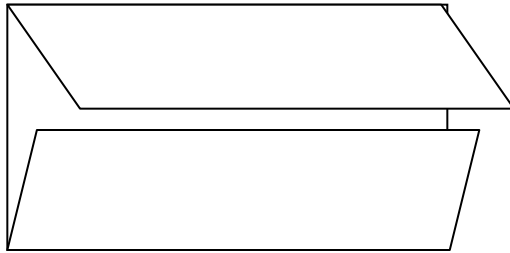
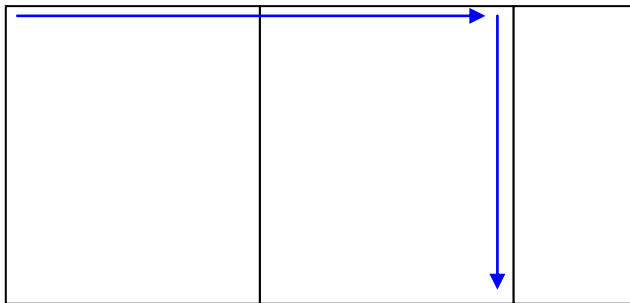
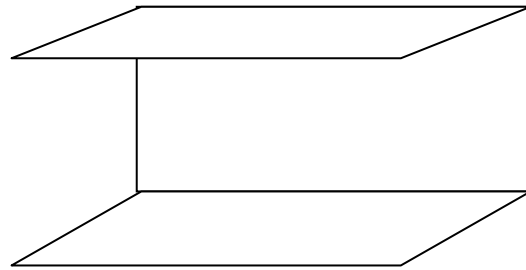


Explosion/Burst Card Insert Worksheet

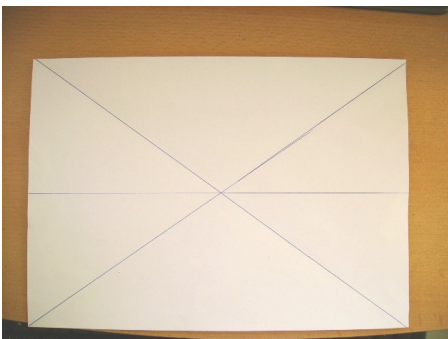
An explosion mechanism is only restricted by the size of the paper you own (an A4 sheet of paper (trimmed slightly) will make an explosion insert for a 17 x 11.5 cm Card). If your Card is any bigger, you will need larger sheets of paper. Also although the mechanism is generally made using a square piece of paper, it doesn't have to be square. I will use a "Burst" card (diagram below) as the example.



Score & fold your card to the desired size.

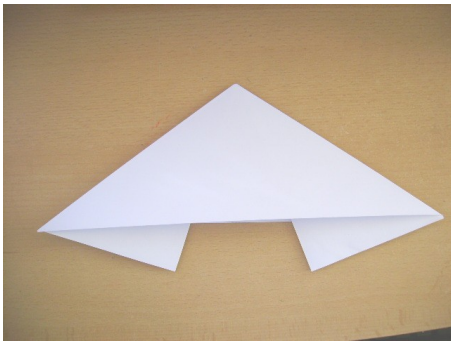


Open up the card & measure the inside where the insert will be positioned. Remember the insert should be approx. 1 – 1.5 cm smaller than the area of card where it will be positioned.

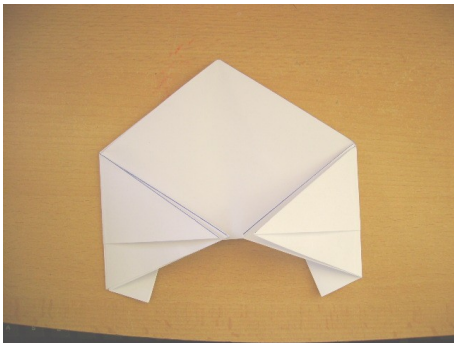


With the insert paper flat on your work surface, fold corner to corner diagonally & crease well. Open up the fold & repeat with the opposite corners to create an 'X'.

