

Make a Cityscape

Paper Pop-up Sculptures Inspired by Artwork in the NBMAA Collection



Strike, Fall River
Thomas Hart Benton
c. 1935



A City
James Grashow
n.d.



Golden City of Titan, from
Amazing Stories, 1941
Frank R. Paul

Connecticut State Art Standards: 2nd - 5th grade

VA:Cr2.1.2a Experiment with various materials and tools to explore personal interests in a work of art or design.

VA:Cr2.1.3a Create personally satisfying artwork using a variety of artistic processes and materials.

VA:Cr2.1.4a Explore and invent art-making techniques and approaches.

VA:Cr2.1.5a Experiment and develop skills in multiple art-making techniques and approaches through practice.

VA:Cr2.3.3a Individually or collaboratively construct representations, diagrams, or maps of places that are part of everyday life.

VA:Cr2.3.4a Document, describe, and represent regional constructed environments.

VA:Cr2.3.5a Identify, describe, and visually document places and/or objects of personal significance.

VA:Cn10.1.2a Create works of art about events in home, school, or community life.

VA:Cn10.1.3a Develop a work of art based on observations of surroundings.

VA:Cn10.1.4a Create works of art that reflect community cultural traditions.

VA:Cn10.1.5a Apply formal and conceptual vocabularies of art and design to view surroundings in new ways.

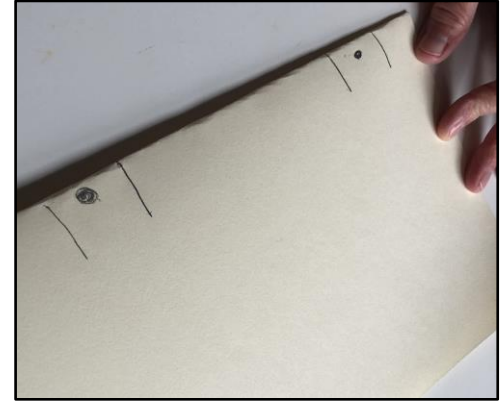
Materials:

- Pencil
- A piece of paper 6x4 inches or bigger (Directions are below)
- Various cut paper scraps of different colors and textures.
- Markers/crayons/colored pencils/sharpies/oil pastels (whatever you might have).
- Glue/glue sticks or tape
- Scissors



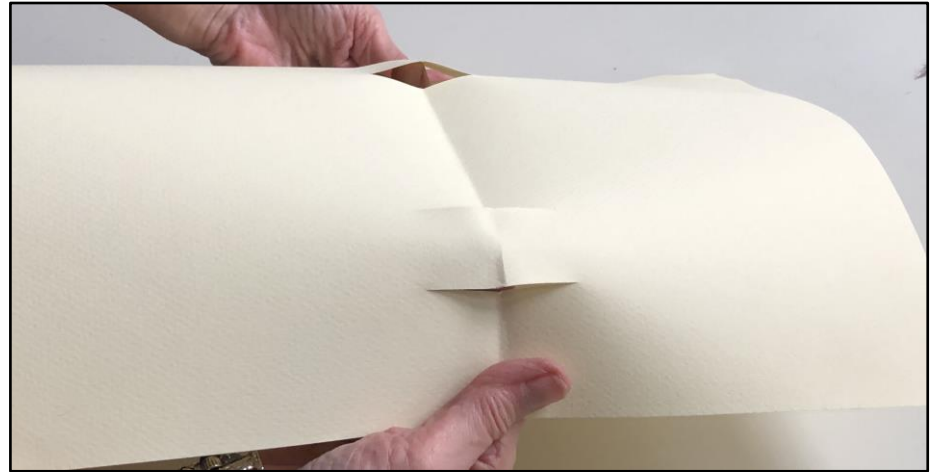
What type of city would you like to create? It can be a real city like New York or one that you make up in your imagination. It can be a city from history, or a space city from the future.

1) Fold your piece of paper in half vertically with the open end pointing away from you.

