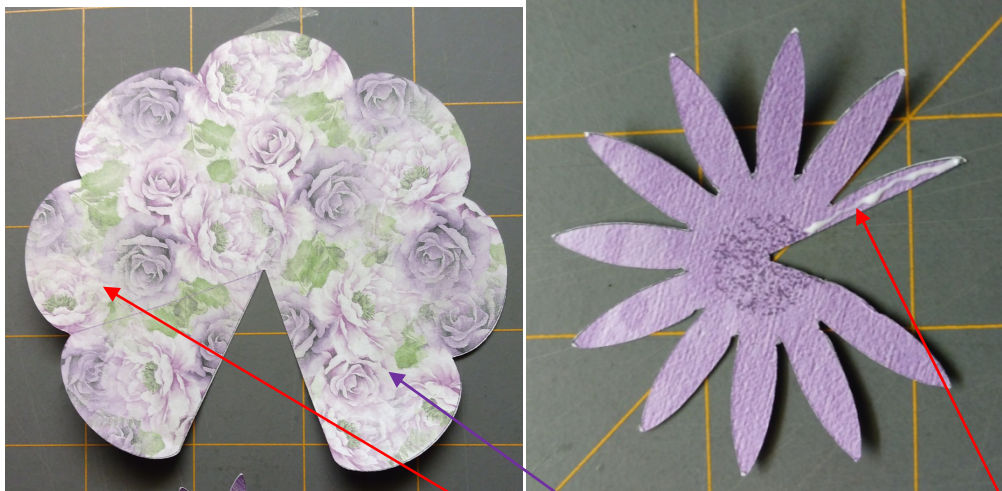
Print out the paper. This is not optional as this card requires two sided paper. Then print out Page 1 on the opposite side, which is the base card shown on the left. I print the base card from cardstock. This is necessary for this card to give it stability to be able to stand up when opened.

Cut off the colored border as it is only there to avoid white paper showing on the cut lines. Fold the base in half. The solid color is the inside of the card.

There are 7 flowers and stamens. For the best results print the flowers and stamens that are on page 2 and 3 with a light weight paper like typing paper. A light weight paper will give the flowers flexibility when the card is opened.

I feel the flowers and stamen requires the use of glue. There is no line on the stamen, but apply glue as shown and attach it to the opposite side.

Glue to the line on the flower and attach the opposite petal to the glued petal. This is how the flower should look like. I suggest putting the glue seams opposite of each other to help with the bulk.





Fold the flowers with the stamens also glued inside as shown with the glued portion facing up and positioned in the middle. Setup the folded flowers as shown and number them as I have numbered them. Apply glue in the numbered sequence as you assemble these together.



It is very important to glue as I have shown. Please note that I have applied glue just on the edges of the petal, but also reaching from one side to the other side.



This photo shows that the next two flowers have been attach by placing them over the numbers 1 and 2. Actually I should have shown the panels numbered 3 & 7 and 5 & 9 without glue, and then showed when the glue is applied. In other words there are now 3 flowers together.

As shown apply glue to 3, 4, and 5.

Then place the flower numbered 6, 11, and 8 on top where it is numbered 3, 4, and 5.



With the 6, 11, and 8 showing apply glue to 6 and 7.

Attach the flower numbered 10.

Note: The space on the bottom is maintained throughout to the end.



After the flower numbered 10 is applied, apply glue as shown to number 8 and 9.

Attach the flower number 12 to the numbered 8 and 9.



After the flower numbered 12 is attached, it should look like this. Apply glue as shown on numbers 10, 11, and 12.



Once all the flowers are assembled it should look like this.

