3D Stand-Up Cards   by Lynn Slevinsky
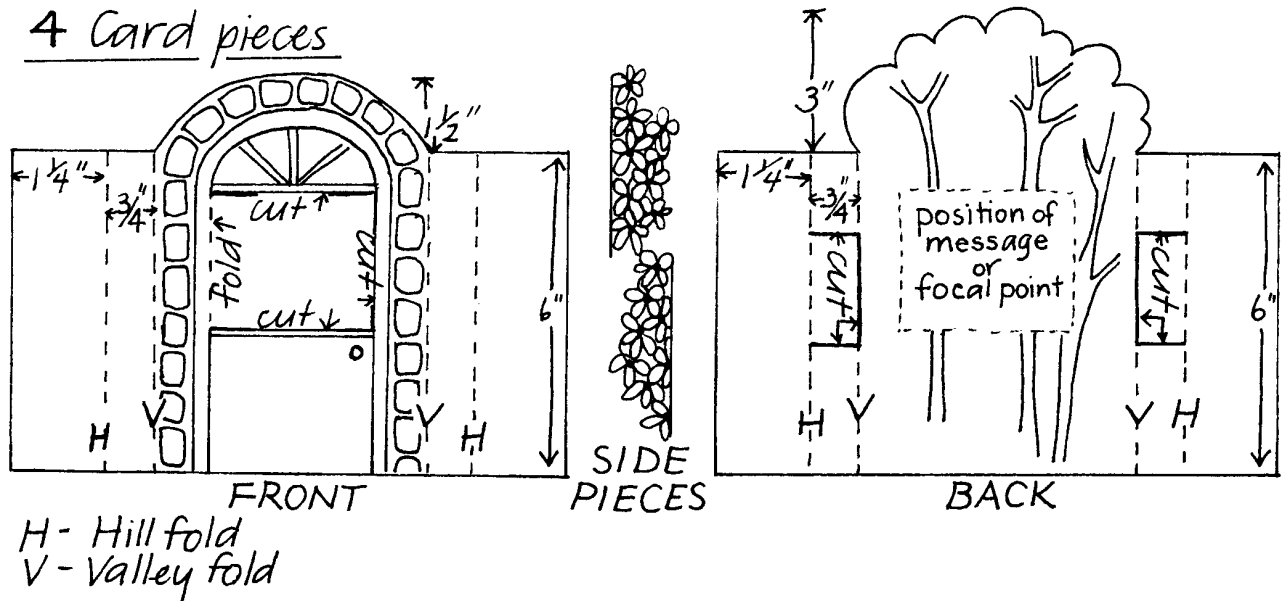
1) Draw the 4 card pieces on card stock, measuring carefully.

4 Card pieces


FRONT

SIDE PIECES

BACK

H - Hill fold
V - Valley fold

2) On the card piece labeled "back", draw and color in the area that will be seen through the window on the front of the card. In this space you could also put a calligraphic message. Just remember that this is the focal point of the card, and it should not be wider than the window.

3) Fold along the fold lines as marked.

4) With an X-acto knife cut out the 3 sides of the tabs as marked, and bring them forward.


card back

tabs
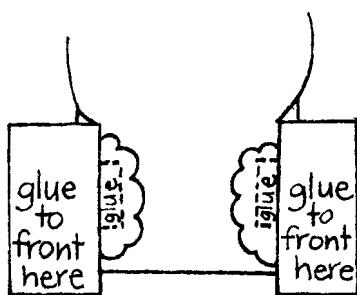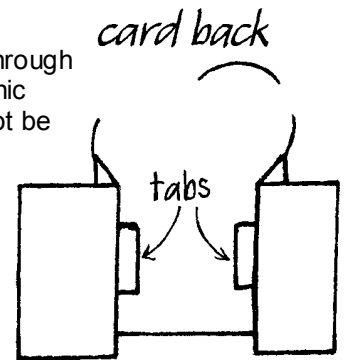
5) Draw and color in the "front" card piece. Cut out the window completely, or leave one or both sides uncut and fold back.

6) Fold the card front as indicated.

7) Color and cut out the 2 pieces that form the middle ground called "side Pieces". These could be made from magazine pictures or gift wrap glued to the card stock if you don't want to draw.