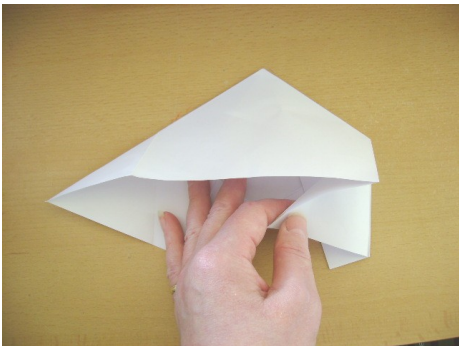
Flip the paper over so that it is now face down & fold in half & crease well.



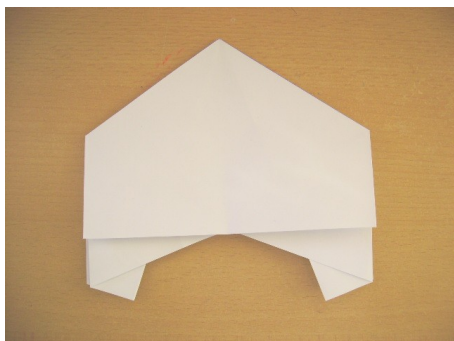
Pick up the paper & 'pop' the centre so that the first diagonal folds begin to recess to form a triangle shape from the paper. Push these sides all of the way in & crease well.



Lay the folded paper flat once more, with the right angled corner at the top. Bring in both layers of the lower corner until it meets the centre of the bottom edge of the triangle & crease well.



Pick up the paper & fold the same corner back on itself so the same line has been creased both front & back. Repeat with the other corner.

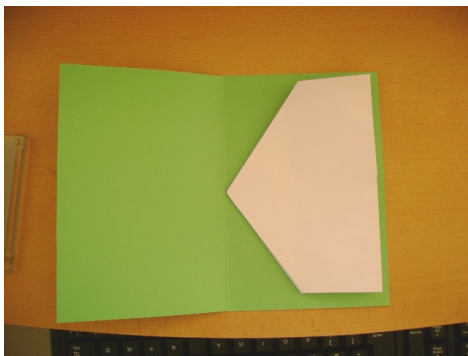


Open up all of the folds & pop in these four corners & crease well.



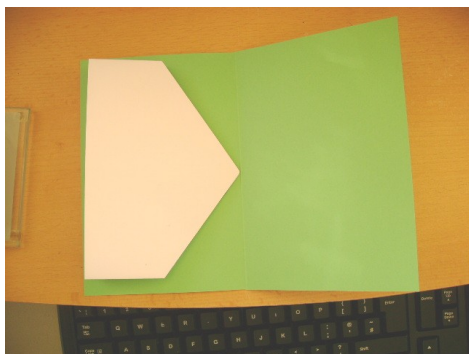
Finally, trim off the protruding paper - you could use decorative edges scissors?

To insert the mechanism into your card:

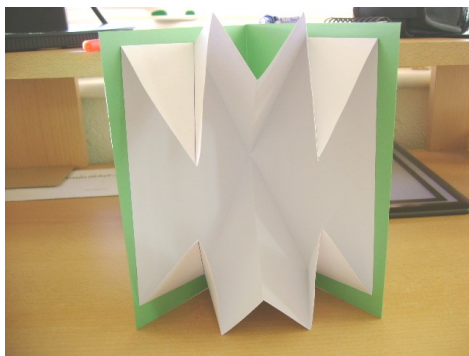


Here I have used a full A4 sheet of paper for the mechanism & a 17 x 11.5 cm card base.

Position the mechanism within the card as shown. Apply your chosen glue to the face of the mechanism shown in the photo, & then close the card & smooth over to secure.



Open up the card again & add glue to the remaining face of the mechanism, & close the card once again. Smooth over to secure.



The mechanism that I used for the step by step photo's in this worksheet, inside the card.

Decorate card & insert as desired.