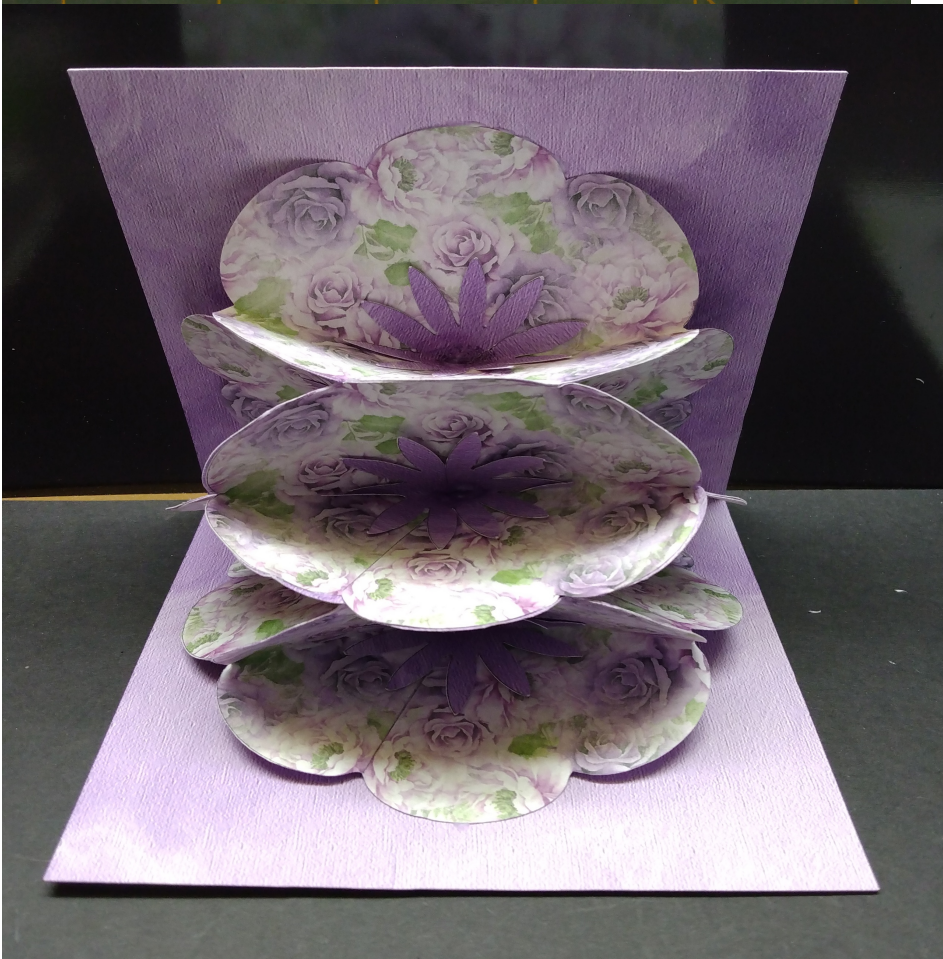


With the inside of the card base opened up, place the assembled flower as shown, except don't center it like I did in this photo. Instead move the flower up closer to the folded edge, about 1/2 inch from the folded edge, but still center it right and left. At this point it isn't attached. Apply glue as shown where I have written 13, being careful to have it only on the edge and from side to side of the petal.

Holding the assembled flower in place close the card. Press down to make sure it is secure. Turn the card over and apply glue in the same manner on the other petal exactly as was done on this side.



This is the opposite side showing the applied glue.



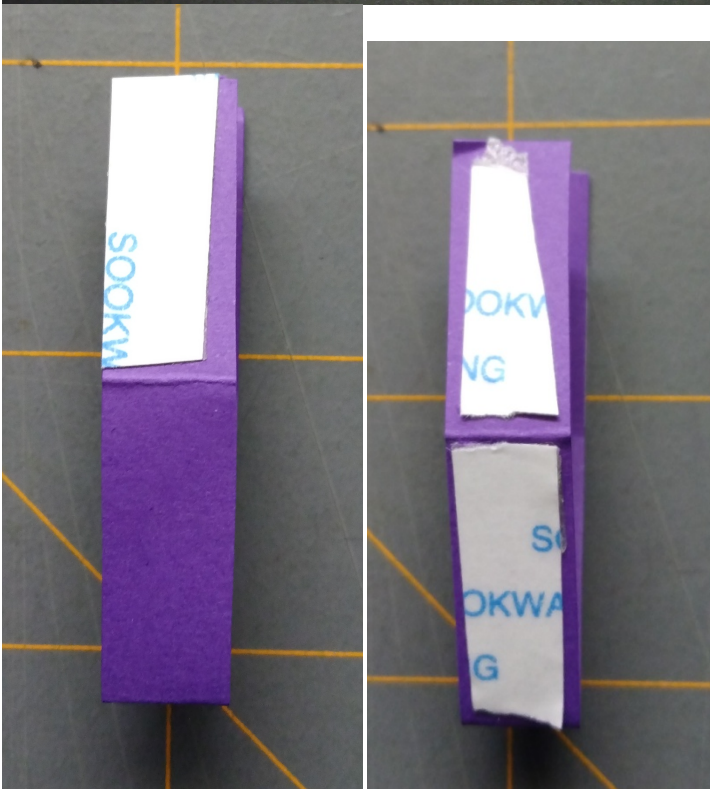
Holding the top and bottom petal ends, open the card up to make sure that glue isn't sticking where it isn't supposed to. Allow it to dry with having it opened like this before proceeding.

