A Fold Up Christmas House

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Fold Up Christmas House
Level: Medium
Duration: 1 hour

KEY

Mountain fold   *Valley fold*
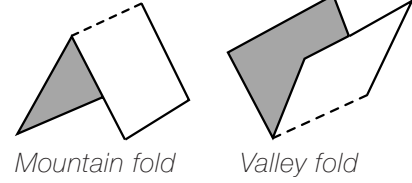
Cut lines	————————
Mountain Fold	– – – – – – –
Valley Fold	· · · · · · · · · · · ·

You will need:
White paper (around 150gsm), craft knife, scissors, cutting mat, ruler, glue, bone folder (or ballpoint pen without the ink), pen, envelope & coloured pens/pencils (optional)

1. Choose a template to work from and print onto heavy white paper (around 150gsm). Design and colour your own house on the blank template or use the one I have already illustrated.
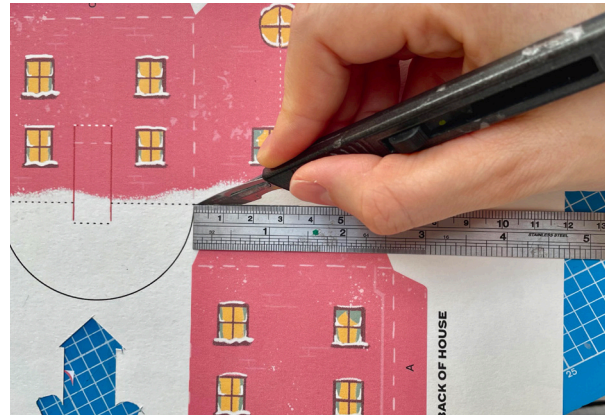
2. Cut out all the parts. Use scissors to cut the scalloped edge of the roof and a craft knife and ruler for the straight lines.

3. Score and fold the dashed lines (mountain fold). If you don't have a bone folder for scoring, you can use a ballpoint pen without the ink. Score and mountain fold the scalloped roof.
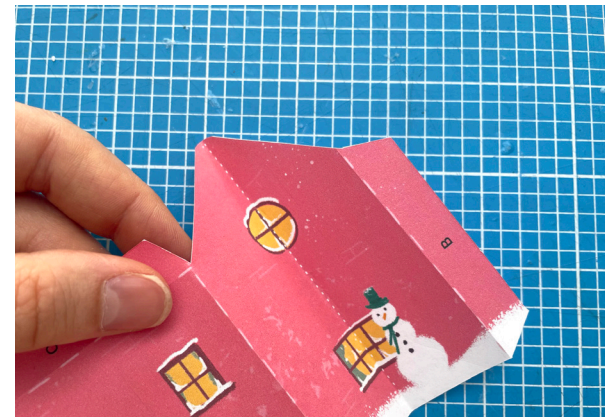
5. Score and fold the dotted lines (valley fold).

4. Write a message on the house while the parts are flat (optional).

6. Apply glue to the tabs A and B and stick to the respective reverse sides of the house and so it becomes a 3D box. Wait until it's dry before proceeding.

