

A Pop-up Op-Art Bookmark

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1. Cut out the bookmark on the opposite page.
2. Fold in half along the line marked '1st Fold' (pink line). Try to make this and all the other folds as accurate as possible - it will be important later.
3. Glue the two sides together so that the bookmark now has the printed image on both sides. Leave to dry.

4. Hold the bookmark so that the red side is facing you. Fold along the line marked '2nd Fold' (blue line), away from you, so that the left-hand side is bent back behind the right-hand side.

5. Now fold along the line marked '3rd Fold' (black line) towards you, so that the bookmark forms a 'z' shape from above.

6. Cut along the yellow lines on the chevrons. It's best to use a craft knife to do this, so you could get an adult to help you.

7. Cut round the blue circle only where the yellow lines are marked.

8. Pull out the cut part of the blue circle, folding along the thin red lines, so that it sticks out as shown in the photo.

9. Where you have cut along the edges of the chevrons, pull out the blue and dark brown chevrons so that they stick out towards you, folding them along the thin black vertical lines. They should look like the photo.

10. When you close the bookmark flat, the circle and chevrons should lie flat. When you open it they will pop up!

Take a look at your finished bookmark - there are some interesting optical effects to observe. For example, is the grey vertical strip (on the blue side) the same grey all the way along or does one end look darker than the other?!