If you noticed that the flower doesn't open up, it is most likely because you'll need to re-glue some of the edges.



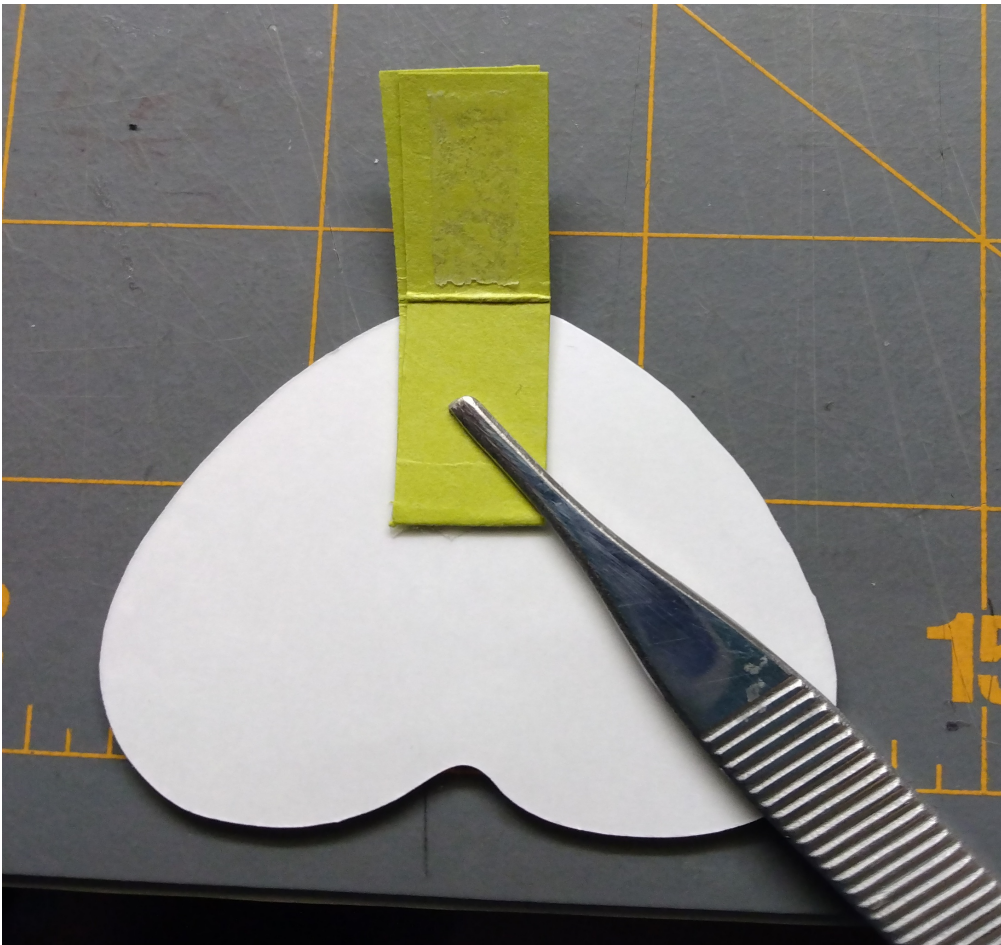
Now to add the pop out heart as shown in the photo.

Please note: This is not fully extended as it was difficult to get a proper photo of it fully opened.



Fold the strip in half and then in quarters. Use a bone folder to make crisp folds. Although I used glue on the flowers I found it is best to use score tape for this part. Apply the score tape as shown. The photo on the left is the back of the photo on the right. Make sure each quarter has its own section of tape.

The reason this is a different color is because I cut some cardstock into sections as I was working this out.



The green strip is the same strip as the purple above, just a different test.

Attach the strip to the bottom of the heart as shown, but do not remove the two end pieces of score tape (as it is in the photo) until you verify that the heart will not show when the card is closed.

Make sure you have the card right side up. It is easy to forget to check that the heart is facing the correct orientation. Then remove the two end score tape pieces and place it in the center flower, once again verifying it does not show when the card is closed. I used tweezers to hold this together as I put it into the center flower.

Decorate as you desire, but keep closing the card to verify all of the leaves, butterflies, and bees do not show when the card is closed. I used glue for this since there was some wiggle time for positioning.

I would suggest that you could leave out the center flower stamen since it will not be easy to see anyway. Also, be careful about adding too much bulk by using things like beads, stamens, etc. as it will most likely not closed properly.