



How to use your Craft Envelope



1 Choose your activity – look through the activity sheets & decide which to make (there isn't enough paper provided to make everything).

2 Grab your materials – Use the key below & the symbols at the top of your activity sheet to find the materials you need.

3 Create your makes – Follow the step-by-step instructions, or watch the videos on our website or social media.

4 Display your makes – Hang up in your window!

5 Send a message of hope – Send your greetings card to someone you know or send back to the project for us to pass onto a member of the local community who may be lonely or need cheering up.

6 Return your colouring sheet – so that we can display in your local community.

7 Get involved online – Follow us on social media & share pictures of your makes with our online community.

 **Rainbow Voices Project**

 **The Singfulness Project**

Send us your message of hope in the greetings card or postcard, for us to send on to someone who needs it.

We'd also love you to return your colouring sheet for us to display:

Return to a project collection point (listed on our website)

OR

Post back to us at:
Rainbow Voices, Pitlington Village Hall,
Crossroads, High Pitlington DH6 1AN

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Materials key

You'll find these icons on your activity sheets. Here's some suggestions of alternatives you may have at home if you don't have the exact item.



GLUE: you could use a glue stick, PVA glue, sticky tape or a stapler.



RULER: use the ruler from your template sheet, or one from home.



PENCIL: you could use a pen or crayon.



COLOURING PENCILS: or use pens, crayons, pastels, paints (allow time to dry!)



PAPER: we have provided 7 sheets of coloured/white paper in the envelope. If you need more, try recycling some wrapping paper or junk flyers from home.



THREAD: you could use any thread, string, twine or wool.



NEEDLE: you could use a plastic bodkin or standard hand sewing needle.



SCISSORS: **Be careful** and always keep blades away from fingers & body.



BROWN CARD: you could use leftover food packaging or thin cardboard.



PAPERCLIPS: you could also use mini stationery clips, or press them down with something heavy on top.



GREETINGS CARD: you could use any colour card or paper to make extra.



TEMPLATE SHEET: cut around the templates to use more than once or download extra copies on our website.

Greetings Card

Hot Air Balloon Pop Up

YOU WILL NEED:



1. **Use the template sheet** to cut out hearts in different colours.
2. **Fold the hearts in half** and glue one side to another folded heart. Repeat with all colours.
3. **Glue the outsides of your folded heart stack** and position inside your card. Close the card & press down to secure then re-open so it doesn't glue together.
4. **Cut a 3cm wide/15cm long piece of brown card.** Fold in half, then make a small fold again on each side. Glue these small folds to the inside of your card under the balloon to make a basket.
5. **Draw in details with colouring pencils.**
6. **Write your message** then send on to someone who needs cheering up or return to the rainbow project to be sent to someone in the local community.

Give it a go...

Use the templates to try out these ideas.



Don't Forget...

to write a special message inside your card to cheer someone up



Send, Return or Post

Please see overleaf for instructions about where to send your messages of hope.



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Paper Hearts

YOU WILL NEED:



Check out step-by-step photos below.

1. **Measure out a 3cm wide strip** down the length of longest side of a piece of paper using your ruler & pencil. Cut two 3cm wide strips out in each colour.
2. **Take 2 strips of each colour.** Cut each coloured pair 3cm shorter than the last. The longest will be on the outside of the heart, and the shortest in the centre.
3. **Bring both ends of the shortest strip together**, glue & press down to secure.
4. **Bring the ends of your second-smallest strip over the already glued ends of the smallest strip.** Glue in place to secure. Repeat with your other strips, working up to the biggest size. **Repeat steps 2 - 4** so you'll end up with a pair.
5. **To make the piece that joins them together, cut another strip of your outside colour in half**, and keep one half for another activity. Put some glue on both sides of one end of this strip. Stick the bottom gathered end of each half of the heart onto this strip. Put a paper clip on the ends just to hold while it dries.
6. **Poke a tiny hole in the top of the centre strip**, and push the thread through using a needle to hang. Repeat steps 1-5 as to make as many paper hearts as you like. Then hang in the window for everyone to see!



Top Tip...

Try stringing a few hearts together to make bunting

Give this a go...

Paper heart drops are simple and easy to make.



Step 1. Cut your strips of paper.

Step 2. Fold in the middle of your strip.

Step 3. Lay next fold on top either side & staple together.

Step-by-step



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Paper Spinners

YOU WILL NEED:



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1. **Measure out a 3cm wide strip** down the length of longest side of a piece of paper using your ruler & pencil. Cut two pairs of 3cm strips in 2 colours, & one extra 3cm strip in 1 colour.
2. **To make the centre piece**, fold the single coloured strip in half & glue the open ends together.
3. **To make the inside loop** cut 5cm from the end of one pair, and glue the top & bottom of the strips to the top & bottom of the folded strip on both sides. and to make the outside loop cut 10cm from the end of your other pair.
4. **To make the outside loop** cut 10cm from the end of your other pair of strips. Glue the top & bottom of the strips to the top & bottom of the inside loops you glued down in step 3.
5. **Hold with a paperclip** at the top & bottom until the glue has dried, then remove.
6. **Poke a small hole** through the top & bottom. Thread & attach each section together through the holes, finishing each section with a knot. Hang to display.