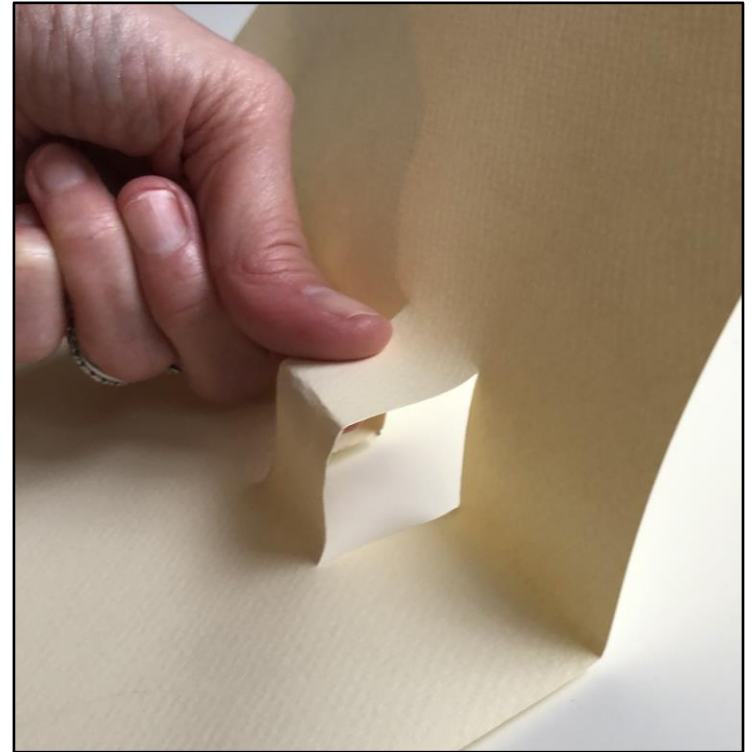
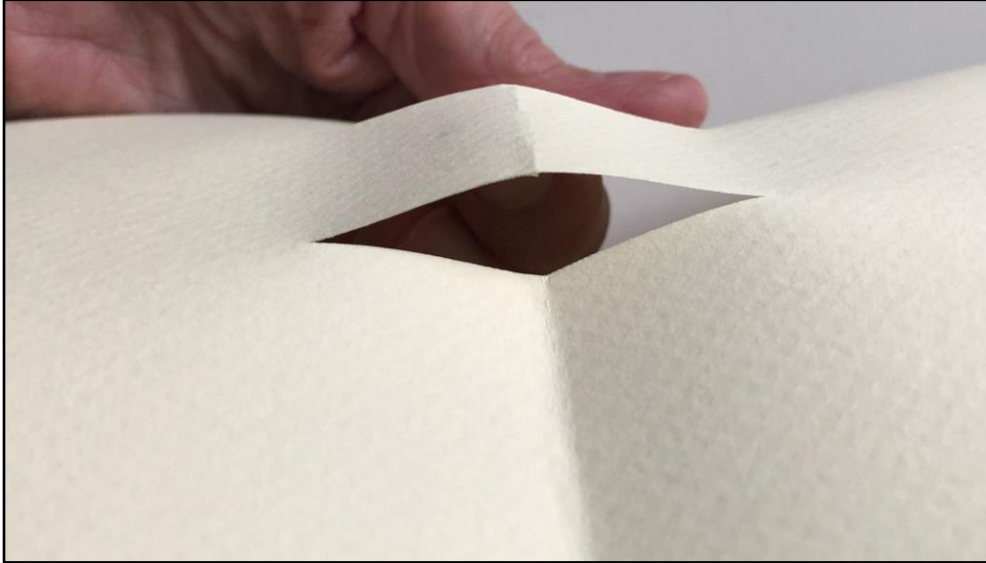