7. Pop out the tab at the front and glue the door to it.

8. Apply glue to tabs C and D and attach the roof. Position it so the top mountain fold sits above the top of the house, and so it can fold down flat once glued.
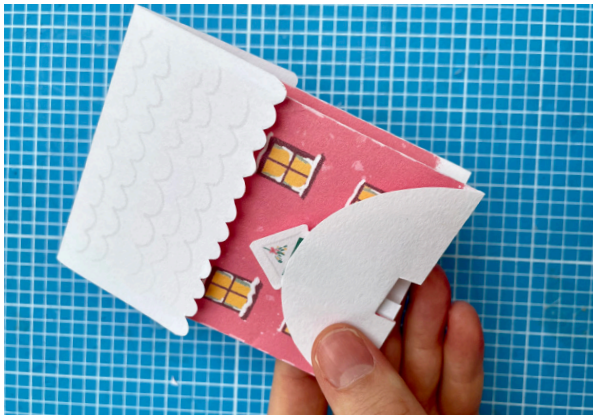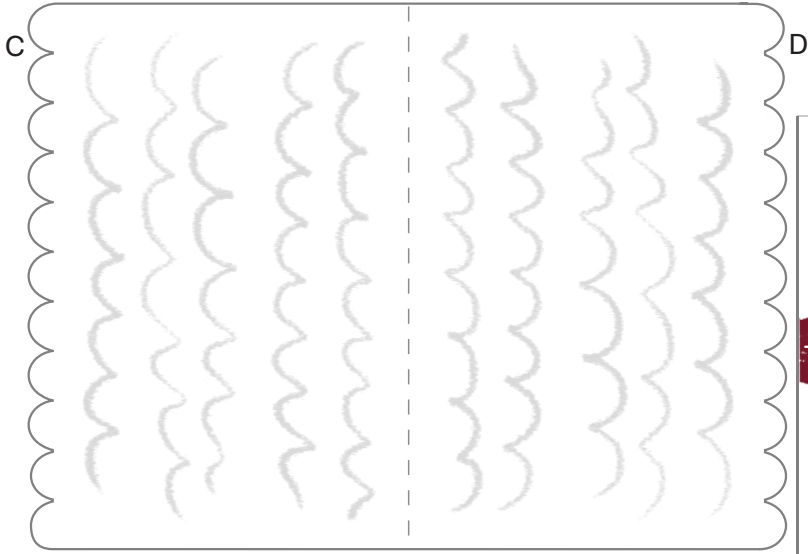

9. Check again that the house can flatten and pop open to become a 3D house. If not pull apart the roof before glue dries and try again.
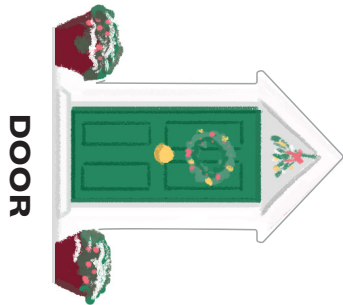

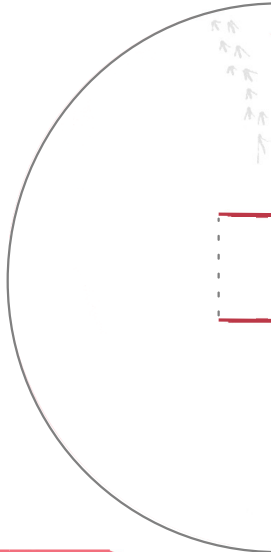10. Once dry, flatten again, put in an envelope and send! Happy Holidays!

