

CAKE-POP BIRTHDAY CARD

MATERIALS FOR 1 CAKE-POP BIRTHDAY CARD:

- 2-3 Pieces of Construction Paper (or Cardstock or File Folders)
- 1 Printed Birthday Candles Template
- 1 Piece of Cardstock (for printing the template)
- Scissors
- Scotch Tape or Glue Stick
- Markers, Crayons, and/or Colored Pencils
- Stickers (optional)
- Glitter Glue (optional)

Directions:

First, watch the video.

Next, make your candles

1. Use the Birthday Candle Template or draw your own candles or use numbers instead of candles. Color your candles using markers, crayons, or colored pencils. Cut them out and put them aside.

Then, start popping...

2. With the construction paper in portrait position, fold the top edge down to meet the bottom edge and run your fingers along the fold to make a sharp crease.
3. With the folded edge at the top, draw a rectangle. The folded edge should be used as one side. The size can vary but a good start is 4"X 3" with the 4" side along the edge.
4. Cut the two sides of the rectangle that start at the edge. Put the card flat on the table and fold up the cut-out as far as possible. Make a sharp crease along the fold.
5. Turn the card over with the rectangle face down. Take the same rectangle and fold it up, this time on the other side of the card. Again, make a sharp crease along the fold.
6. Push the rectangle inside the card.

For a one layer cake skip to step 9

7. To make a second layer, keep the card folded with the first rectangle inside and place the card flat. You should see two edges from the rectangle that was pushed inside. Using only one edge, draw a second rectangle along the side that is that edge. Cut the sides that start at the edge on the second rectangle and fold as you did for the first rectangle. Push the second rectangle inside.
8. To do a third layer, keep the card folded with both rectangles inside. Now the smaller rectangle has 2 edges. Follow the same steps that you did to create the second layer.

And, decorate your cake.

9. Use markers, crayons, or colored pencils to decorate your cake and then with scotch tape or glue attach the candles. It might be easier to do the decorating if the card is flat.
10. Write a message such as "Happy Birthday" and decorate the background.

Finally, put it all together!

11. Fold another sheet of construction paper to use as a cover. On the front of the cover draw a picture or write a birthday message. On the back of the cover near the bottom write "This card was made by" and on the next line, write your name. (You can use two pieces of construction paper to make the card a little stiffer and to add more color.)
12. Tape the cover to the pop-up page of the card.
13. Surprise someone you care about by giving your fabulous creation as a gift!



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