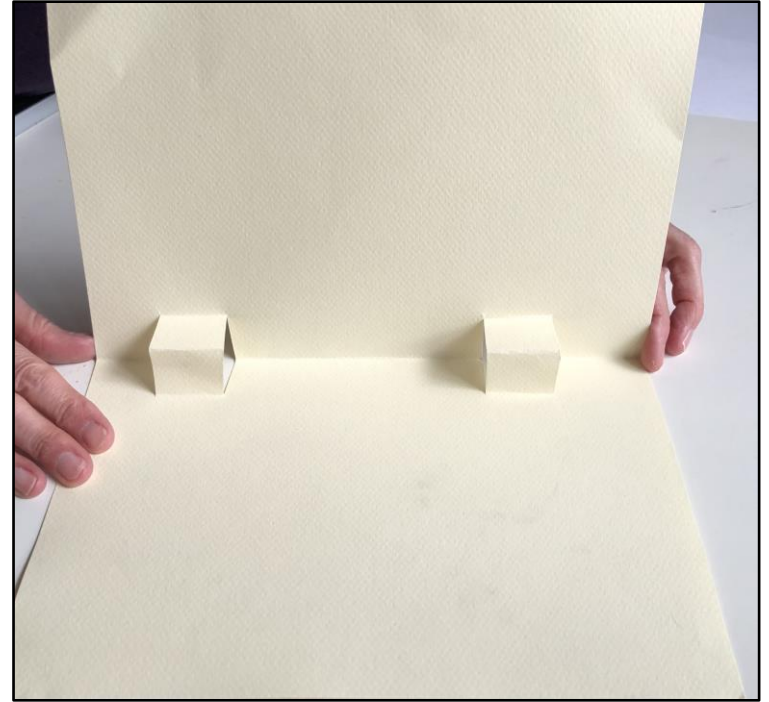
2) With the folded end pointing towards you, draw a dot at the bottom of the fold about a “pinky finger” length in from one side of the folded paper. Then, on each side of the dot draw a line a “pinky finger” length up from the fold. Then repeat the same thing on the opposite side of the paper. (You can also make one of these in the middle of the paper.)

3) Cut up from the fold the length of the two lines you just drew. Repeat for the other side. Then, open up your paper.



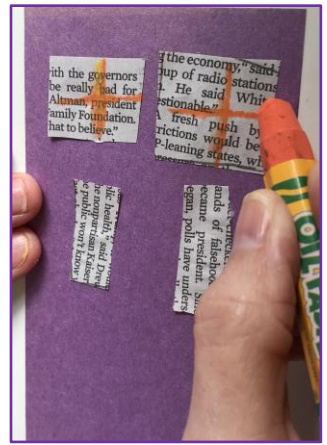
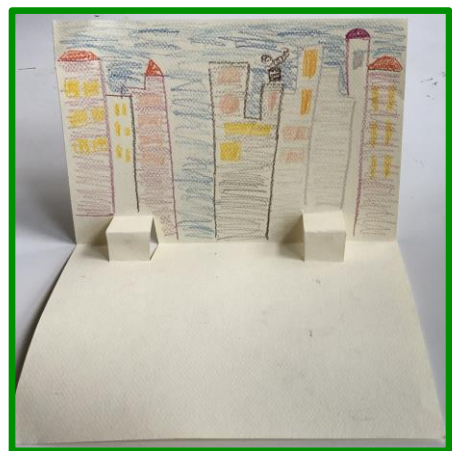
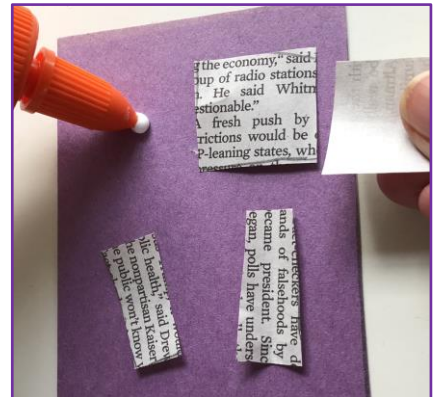
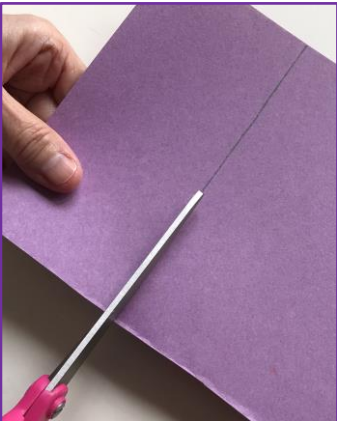
4) Use your pointer finger to push the cut through, and use your pincher fingers to pull the part you just pushed. Each of the two should look like a rectangle sticking out.