C

D

A

ROOF

DOOR

B

HOUSE

C

BACK OF HOUSE

D

A

B

A
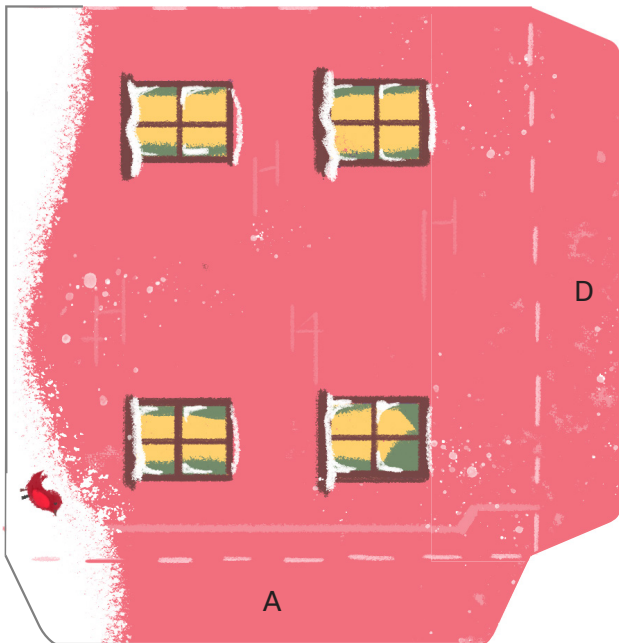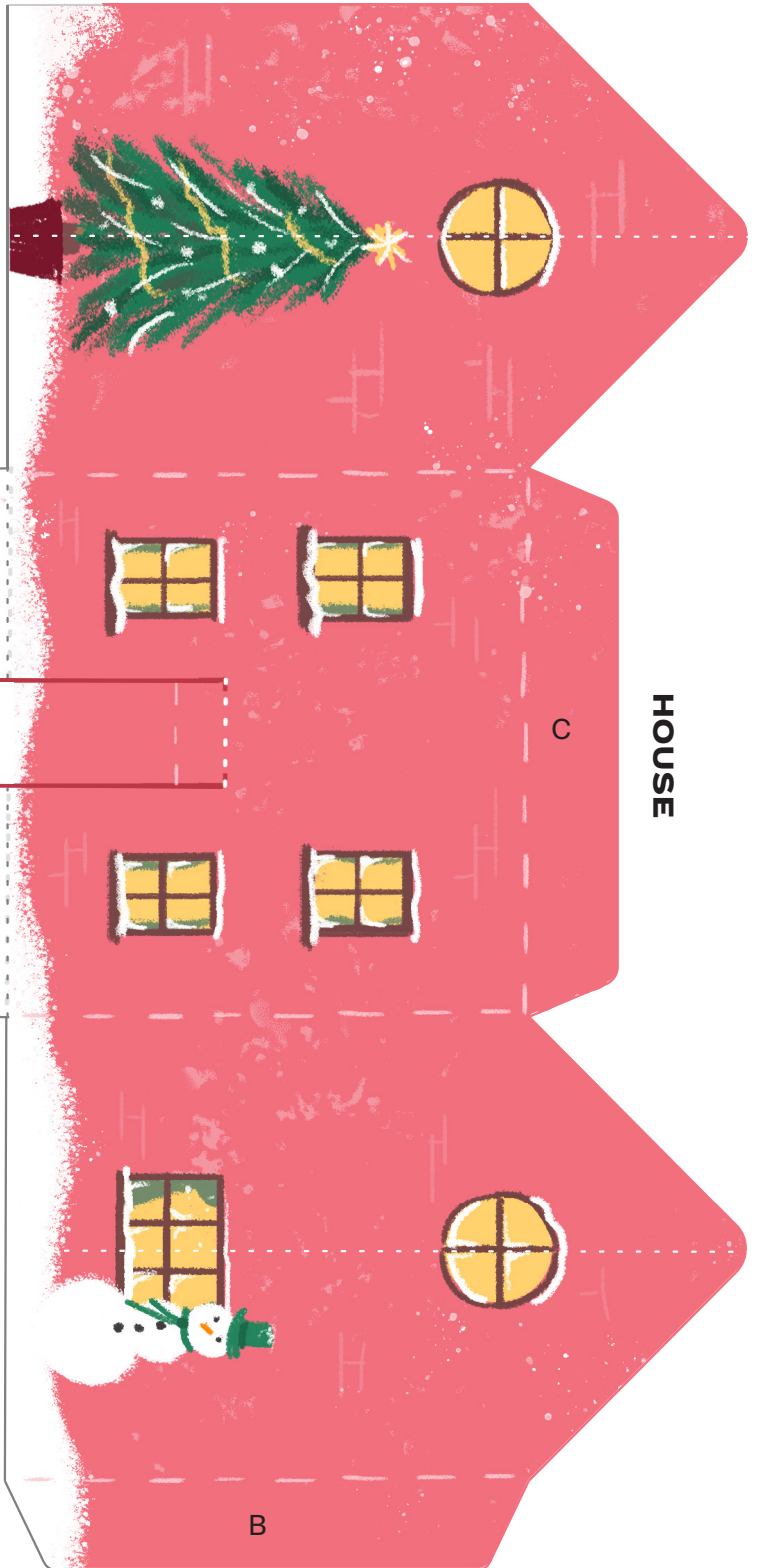
**USE THIS TEMPLATE IF YOU WANT TO
ILLUSTRATE YOUR OWN DESIGN**

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Mountain Fold
Valley Fold

C   D

A

ROOF

DOOR

HOUSE

C

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BACK OF HOUSE

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