

# April 2026: Umbrella Pop-up Card

## Provided:

- template
- 8"x11" blue cardstock
- 7 cardstock index cards (rainbow colors)
- tacky glue
- glue stick
- bendy straw
- 4 cotton swabs

## You will need:

- pencil
- scissors



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This craft was adapted from a post at the website One Little Project. You can find photos and video of the instructions here: <https://onelittleproject.com/3d-umbrella-craft/>

Cut the clouds and umbrella top out of the template.

Stretch out the bendy part of the straw - this will curl up to create the “handle” of the umbrella. Then cut about an inch off the short end of the straw. Set the straw aside.

Trace the umbrella template onto each of the colored cardstock index cards. Cut the shape out of each card. Fold each of these shapes in half - I used a bone folder to get a sharp fold, but you can use the backside of a spoon, if that helps. Set these aside for now.

Take your blue letter-sized cardstock and fold it in half, creating a 8.5"x 5.5" card. Use your glue stick to glue one cloud onto each interior side of the card.

Put a line of tacky glue along the inside fold of the card and set the straw (with the bendy “handle” on the bottom, facing out) there to dry.

While the straw is drying on the card, begin assembling your umbrella top. You will essentially be stacking the folded color cut-outs on top of each other (neatly lining up all the edges) and using the glue stick to glue one side of a color to one side of the next color, and so on. I did it in rainbow order (left to right), but you can assemble the colors any way you would like. Hold these together - or set them on a table with something on top of them - while the glue dries.

Cut the tips off each cotton swab. Use the tacky glue to glue these as “raindrops” onto each interior side of the card (ideally under the clouds). Give them a moment to dry.

Now take your umbrella top - which should fold out like an accordion with the glue dried - and use the glue stick to glue down the outer left and right sides onto either side of the straw, near the top. Hold this down for a moment until it sticks well.

Enjoy your fun “April showers” craft!

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