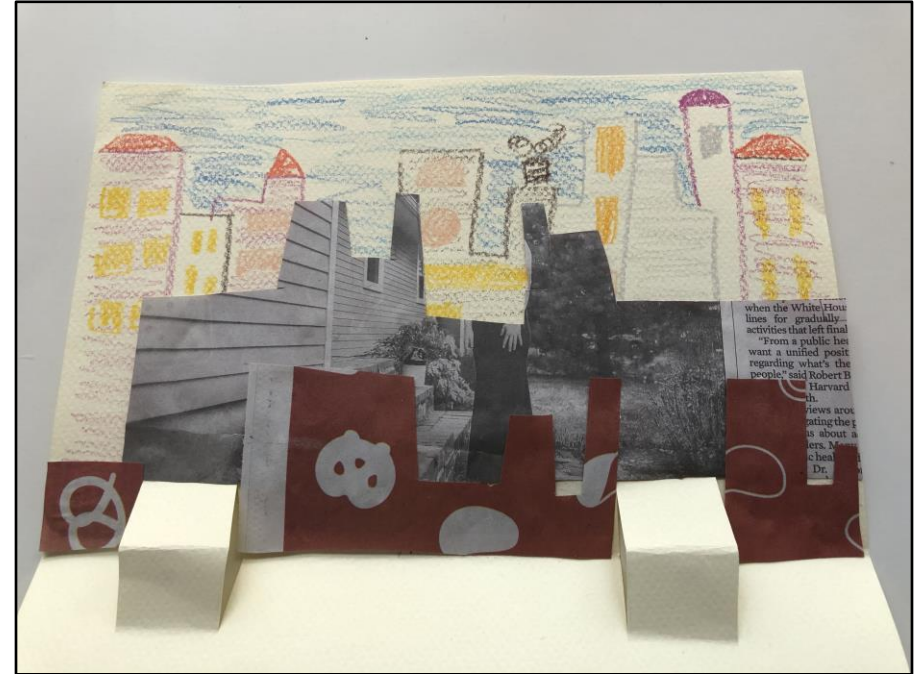
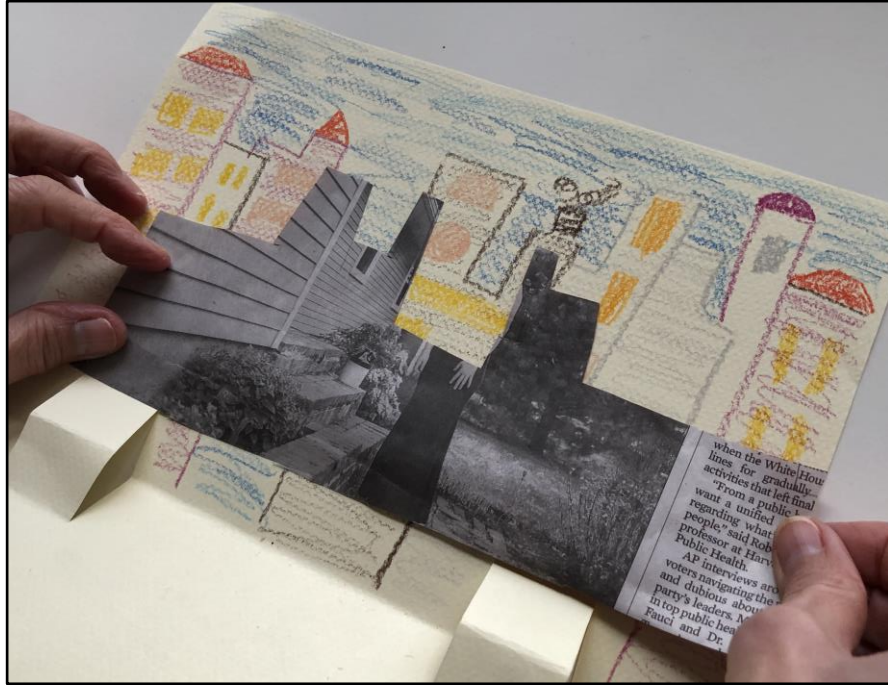
5) Next use your hand to press down and iron out your new folds, making it nice and stable so it can stand when open.