Give this a go...



Paper chains are simple and easy colourful decorations to make.

Step 1. Cut the strips of paper.

Step 2. Make a loop and secure with glue, tape or stapler.

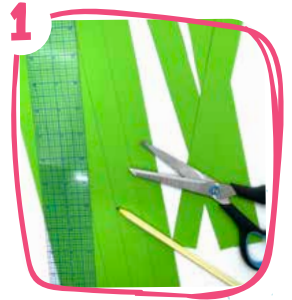
Step 3. Place another strip through the loop and repeat.



I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be.

Douglas Adams

Step-by-step



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Hot Air Balloon Drops

YOU WILL NEED:



1. **Cut out the hot air balloons** from your template sheet.
2. **Use these templates as a guide to cut out your shape.** Each balloon needs to be cut from 4 different colours of paper. Make each balloon in 4 different colours.
3. **Cut a piece of thread to use to hang.**
4. **Fold each of your cut out balloons in half.** Glue one side of a balloon, and press one side of another on top. Repeat these steps to make another half.
5. **Lay the thread in the middle,** and glue the two halves together around the thread.
6. **Repeat steps 1-4** with white paper & the cloud template.
7. **Swap between sticking clouds & hot air balloons** down the length of your thread.
8. **Hang up in your window.**

Top Tip...

Try hanging them at different lengths or make them in different sizes

Happiness is like a cloud, staying up there no matter rain or shine.

Anonymous

Give it a go...

Use a needle to thread through pom poms to add some more colour & texture to your drops, or add colourful raindrops under the clouds using leftover paper.

or

Hang your Hot Air Balloon Drops off a wire ring or something similar to make a mobile that will gently sway in the breeze.



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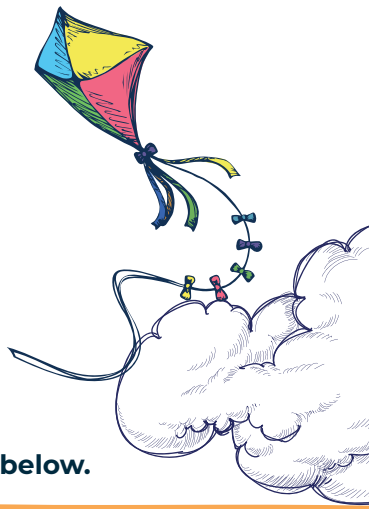
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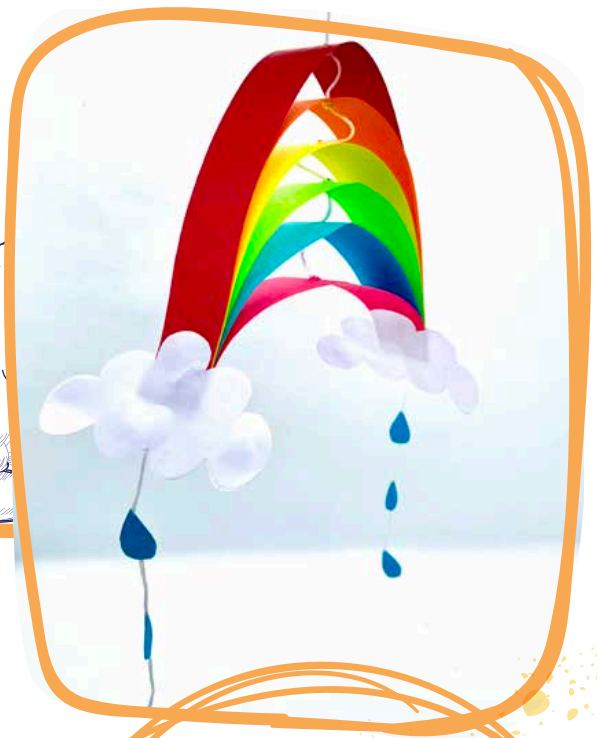
3D Rainbow

YOU WILL NEED:



Check out step-by-step photos below.

1. **Measure out a 3cm wide strip** down the length of longest side of a piece of paper using your ruler & pencil. Cut 1 strip in each colour.
2. **Trim down your strips** so the outside strip is the longest, & the inside is the shortest - about 3cm difference between each strip. **See Step-by-step 1+2 below.**
3. **Punch a tiny hole in the middle of each strip.** Bring the thread through the holes you've just made on each strip. Tie a few knots after every strip so they don't slip down. Leave enough thread at the top for a hanging loop!
4. **Glue the ends of the strips** on top of each other on both sides to form your arches. Hold with paper clips while they dry, then remove.
5. **Cut raindrops** from blue paper, and glue them on both sides of some thread. Poke a small hole in the bottom of the coloured strips, and bring the thread through with the raindrops on. Knot to secure.
6. **Glue your clouds to both sides of the bottom of the strips** by cutting 4 clouds from the white paper using the cloud from your template sheet.
7. **Hang up in your window.**



Top Tip...

Try glueing on cotton wool balls to make the clouds fluffy!



Fly high like a kite
with a unbreakable
thread of happiness.

Utkarsh Agartala



Step-by-step



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