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Free Art Workshop: Flower Pop-up Card

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DESCRIPTION

Spread love and appreciation by designing flower-inspired pop-up cards. Dedicate it to caregivers, mothers, or mother figures in honor of Mother's Day. Explore various materials such as watercolor, brush pens, and markers. This workshop is inspired by the spring season and the Annual Flores de Mayo Celebration, hosted by YBCA's community partner SOMA Pilipinas, in the heart of the Filipino Heritage District.

MATERIALS

Watercolor paper card, watercolor pastel, watercolor brush pens, scissors, glue stick



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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Think about the caregivers in your life. Do they have a favorite flower?
- What message do you want to highlight?
- How can you use pop-up elements to make your design stand out?

STEPS

1. Cut tabs to hold your pop-up elements. You can have one main tab or multiples. This sample has three tabs.



Pictures: Left - shows tabs cut, Right - Shows tabs folded inwards

Credit: <https://abeautifulmess.com/how-to-make-a-simple-pop-up-card/>

2. Using watercolor pastels, draw some flowers on an extra piece of watercolor paper. Activate the drawing with a watercolor brush pen to blend colors and to create a wash.
3. Wait for your paintings to dry and cut out your flowers.
4. Color and paint the background and think about your layout.
5. Glue the flowers on the “front” facing part of the pop-up tabs.
6. Open your card gently to reveal the pop-up flowers.
7. Add a personal message dedicated to the person receiving your card.

REFLECTION

Consider the following questions in completion of your flower pop-up card:

- What do you imagine the receiver of the card to feel upon opening it?
- How did you play with colors and dimensions to convey your message?