6) Draw and color a background of buildings and sky on the upright half of your folded paper.

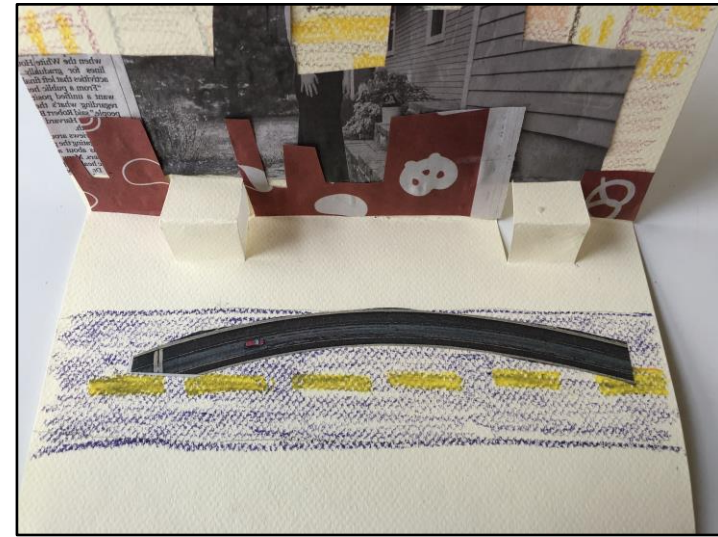
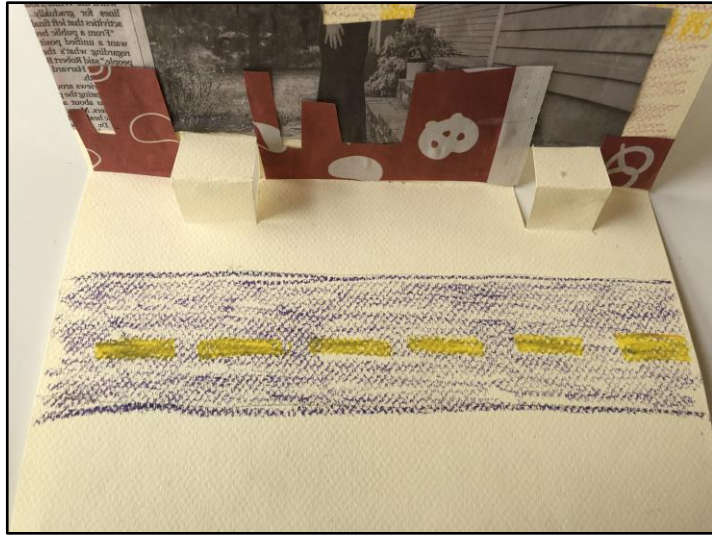


7) Then, use construction paper, newspaper and scrap paper and cut out buildings that you will attach to the background. You can decorate these buildings with windows, doors, roofs or other pictures. (Put these main buildings aside. You will need them later.)

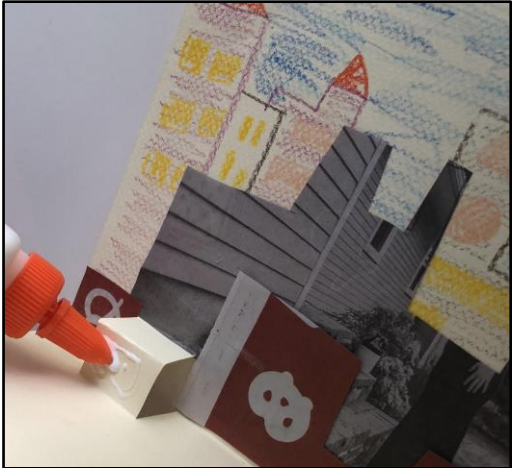
8) Attach the newspaper or scrap paper buildings to your background with glue.



9) Color and create your ground and street. You can add a sidewalk, grass, flowers or whatever you want in your city.



10) Put glue on the fronts of the rectangles that are sticking out from your background and press the main buildings onto them to make your city three-dimensional.



11) Have fun and be creative!

