

GO BEYOND AT HOME!

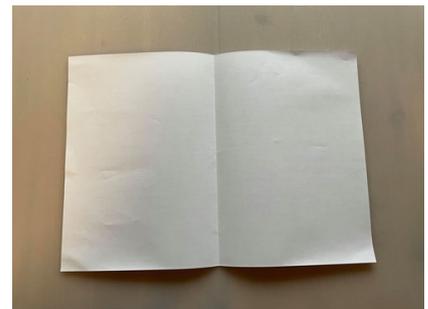
Make a homemade card for your Mum or a person who takes special care of you this Mother's Day by following these few steps from our crafty Break Leader, Beth.

You will need:

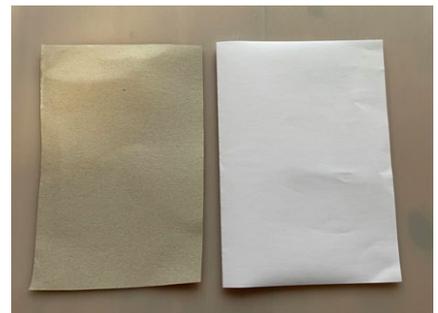
- Coloured or plain card/paper
- A thin piece of cardboard
- A pencil with a rubber attached
- Scissors
- Coloured paint
- A paper plate or an alternative to use as your paint palette
- A pen

How to make your card:

Step 1: Place your piece of paper or coloured card in front of you horizontally. Take the left-hand side top and bottom corners of the paper and fold it over so that they meet the corners on the right-hand side. Run your finger along the fold to create a crease and ta-da, you have your card!



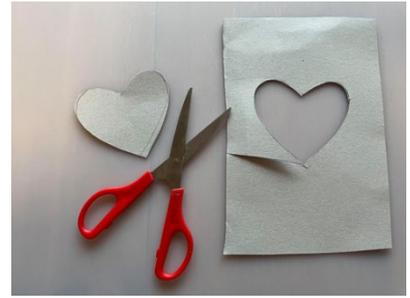
Step 2: Cut your piece of cardboard down so that it is a similar size to the front of your card, this will help guide you when drawing your design. Place your card to one side.



Step 3: Now it's time to draw the outline of your template. It does not matter if you make a mistake and need to draw a new line as we will only be using the outer edge of your drawing. The simpler the design the better!



Step 4: Cut out your template.



Step 5: Choose the colours you wish to outline your design in. I have chosen red, pink and orange to go with my heart template. Add a little bit of each colour onto a paper plate, plastic tray or an old china plate (please ask your parents or guardians if your chosen paint palette is okay to use before pouring paint onto it!)

Once you have done this, place your template anywhere onto your card, leaving enough room for you to paint around the edges.



Step 6: Take the rubber end of your pencil and dip it into your chosen colour. Start to dab the rubber end onto your card following the edges of your template. You do not have to be neat with this process, I did a mixture of dabbing along the template line and then placing the rubber end half on my template and half on the card to create a semi-circle effect. You may wish to use your other hand to hold the template in place and to stop the paint from bleeding underneath if you want to create neater edges.

Remove the template and allow to dry.



Step 7: Once your design has dried, you can now decorate the card using pens or any other bits and bobs you wish - go wild!

Now there's only one thing left to do...pop a special message inside your card and give it to your loved one. I'm sure they're going to love it!



There are lots of other designs you can do with this technique- the possibilities are endless! How about giving this sunflower design a go? I used two templates, a circle template for the centre of the sunflower as well as a leaf template for the petals. I think it looks rather cool!



Top tip! There are lots of tutorials online for all sorts of different card designs. Have a look at these pop up card designs from [WikiHow](#), [BBC Blue Peter](#) and [I Heart Crafty Things!](#)

