

Supplies  
Card or paper

Tools  
Ruler  
Blunt knife (like a bread and butter knife)  
Pencil

What does 'scoring' mean, and how do you do it?

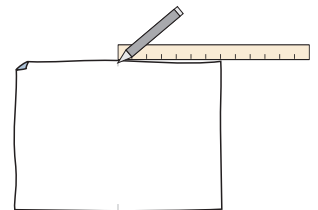
In some art and craft projects it will tell you to 'score a line', which will make the piece of paper or card easier to fold.

To 'score' something, means to mark it, and in this case we are going to mark a piece of paper or card with a line, so that it will fold easily along the line. This will give you a nice clean fold, rather than a wobbly one!

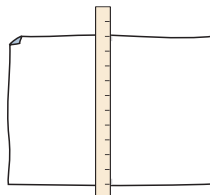
1. Place your paper or card, wrong side up on a hard flat surface.



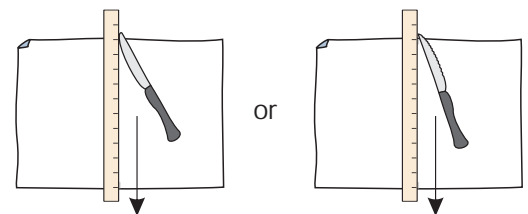
2. Work out where your fold line is going to go, and lightly mark the ends of the line with a pencil.



3. Line up the two marks with the ruler.

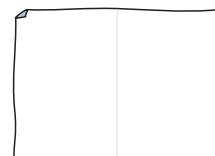


4. If the knife blade is smooth and blunt you can use the front of the blade. If the knife is sharp or bumpy, use the back of the blade (use the knife upside down).



Holding the ruler firmly against the paper, run the knife along the edge of the ruler, pressing into the paper or card. If you press too hard, you will damage the paper or card, and if you do it too light, it will not leave a mark.

If you can see a line from the knife, you have just 'scored' a line!



5. Put the ruler and knife aside, and fold the paper or card along the scored line. It should fold easily and nicely.