8) Glue the two side pieces to the tabs, as shown.

glue to front here

glue to front here

9) Place the front on top of the back, right sides up. Glue them together only along the sides. From the bottom the card looks like this.
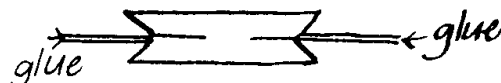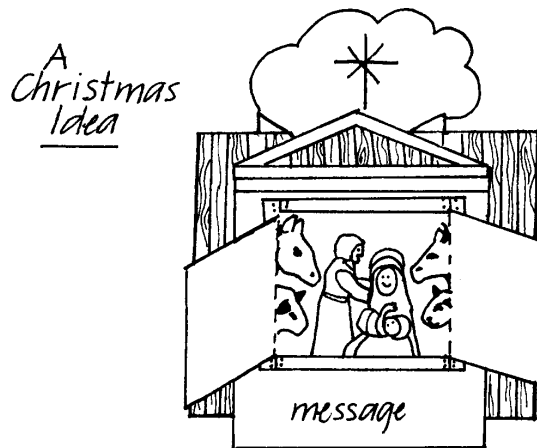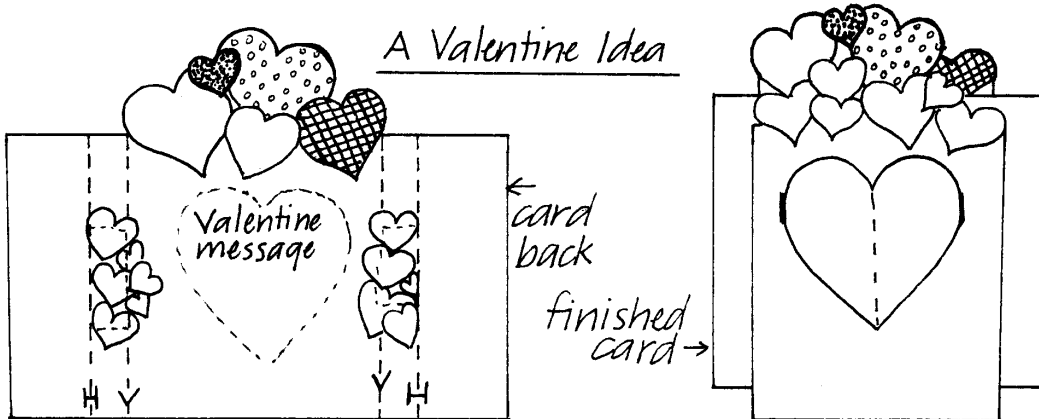

glue   glue

Press under a heavy book while the glue dries.

To display the card, pull on the 2 outer edges. This pulls the side pieces out of the way to reveal the focal point.

pull

pull

message or focal point
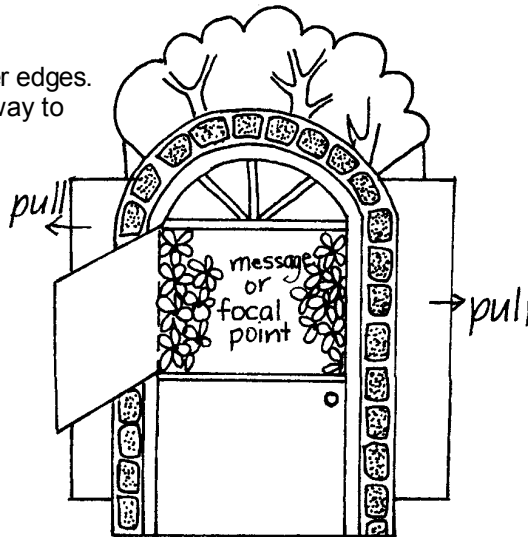
Here also are several ideas as to how this design could be used for different occasions. I hope you will use your imagination to think of more. If you find the drawings too complex for your taste, stick with simple shapes like stars, or hearts, and use beautiful papers. More space is available for writing a greeting if you turn the card over. An extra piece of paper could be glued to the back with your message on it.

A Valentine Idea

Valentine message

card back

finished card →

A Christmas Idea

message