

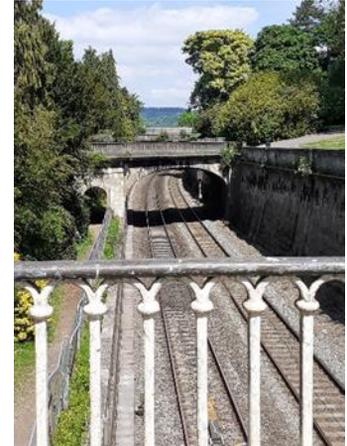
Under the Bridge

Have a look at this colourful painting by John Nash. It is called “The Canal Bridge, Sydney Gardens” and was painted in 1927.

John Nash had no formal training as a painter. He liked to paint calm and tranquil landscapes, particularly as he had seen lots of chaos when he fought in the First World War.

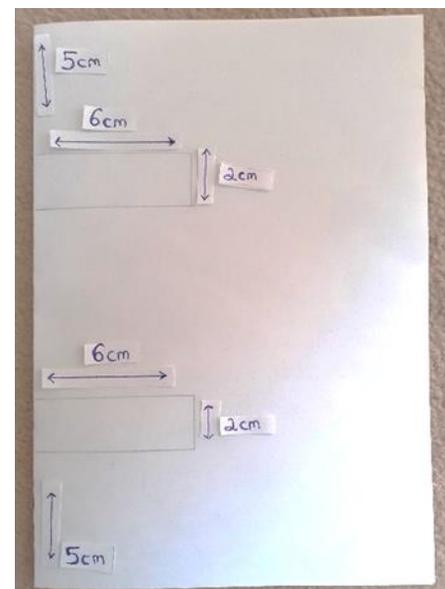
The painting shows the bridge over the Kennet and Avon Canal in Sydney Gardens, Bath. Sydney Gardens was opened in 1790 as a pleasure garden, but very quickly was cut through first by the canal and then by the railway line. Because of this, there are lots of bridges around the gardens, all in different styles.

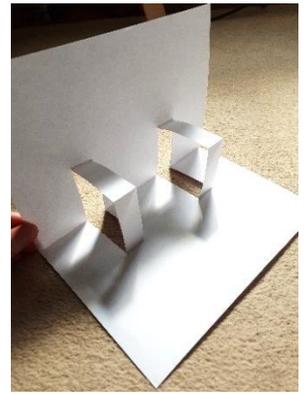
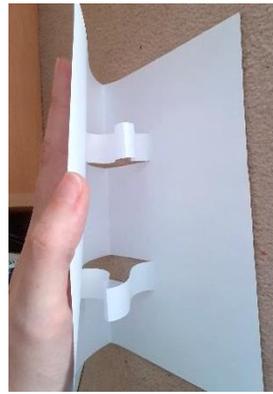
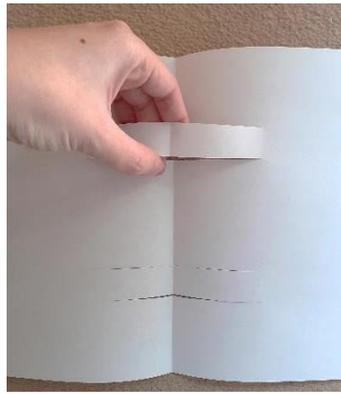
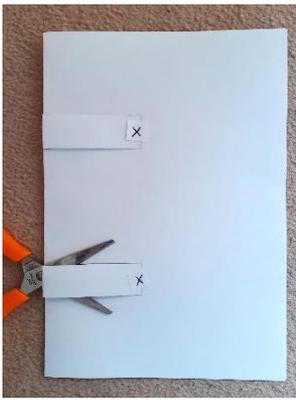




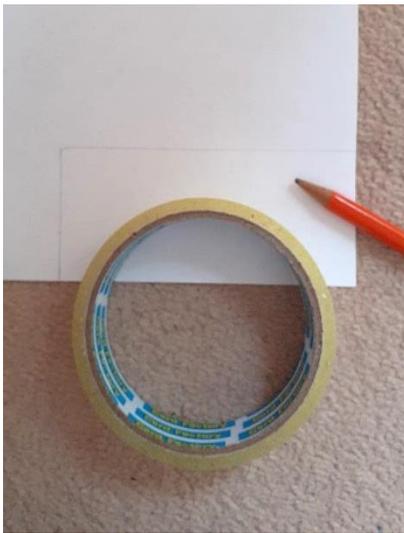
Your turn! Let's make a pop-up canal bridge. You will need: plain A4 piece of card or paper, scissors, ruler, pencil, plain paper, coloured pens and pencils, colourful paper for collage

1. Fold your A4 card in half, like you are making a birthday card.
2. Make sure the fold of the card is on the left hand side, the open side is facing the right hand side.
3. Starting from the folded side, draw two rectangles. These will be the pillars of your bridge. You can experiment with the size and thickness of the rectangles, or you can follow the example.
4. Take your scissors and make four cuts, following the horizontal lines on your rectangles. DO NOT cut the vertical edges – your bridge will not work!
5. Open out you card and lay it flat. You should now have four lines in the middle of your card. Gently pull up the paper in between the cuts.
6. When you pull up the paper strips, the card should begin to close. F old the card closed again, making sure the strips stay sticking out. Now when you open your card up again, the strips will be standing up like pillars!





To make the bridge, measure between the furthest edges of your columns. This is how long your design needs to be. Once you have designed the bridge stick it to the pillars.



8. Decorate! Use coloured pens and pencils to colour in your bridge. You can use collages and other materials to decorate the rest of the park around your bridge.



But what does your bridge go over? John Nash's bridge goes over the canal, but yours could be a railway bridge. Decorate under your bridge in the same way as they rest of the park.

Well done! You have made a pop-up bridge inspired by the bridges of Sydney Gardens and John Nash's painting!