

Make your own pop-ups from UP ALL NIGHT COUNTING!

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ADULT SUPERVISION/ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT

YOU WILL NEED:

A color printer

Heavy white paper

Pencil

Scissors

Elmers Glue

A ruler

An exacto knife (an adult should be in charge of the knife)

A copy of *UP ALL NIGHT COUNTING!* as a guide (see ordering instructions on the Books page)

STEP 1 - Print it!

Print out the three pages of parts and the background scene on heavy white paper.

If you want two-sided baby opossums to hang from Mom's tail, you will need to print a second Part G, only it will have to be mirrored using a computer art program.

STEP 2 - Cut and Fold!

Cut out all the parts, on the red "die lines" but NOT the dash lines.

Have an adult use the exacto knife and ruler to cut out all the black lines on the background page and the parts that can't be cut with scissors. The round firefly lights are hard, be careful!

STEP 3 - Assemble the blinking fireflies!

PLEASE SEE FIGURE 1

Fold and glue the bottom of A at the dotted line.

Put A through the bottom slot on the background page, from behind.

Line A up so that the yellow circles don't show in the firefly cut-outs. The bottom of A should be even with the background page.

Make a mark where the top of A is on the backside. Slide C through the top slot of A, so the top of the T shape is on top. This will stop A from going too high.

Carefully glue the bottom 1/2" of C to the back of the background page.

Your fireflies should blink by pulling the tab!

STEP 4 - Add the branch with baby opossums to the tree!

Fold the tree branch on the dash lines. Glue the branch to the tree exactly as it is glued in *Up All Night Counting!* Adjust the folds, then put the end of the branch through the slot in the Background Page. Glue the end to the backside of the page.

STEP 5 - Wrap Mom's tail around the tree branch!

Glue the fat end of the tail to the tail part on the background page. Twist the tail around the branch just like in *Up All Night Counting!* Then stick the end in the slot up to the dash line and glue it from the back.

STEP 6 - Hang baby opossums from mom's tail!

If you made two sets of baby opossums, carefully glue them together front to back. Fold the tips of their tails at the dash lines and stick them through the slots you cut in mom's tail. Then unfold the tails so they won't slide back through.

STEP 7 - Put Mom together!

First fold the head, arms and body on the dash lines. Glue Mom's head to the body as shown in *Up All Night Counting!* Her arms go in the slot in the body. When the glue is dry, carefully install Mom on the Background Page. There are four tabs that go in the slots. Make sure everything is lined up before glueing the tabs to the backside. You can do that by folding the page before glueing.

Congratulations! You made a pop-up AND pull-tab page! You may have noticed that there are no dash lines on the parts in your copy of *Up All Night Counting!* The dash lines were set up for the people who assembled the book so they could learn how everything goes together. Now you know how, too!

-- Robin Koontz, author and illustrator of *Up All Night Counting!*